

## Joann Brush Testimony

My testimony when I was asked to write a testimony for the fundraiser this evening a setback for the past two days dealing with doctors and spending a little time with family know and I still got a long road ahead of me I kept going over and over in my mind what I could say to let you know what I'm grateful for but I came up with 1 million reasons but one thing I can say is God is guiding me through every obstacle there is sometimes is a little lenient on him sometimes he's a little tough for me but I take the good with the bad these days I believe the matter what obstacle he puts in front of me he gives me choices and with him by my side I seem to make all the right choices but I have come along way in March 2019 I was diagnosed with cancer on March 6 of 2020 I became of course rated in Western Tidewater regional Jail during the course of that time I fell short I can't believe that God

put this upon me but I also realize that I had a choice most people don't understand the choices I've made some of them good some of them dead some of them aren't even what I was thinking but on September 23 2020 I went to Middle River regional Jail from the day I stepped into that facility I started feeling better about myself trying to get myself back the way I was caring understanding being in the community again trying to lend a hand trying to be supportive I don't know what happened to me the day I arrived here but for some reason it was like a whole new door open for me I was facing things that I have done in the past excepting what I have done excepting the choices I have made and then I met this beautiful woman Louise Jennings when I started talking to her it was like a whole new light I wanted to be more like her in gods eyes because I knew from that day forward she was a true

follower she was a blessing to me now I don't wanna bore everybody with all the ups and downs of my situation not only being incarcerated but also battling cancer for the past four years today I am having Surgery and I cannot be there to see evening which it's minor and I'm not very good at putting all my situations in words I'm learning every day is a learning experience for me I grew up with the Lord I love the Lord all my life but I thought just loving him was enough but it's not it's devotion it's caring it's

being a part of the community things I fell short for around 15 years ago but I know today no matter what comes in my path I will accomplish it

To the best of my ability but I know that I cannot live each day without waking up and thanking God for me to see another day now I have one more obstacle in my way and I will tell you about it in August 2019 I decided to take my life I can't tell you why I have been through a lot and I literally just wanted to give up I've never been a drug addict my brother had just ended his life a year ago and I was cleaning some stuff out of his and I found some of his drugs and some of his syringes I don't know why I didn't throw them away that morning but that night I wrote a note for my animals and also my home to sign it over to a dear friend who had been there for me but was also the cause of my incarceration I will not get into that when I put that needle in my arm I saw a white light open up and I saw my sister telling me that it wasn't my time yet now through the grace of God I share Pedro by that I New and she told me later that something told her to turn around now to meet that late lasted for a while according to the sheriff she rode by me couldn't understand why my car was in a parking lot at 2 o'clock in the morning and something told her to turn around she save my life so I believe that God work through her and me and also set my sister to tell me that it wasn't my time I know that's hard for people to believe but when you see things like that it makes you look at life different now I still got a lot of obstacles in my way due to the course of me trying to in my life I was charged with possession of cocaine I still have to face that battle I haven't got that far yet but I know through my support group and 3Â° of God no matter what they put on me I can handle and I will do it with my head up smile on my face and endure the Lord's embrace around me because I know he will protect me God is good he's amazing if you just give them a chance if you let him in your heart you can do all things with him and I am living proof of that thank you and I'm sorry I couldn't be there and if some of my words are wrong you can blame that on the iPhone lol