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Project 5:17: Application Packet

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Thank you for your interest in Project 5:17, a ministry of The Jesus Way Ministries. This packet has two parts. Please read the first part carefully before you fill out the second. We want you to know exactly what you are applying to before you apply.

How to Apply

1. **Read Part 1: Ministry Overview, House Rules, and Statement of Faith.** It explains how the home runs, what is expected of you, and what we believe. Prayerfully decide whether this is a program you want to be part of.
2. **Sign the Resident Acknowledgement and Consent** on the last page of Part 1. Your signature says you have read, understand, and agree to the house rules and guidelines.
3. **Complete Part 2: Residential Program Application.** Answer every question honestly. If a question does not apply, write "N/A."
4. **Return the entire packet,** including the signed acknowledgement page. Email it to thejesuswayiowa@gmail.com, or upload it at TheJesusWayIowa.com. A counselor or family member may scan or photograph the pages for you.

> **Important:** An application will not be considered without a signed Resident Acknowledgement and Consent. Every applicant must read, understand, and agree to the house rules and guidelines before applying.

What Is in This Packet

Part 1: Ministry Overview, House Rules, and Statement of Faith, ending with the Resident Acknowledgement and Consent

Part 2: Residential Program Application

Questions? Call **712-305-5831** or email **thejesuswayiowa@gmail.com**.

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2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Project 5:17 was birthed out of this truth for the man who has placed his hope in Jesus alone. This ministry exists to help you in your transition out of prison, jail, or rehab and to further establish you in God's Word. It is an opportunity for us to come alongside you, encourage you to walk in newness of life, and help you see the necessity of Christ being preeminent in every part of your life. God's perfect, sufficient, and authoritative Word is the guide you need to direct your steps in all things pertaining to life and godliness (Psalm 119:105; 2 Peter 1:3).

It is our prayer that you will grow as a Christian in every area of life: as a man, employee, citizen, father, son, husband, or whatever the Lord calls you to become (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Please read this packet carefully before you apply. It explains how the home runs, what is expected of you, and what we believe.

1. About the Home

The Project 5:17 home is located at **315 2nd Ave SE, Le Mars, Iowa 51031**. It is a ministry of The Jesus Way, a registered Iowa nonprofit. The home has three bedrooms and houses up to six men, two men per bedroom.

The program has three aims:

1. To come alongside you in your continued growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
2. To help you transition from incarceration into daily life and your God-given responsibilities: work, household duties, and the study of His Word.
3. To establish you in a local church body, so your growth continues long after you leave the program.

Included with your program dues

- All utilities
- A house landline phone, a house computer with internet access, and a shared television
- Furnished bedroom, kitchen cookware, and laundry

You are responsible for your own food and meals. Residents take part in local food pantries so the house stays stocked (see House Rules). If you do not know how to cook simple meals or do laundry, we will gladly teach you.

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2. Program Dues

Program dues are **$500 per month**. You may pay on the schedule that matches your paycheck:

- **Weekly:** $115
- **Every two weeks:** $230
- **Monthly:** $500

First month: We ask that the first month's dues ($500) be paid when you arrive, by you or a sponsor (family, church, or other supporter). This may be reduced, delayed, or waived on a case-by-case basis with the director's approval. Please tell us in your application how you plan to cover it.

3. Length of Stay

There is no set minimum or maximum stay, but we ask for a **commitment of at least three months** so you have time to settle in, find work, and grow. You may remain in the home as long as you continue to meet the expectations in this packet and are growing in your walk and responsibilities. Your stay is **always subject to compliance with your parole or probation**; a violation that results in your removal by your supervising officer ends your residence in the home. When you are ready to move on, we will work with you on an exit plan.

4. Application and Acceptance

1. Read this entire packet and sign the acknowledgement on the last page.
2. Complete the Project 5:17 Residential Program Application.
3. Return both by email to thejesuswayiowa@gmail.com, or have your counselor or parole officer send them.
4. If your application moves forward, we will schedule a phone interview.
5. If you are on parole or probation, your officer must approve 315 2nd Ave SE as your residence. A background check may be part of the review.

Who we serve: Our first calling is men coming home from prison, including men on parole or probation who need a state-approved place to live. But our door is open to any man who is ready to rebuild his life. Every applicant is considered case by case, and acceptance is at the director's discretion.

Who we are not able to accept: men who are required to register as sex offenders, or who have violent charges. Project 5:17 is a small, personally run home. Men with severe mental health needs that require ongoing professional supervision may be better served elsewhere; please tell us about any diagnosis so we can talk honestly about fit.

Before you arrive: From the moment you are offered a spot, you must stay away from all drugs, alcohol, and any medication not prescribed to you (or with an expired prescription). Doing otherwise can cost you your spot.

5. Weekly Rhythm

This is how life in the home runs. You are expected to take part in every required activity.

- **Sunday worship:** Attend worship each Sunday at Le Mars Bible Church, and its small groups when available. Work schedules may not conflict with Sunday morning worship.
- **House Bible study:** Every other Thursday at 6:00 p.m., together as a house.
- **Monthly one-on-one:** Meet individually with the director once a month to review how things are going, check your workbook progress, and fellowship.
- **Workbook:** Complete the assigned lessons in Fundamentals of the Faith on schedule.
- **Personal devotions:** Daily time in the Word and in prayer.
- **Food pantry:** Take part in the local food pantries as assigned so the house stays stocked.

6. Employment

Finding work is your first priority after arrival. We will help as we can with job searching, applications, and interviews. You are expected to be **employed within 30 days of arrival**, working toward full-time hours. Work has two purposes: to return to your God-given responsibility to work hard and to keep a normal rhythm of life (2 Thessalonians 3:10–12), and to earn money for your program dues and to save for your transition out of the program.

7. House Rules

These expectations exist for your benefit and to build godly habits. Breaking them may result in discipline or dismissal.

- **Commitment and honesty.** Your progress depends on your cooperation. Be honest through the highs and lows, including about unresolved legal matters, medical problems, debts, and anyone looking for you.
- **Submission to authority.** Follow the house rules and the direction of those overseeing the home, unless you are asked to sin. Submit to any discipline given; complete defiance will not be tolerated.
- **Parole and the law.** Obey all federal, state, and local laws. If you are on parole or probation, obey every condition of your supervision and keep in contact with your

officer. You agree that the ministry may communicate with your parole or probation officer about your progress and any violations.

- **Curfew.** Be in the home by 9:30 p.m. unless you are at work or have approval in advance. Overnight stays away from the home require approval.
- **Drugs, alcohol, and nicotine.** Zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, smoking, vaping, nicotine patches or gum, and any other intoxicating substance, including possession. Random drug and alcohol testing may be done at any time. A positive test or refusal to test may result in immediate dismissal and notice to your parole officer.
- **Medications.** Submit a list of all prescriptions before arrival for staff review. Medicines that are not approved must be changed before you come. Arrive with approved prescriptions filled. Medications are kept locked and taken under supervision. Project 5:17 is not a medical facility, and you are responsible for your own medical costs.
- **Search and inspection.** Your belongings are checked when you arrive. Staff may inspect your room, belongings, or person at any time.
- **Phones and internet.** If you have a smartphone, you are required to share your location with the director through Google Maps for as long as you live in the home. The ministry reserves the right to require accountability software, such as Covenant Eyes, on your phone if we believe it is needed. The house internet is for email, banking, job searching, and video calls with family; filters are in place.
- **Speech and conduct.** Use God-honoring speech. No cursing, name-calling, coarse joking, or harsh words (Ephesians 4:29; 5:4). Dress appropriately and be fully clothed during the day.
- **Conflict.** Handle conflicts with residents or staff according to Matthew 18:15–20.
- **Violence and weapons.** No violence, fighting, or threats. No weapons of any kind on your person or on the property. Violations result in immediate dismissal.
- **Relationships and visitors.** You may not pursue a romantic relationship while in the program. All visitors must be approved by staff. Women may not visit the home unless they are your spouse or family.
- **Chores and cleanliness.** You share a bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen. Keep your space clean and complete assigned chores. Help with extra duties when they come up.
- **Food.** Label your personal food. Donated food is shared by all residents.
- **Mail.** Mail comes to 315 2nd Ave SE, Le Mars, IA 51031 and may be inspected by staff. File a forwarding address when you leave.
- **Entertainment.** Music in the home must be Christian and kept at a respectful volume. The shared TV is for appropriate content only.
- **Outings and transportation.** You may walk to the store without permission. Other outings outside your normal schedule must be approved. Transportation to

appointments and interviews may be arranged with staff when possible; you may also arrange your own.

- **Pets.** No pets.

8. Dismissal and Exit

Illegal activity, drug or alcohol use, violence, or continued defiance of these expectations may result in dismissal and, when required, notice to your parole or probation officer and police. Project 5:17 is a ministry program, and residence in the home is part of that program. It is not a rental, and residents are not tenants under the Iowa Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. A resident may be dismissed from the home and its services at any time, without notice, at the ministry's discretion. Arrangements will be made for you to collect your belongings.

When you complete the program, we will work through a planned exit with you, including a short survey, so your transition out of the home goes well.

9. Statement of Faith

The Jesus Way holds to the **Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)** as a faithful summary of what Scripture teaches. The points below summarize it. The full Confession is available on request, and Scripture alone remains our final authority.

1. **Holy Scripture.** The Bible, Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, inspired, without error, and the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience. (Ch. 1; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 2 Pet. 1:19–21)
2. **God and the Trinity.** There is one living and true God, infinite in holiness, wisdom, power, and love, existing eternally as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one in essence and equal in glory. (Ch. 2; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19)
3. **God's decree, creation, and providence.** God created all things good and by His wise, holy, and sovereign providence upholds and governs all things for His glory. (Ch. 3–5; Gen. 1; Eph. 1:11)
4. **The fall of man.** Man was created upright, but through Adam's sin all humanity fell, so that every person is by nature dead in sin, guilty, and unable to save himself. (Ch. 6; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1–3)
5. **God's covenant of grace.** God freely offers life and salvation to sinners through Jesus Christ, requiring faith in Him, and promises His Spirit to bring the elect to believe. (Ch. 7; Gen. 3:15; Heb. 8:6)
6. **Christ the Mediator.** Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became truly man, lived a sinless life, died as a substitute for sinners, rose bodily, ascended, and now intercedes for His people as Prophet, Priest, and King. (Ch. 8; John 1:14; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25)

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7. **Effectual calling and regeneration.** God the Holy Spirit, through the Word, calls sinners out of darkness, gives them new hearts, and draws them freely to Christ. (Ch. 10; John 6:44; Ezek. 36:26)
8. **Justification by faith alone.** God declares sinners righteous not for anything done by them, but by imputing Christ's obedience and satisfaction to them, received by faith alone. (Ch. 11; Rom. 3:24–28; 2 Cor. 5:21)
9. **Adoption and sanctification.** Those justified are adopted as God's children and are progressively made holy by the Spirit through the Word, prayer, and the means of grace. (Ch. 12–13; Rom. 8:15; 1 Thess. 4:3)
10. **Saving faith and repentance.** Saving faith rests on Christ alone. Repentance unto life is a turning from sin to God with grief and hatred of sin and a purpose to walk in new obedience. (Ch. 14–15; Acts 20:21)
11. **Good works and perseverance.** Good works are the fruit and evidence of true faith, done in obedience to God's commands. Those whom God has accepted in Christ will persevere to the end and be saved. (Ch. 16–17; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 1:6)
12. **The law of God.** God's moral law, summarized in the Ten Commandments, remains the rule of life for believers, not as a way to earn salvation but as the pattern of a grateful life. (Ch. 19; Rom. 3:31)
13. **Christian liberty and the Lord's Day.** God alone is Lord of the conscience. The first day of the week, the Lord's Day, is to be set apart for worship and rest. (Ch. 21–22; Acts 20:7; Rev. 1:10)
14. **Civil government.** God has ordained civil authorities, whom Christians are to honor, pray for, and obey in all lawful things. (Ch. 24; Rom. 13:1–7)
15. **Marriage.** Marriage is between one man and one woman (see the Statement on Marriage and Sexuality below). (Ch. 25; Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4–6)
16. **The church.** Christ is the only Head of the church. Believers are to join themselves to local churches, where the Word is preached, the ordinances observed, and members care for one another under elders and deacons. (Ch. 26–27; Acts 2:42; 1 Tim. 3)
17. **Baptism and the Lord's Supper.** Baptism is the immersion of believers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a memorial and spiritual nourishment for believers in Christ's death. (Ch. 28–30; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23–26)
18. **The last things.** Christ will return bodily to raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will go into everlasting punishment and the righteous into everlasting life. (Ch. 31–32; Acts 17:31; Matt. 25:46)

Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

The sacred institution and covenant of marriage is that which is sanctioned by God and prescribed in His Word, joining one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. God

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intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other.

Any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexual or bisexual conduct, pornography, or any attempt to change one's gender or disagreement with one's biological gender, is sinful and offensive to God. God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:9–11).

To preserve the function and integrity of Project 5:17 and to provide a biblical example to residents and the community, all persons residing in or serving the ministry are expected to abide by this statement. (Genesis 1:27; Mark 10:6–8; Romans 1:26–28; 1 Corinthians 6:18)

Resident Acknowledgement and Consent

I have read the Project 5:17 Ministry Overview, House Rules, and Statement of Faith. I understand what is expected of me if I live at Project 5:17, and I am willing to comply with these expectations. I understand that:

- Program dues are $500 per month, and the first month is due on arrival unless the director approves otherwise.
- Residence in the home is part of a ministry program and is not a rental tenancy.
- I may be dismissed at any time for violating these expectations, and the ministry may share information about my progress and any violations with my parole or probation officer, if I have one.
- I consent to random drug and alcohol testing and to inspection of my belongings.
- If I have a smartphone, I will share my location with the director through Google Maps while I live in the home.

Resident name (print):_____

Resident signature:_____

Date:_____

Received by (The Jesus Way):_____

Date:_____

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Project 5:17: Residential Program Application

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Before you begin

- Read the **Project 5:17 Ministry Overview, House Rules, and Statement of Faith** in full, and sign its last page.
- Answer every question honestly. If a question does not apply to you, write "N/A." Incomplete applications cannot be reviewed.
- We are not able to accept men who must register as sex offenders or who have violent charges.
- Return this application and the signed acknowledgement by email to **thejesuswayiowa@gmail.com**, or have your counselor or parole officer send them. Questions: **712-305-5831**.
- Acceptance is decided by the program director. A phone interview and a background check may be part of the review, and if you are on parole or probation, your officer must approve the home as your residence.

1. Applicant Information

Full name (first, middle, last):_____

Other names used:_____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):_____

Iowa DOC number (if any):_____

Current facility or location:_____

Expected release or available date:_____

Phone and/or email where we can reach you or your counselor:_____

Do you have a state-issued photo ID? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a driver's license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, is it suspended or revoked? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Marital status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed

Do you have children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many and what ages?_____

Do you pay child support? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how will you keep up with it while in the program?_____

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How do you get along with your family?_____

_____

2. Supervision and Legal Status

Current status: ☐ Parole ☐ Probation ☐ Work release ☐ None ☐ Other

County / district of supervision:_____

Parole or probation officer (name and phone):_____

Prison counselor or case manager (name, facility, phone, email):_____

Do you have any pending charges or open court cases? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, county, charge, and court date:_____

Criminal history. List your convictions, starting with the most recent. Include the charge, the county or state, and the year.

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Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you required to register as a sex offender? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been convicted of a violent offense (assault, robbery, weapons, domestic abuse, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes to any of the above, please explain:_____

_____

3. Spiritual Background

Do you believe you are saved? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Describe your conversion or testimony:_____

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Describe your present relationship with God:_____

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Do you attend church or a Bible study now? Where?_____

Why do you want to be part of Project 5:17?_____

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What do you hope to gain while you are here?_____

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Have you read the Statement of Faith, and are you willing to attend church and Bible study as required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Education and Work

Do you have a high school diploma or GED? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, would you like to work toward your GED? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Trade skills, licenses, or certifications:_____

Jobs you have held (most recent first):_____

_____

Do you have a job lined up in or near Le Mars? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where?_____

5. Health

Are you taking any prescribed medications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

List each medication, the dose, and what it treats. All medications must be approved before arrival and will be kept locked.

_____

_____

_____

Have you been diagnosed with or treated for any mental health condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe (this does not automatically disqualify you):_____

_____

Any physical limitations or medical needs we should know about?_____

6. Alcohol, Drugs, and Addiction

Which have you struggled with? ☐ Alcohol ☐ Drugs ☐ Gambling ☐ Pornography/sexual ☐ Other ☐ None

Drugs of choice and date of last use:_____

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Treatment or recovery programs completed (name and year):_____

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7. Program Dues

Program dues are $500 per month ($115 weekly or $230 every two weeks). We ask that the first month ($500) be paid on arrival; this may be adjusted case by case.

How will the first month be covered? ☐ Savings ☐ Family ☐ Church/sponsor ☐ Not sure yet

Sponsor name and phone (if any):_____

8. Emergency Contact

Name and relationship:_____

Phone:_____

Address:_____

May we share information with this person if needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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9. Certification and Release

By signing below, I certify that:

☐ I have answered every question in this application honestly and completely.

☐ I have read the Project 5:17 Ministry Overview, House Rules, and Statement of Faith, understand them, and am willing to follow them.

☐ I authorize The Jesus Way to run a background check and to speak with my parole or probation officer and prison counselor (if any) about my application and, if accepted, my progress in the program.

☐ I understand that false or missing information may result in my application being denied or my dismissal from the program.

Applicant signature:_____

Date:_____

For office use only

Received: _____

Interview date:_____

Decision: ☐ Accepted ☐ Declined ☐ Waitlist Start date:_____

First month: ☐ Paid ☐ Arranged ☐ Waived Notes:_____