

# SERMON FROM THE MOUNT



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Though Todd Pierce is used to breaking horses as he preaches sermons, he didn't have to fight too hard with this one.

Pierce, along with his company Riding High Ministries, was in Umatilla on Tuesday, at Two Rivers Correctional Institution.

Pierce travels around Oregon and Idaho, using the exercise of breaking an unbroken horse as a metaphor for how people can change their own conduct.

Each sermon, he uses a new horse, one that's never been saddled or ridden. Vixen, a horse now owned by a family in Hermiston, was rescued from a kill pen two years ago.

Vixen showed a little hesitation at first, but quickly grew comfortable with Pierce, and allowed him to ride her.

Pierce said he was surprised by the outcome — in most cases, he said, he gets bucked off several times.

But he said it didn't take away from the lesson.

"Two years ago this horse was starving, abandoned, had no future," he said. "Someone came along and said, that one's mine. Today, someone's coming and saying to you, 'you're mine, I'm going to love you,'" Pierce said.

Pierce likened the struggle from the horse, and from the rider, to the things people have to struggle with as they try to improve.

Todd Pierce rides Vixen the mare after she has been saddled for the first time. The exercise was part of Pierce's sermon for Riding High Ministries.



Inmates Sal Rojas and Juan Castillo listen to a sermon from Riding High Ministries at TRCI.



Pastor Todd Pierce hugs Keegan Thompson after Pierce gave a sermon at Two Rivers Correctional Institution.



Inmates pray at the end of a sermon in the Two Rivers Correctional Institution yard.

## CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals T

JQCR FV JIE BN VPXR VG

HG EGBC FXGRFRW KQGXC,

F KGPXIWCPEON EVCSSCH

PS VG VQC SOCIV.

When it was my turn to do some ironing chores, I courageously stepped up to the plate.

answer  
**Cryptoquip**

A grid of letters for the Cryptoquip puzzle. The letters are arranged in a 10x10 grid with some black squares indicating non-letter positions.

Answers

## Super Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 No-elevator multistory building
- 7 Prefix with bar or belief
- 10 Long tales
- 15 Boo-boo
- 19 Consider identical
- 20 Go-between: Abbr.
- 21 Roping event
- 22 NCAA's
- 23 Protection for many bank tellers
- 26 "— cost ya!"
- 27 Closeout, e.g.
- 28 Preamble
- 29 Puzzler's cry
- 30 Net vending
- 31 Kinnear of Hollywood
- 33 Reflections
- 36 Connecticut state song
- 41 Spanish bull
- 42 Actor Ed
- 43 Yoko of the avant-garde
- 44 Mall binge, maybe
- 48 Get a pic of
- 51 Wooden peg
- 52 "In a pickle," e.g.
- 54 Part of ERA
- 55 "Bear" of the outback
- 56 Insignia
- 58 Three-section holder of bills
- 61 52, to Livy
- 62 Spanish surrealist
- 64 See 6-Down
- 65 Simpson judge Lance
- 66 Probe for
- 68 Journals
- 72 Really cries
- 76 Bass finale?
- 78 Notion, in Nancy
- 79 Yule song
- 81 Syllable after "oom"
- 82 Element like barium or radium
- 88 Hard but easily broken
- 90 Verse-writing, old-style
- 91 1940s pres.
- 92 Pricey hotel offering
- 94 Pact of the U.S., Can. and Mex.
- 95 University of Kentucky's — Arena
- 96 Some aria singers
- 98 Vintage auto inits.
- 99 Adept
- 100 Conflicted
- 102 Arbitrary security inspection
- 105 Collection for the Red Cross, say
- 110 Shrewd
- 111 Keno cousin
- 112 Water, in Nancy
- 113 Tweaks text
- 115 Unbox, e.g.
- 119 Napoleonic exile locale
- 120 2014 Kentucky Derby winner
- 124 Pennant, e.g.
- 125 From Tehran or Tabriz
- 126 Elegant shade tree
- 127 1991 horror film sequel
- 128 "Rent" actor
- 129 Pastis base
- 130 South Korea's Kim — jung
- 131 Tech giant whose name can precede nine words in this puzzle
- 132 Farn. member
- 134 High- — graphics
- 135 Suffix with favor or zinc
- 3 Abatement melodies
- 4 Frilly green
- 5 Rugged truck, in brief
- 6 With 64-Across, snookums or sweetie, say
- 7 Real nice
- 8 "— it!" (outfield call)
- 9 Extra entryway for bad weather
- 10 Physicist's work unit
- 11 Diametrically opposite
- 12 Sun Valley's state
- 13 Romero or Franck
- 14 "Help me!"
- 15 Parts of many rock songs
- 16 Eight-sided
- 17 Stan's pal in old films
- 18 Drops
- 24 — à-terre
- 25 Kitchen wrap
- 30 Genre of rock
- 31 Coagulated
- 32 Farn. member
- 34 High- — graphics
- 35 Suffix with favor or zinc
- 36 Mountaintop melodies
- 37 Societal breakdown
- 38 Tyro, slangily
- 39 "The Spy Who Loved Me" actor Richard
- 40 Getting the job done
- 45 Brochure or blurb, maybe
- 46 Settle from the bench
- 47 Terminus
- 49 Stein drink
- 50 Too glib
- 52 Skye, e.g.
- 53 Babysitters, e.g.
- 55 "Krazy —" colloquially
- 57 Cuban patriot
- 58 Jose
- 59 Terrific
- 60 Less naive
- 63 Most frigid
- 67 Compact SUV model
- 69 — a Nightingale
- 70 Singer Chris
- 71 Basketball's Bryant
- 73 Select
- 74 Like Latvia or Lithuania
- 75 Sword cover
- 77 Duplicious
- 80 Actor Hal
- 82 Mo. with Arbor Day
- 83 Reed of rock
- 84 Held off
- 85 Flyers' gp.
- 86 Blushed
- 87 Hurried, quaintly
- 89 "Sharknado" actress Reid
- 93 Occurred gradually
- 96 House pest
- 97 Mysore "Mr."
- 99 Ending of enzymes
- 101 Los del — ("Macarena" duo)
- 103 Chevy debut of 2004
- 104 Plateau's kin
- 105 Rock fissure
- 106 Shout out, colloquially
- 107 Haver
- 108 — Lama
- 109 Devastates
- 114 Visiting
- 115 Black-and-white cookie
- 116 Atari classic
- 117 Jannings of "Quo Vadis"
- 118 "54" actress Campbell
- 120 U.S. org. with moles
- 121 Archaic "Curses!"
- 122 Machine part
- 123 Gp. with a copy

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for the clues. The grid is 18x18 with black squares.

## SUDOKU

A 9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in. The grid is:
4 | | | 1 | | | 3 | |
| | 9 | | | | 7 | | 8 |
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| 8 | | | 6 | | | | 1 |
| | 7 | | | 2 | | 4 | |

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5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 8 |
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2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
3 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 |
7 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
9 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
8 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
6 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 |

Answer

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