



THE INN WAS WAITING



Jeremiah Tree

For more than twenty years, "Earl" lived under the crushing weight of addiction.

He started drinking in high school. At first it seemed harmless enough, weekend parties, a few beers with friends, doing what everyone else appeared to be doing. Before long, alcohol wasn't something Earl enjoyed. It became something he believed he needed just to make it through another day.

In his twenties another addiction entered the picture.
Crack cocaine.

From that point on, his life became a cycle of promises made and promises broken.

His family loved him deeply. **His mother prayed faithfully.** His son never stopped hoping that somehow his dad would come back. They tried everything they knew to do. There were phone calls, sleepless nights, rides to appointments, offers of help, and more second chances than anyone could count.

Yet addiction always seemed to win

As the years passed, Earl drifted farther from the people who loved him most. Holidays became uncomfortable. Birthdays were often overshadowed by disappointment. Trust disappeared one broken promise at a time.

Still...
His family never quit praying.

Eventually, those prayers brought Earl to The Jeremiah Tree. When Earl arrived, he wasn't just carrying an addiction. He carried years of guilt, shame, broken relationships, and the feeling that his life had become too damaged to ever be useful again.

But something remarkable happens when hurting men find an Inn filled with the Gospel.

Here, Earl found **structure instead of chaos.**

He found men who had **walked similar roads.**

He found daily Bible studies, accountability, meaningful work, and people who genuinely cared whether he succeeded.

Most importantly...

He met Jesus Christ.

Over the next six months, Brother Kenny and the ministry team walked beside him day after day. The Jesus his mother had believed in for so many years slowly became Earl's own Savior.

The man who once lived only for the next drink or the next high began living for something entirely different.

Today, Earl's story is still being written.

We'll share the next chapter soon, but for now, remember this: Someone kept the Inn open long enough for Earl to walk through its doors.

That someone was people just like you.





HELPED MEN HELP PEOPLE



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When "Jimmy" first arrived at The Jeremiah Tree, he wasn't looking for a ministry.

He was simply looking for another chance.

Like many of the men who come through our doors, Jimmy carried more than addiction. He carried years of disappointment, broken trust, and the painful belief that he had become more of a burden than a blessing.

Life had taught him to expect failure.
But God had something different in mind.

One of the first lessons we teach at The Jeremiah Tree is that recovery is about much more than putting down drugs or alcohol.

It is about becoming the man God created you to be.
That means learning responsibility.

Learning to work.
Learning to serve.
Learning to put others before yourself.

As Jimmy began growing in his walk with Christ, something beautiful started happening.

Instead of asking, "Who will help me?"
He began asking, "Who can I help today?"

Before long, Jimmy was joining other Jeremiah Tree residents as they served throughout the Miami Valley. Together they cleaned properties for elderly homeowners, helped local churches with work projects, moved furniture, painted buildings, and tackled jobs many people were no longer able to do themselves.

Again and again, we watched the same pattern unfold.

The men who had once needed help became the very people offering help to someone else.

That is one of the greatest miracles we witness at The Jeremiah Tree.
Not simply that addictions are broken...

But that hearts are transformed.
The Gospel doesn't just rescue a man.
It changes the direction of his life.

Jimmy's journey isn't over yet.

Like every believer, he is still growing, still learning, and still trusting the Lord one day at a time. But today he stands as living proof that Jesus Christ can take a broken life and make it useful again.

That is why we often say around The Jeremiah Tree:

Helped men help people.

Every meal you provide...
Every Bible you help purchase...
Every bed you help keep available...

Makes another story like Jimmy's possible.

Thank you for helping us keep the Inn open so that many more men can become Rooted in Victory through Jesus Christ.

