

# Rehabilitate Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

Will the USA continue  
it path into a Sodom

Changing lives from the inside out on  
or

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## The Best way to Wished Your Mother a Blessed Mother's Day?

I miss my mother very much just as much as when she first went to be with the Lord, as if it had just happened. Most young people will not be reading this letter to be made aware of how important it is to show our love to our family not just saying it. Jesus says if you love me your will obey me. So how can we tell our mother we love her on mother's day but disobey her directions the rest of the year. I know there are some mothers that need prayer and might not be all they could be, So if your mother is a good mom, and disciplines her children she need to be obeyed and shown the love you have in that way.

Growing up I loved my mother in word but as much as I though I love her I was a disobedient son. A son who

brought her and my family much shame. My family would make comments about my incarceration and the reason for incarceration like they were feeling sorry for my mother but she felt the hurt of their words, and I was the cause of that pain. Several of those family members later had one of their own children incarcerated and of course the tone changed. My mother NEVER turned her back on me, NEVER rejected me, but NEVER let me think my sin was acceptable to her. She wrote me every day in the Army and continued while I was in prison, I never sat at mail call that I did not get a letter from my family, while other men sat there day after day and got nothing. My prayer was to get out of prison and move close to my mother and show her I

was truly a new man in Christ. God had other plans. My mother died one year before I would be released. He did however allow me to have a three furlough one month before she was taken home. I left the prison on a Friday evening and had to be back before a certain hour Sunday a privilege inmate have since lost. I was able to spend that time at home and not running around and hopefully God showed my mother His Spirit was in me. She was actually saved through the Holy Spirit directing my letters and encouraging her in reading her Bible. I got to go to her funeral and graveside and to this day I regret the pain I caused her though my disobedience. How are you showing your mother love ? Show her now while she is living even as an adult.

## How are you celebrating your Father's Day

Many inmate are fathers or mothers and they spend these holidays regretting many things done or undone toward there family. So of them had good fathers, some might not have know their father and therefore had little directions on how to be a good father. If you have a good father, praise God, if you were a good father praise God. If neither of these thing were true for you then try to reconcile with your father if that is still possible or your children if that might be the case. I

hear from many inmates male and female who have done so much damage in relations with family when they are changed by God's indwelling Holy Spirit they still have an up hill battle trying to restore those broken relationships. I would like to say it always works but that would not be true. That is why I am saying family is important and we need to show our family Godly love all of the time. When many inmates make a mistake and end up in prison if they had a good relation-

ship with their wife or husband and parents they receive mail and visits and as God changed them from the inside out he or she will then not only be a better member of society but a better family member with a new Christ like outlook one their past additions or problems. I love my dad although he was not really there for my sister and I. I am thankful God allowed me to forgive so when he passed there was no animosity between us. Praise God make thing right with family.

## Will the USA continue on it path into a Sodom or Gomorra?

You might say isn't that already happened? As long as people can change fact to and make a lie be their truth it can only get worse. When a man can call himself a woman when all natural and scientific evidence proves otherwise; as long as people refuses to believe there is an absolute truth things will continue to become a cesspool of sin. I once thought there was a limit to the stupidity and rebellion of man but in the last few years I see there is no limit. When a law can be passed saying a male can call himself a girl and play in female sports and go into the female locker room with girls changing and there is nothing that can be done, I say that is pretty bad. Of course it works the same for a woman who says she is a man and if you do not address her with a masculine pronoun you can be accused as a hate crime. I say this is pretty bad. In Canada there are people be fined and jailed if they do not abide but this kind of law.

We see what is going on in other areas of the country and just because we have not encountered these things yet we should not turn a blind eye. We know sin is sin and someone living in un-repented sin should be in church but not a member or a part of the worship team or leadership. However many churches have bent to peer pressure allowing both membership and a position in the church with people living openly in opposition to the Bible. This seems pretty corrupt to me but all we have to do is look around. How can our government up hold such blatant rebellion from what we as a nation has held as

true for many years.

School started downhill since the prayer in school was banned. "U.S. Supreme Court banned school-sponsored prayer in public schools in a 1962 decision, saying that it violated the First Amendment. But students are allowed to meet and pray on school grounds as long as they do so privately and don't try to force others to do the same." However the corruptness of many, soon banned the mention of the name of Jesus in school prayer, while having classes in Islam to teach our children how the Moslems pray and what the religion is all about.

Soon we saw same sex groups getting the right to speak in many schools to encourage confused youth as to gender identification. Otherwise if one felt they were born the wrong sex then they should proceed in that manner, but there was no thought to allowing someone trying to encourage them as to truth from a Biblical prospective. We see under age children being given the ability to have a sex change. In TX a child's mother says the 7-year-old is a transgender girl and wants to dress as a girl and be identified by female pronouns — a process referred to as a social transition. The child's father disagrees and insists that the child is a boy. This was not about any kind of physical operation but this decision was to be made from what seven year old felt. Then there was a cases where parents were both against this gender change and the child filed for emancipation from their parents so they can have a sex change. Oregon quietly enacted a taxpayer-funded policy that allows mi-

nors as young as 15 to undergo gender reassignment surgery without the knowledge or consent of their parents. The list of things 15-year-olds are not legally allowed to do in Oregon is long: Drive, smoke, donate blood, get a tattoo — even go to a tanning bed. Although the cost of this surgery and the fact that most clinics doing this kind of service would hinder this in many cases; it was enacted by a government and later said to be cover under Medicare.

Things are getting worse, sin is as rampant as it has ever been in my life time and of course we need to pray, but we need to be more than that! I feel so sorry for these people who are confused with their gender, men who want to have an intimate relation with men, or women with women; and with people think they will be alright because they do not want to acknowledge the Bible as the only Truth. **But** I cannot allow feeling sorry for someone to keep me from sharing God's truth with then or compromising the truth because I hate to see anyone damned to hell. The Word tells me: 2 Tim. 2:2-5 <sup>2</sup>Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup>and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup>But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. This is still our call from God today!

## What can Christians do with situation the world is in right now?

I remember a song from Vacation Bible school it says read your Bible and pray every day and then it says you will grow, grow, grow. The shape I find the US in today seem to be beyond man's capability to fix. Since the majority of the world is not praying Christians need to be praying more, but not stopping at just prayer. I feel the need to speak to more people about Jesus, but unfortunately with the present restrictions visitation is limited and we can not do thing the way we used to be able to do them. As I look the present situation God reminds me that is an opportunity missed if we did not take advantage of it. However before this pandemic started God had allowed me to get involved in this wonderful pen pal ministry. Allowing to shared the gospel and God's love with people I will probably never see this side of heaven. Not only am I able to share what I want, they write asking questions about the Bible which make me keep in the Word and study and research their questions. I feel really blessed while other prison ministries

are more or less dormant since they can not go into the prisons or jail and share the Word, I am still sharing the Word in most all of the states and one foreign country plus sending Bible lessons as well. What is the old saying "if life gives you lemons make lemon aid".

I think if we try hard and trust in the Lord we can find ways to take advantage of the lock down and serve the Lord with letters and all of the social media devices available to us.

If you want to do something for the Lord and help you pass time being locked in; I will be blessed and happy to share names of male and female inmates with you to write or e-mail, just read the pen pal brochure on line and tell me how many inmates you want to write, men with men and women with women.

I get such encouraging and uplifting letters from men and women who are allowed the Lord to turn their lives around and I see the new found joy they feel be freed from the burden of a life of sin. As I write them I can see their

spiritual growth in the letters as their conversation tend to lean more toward the spiritual and less about their incarceration, or being innocent. I do not want to sound proud, since it is all the Lord, but when they write me and tell me how wonderful this ministry is, how we sacrifice our time to write them and do the Bible lessons and mail them and how their "friend" and sometimes their family have deserted them, I feel a deep joy and sadness at the same time. Many realize their family many never believe them, or forgive them and they share that with me. However them knowing someone cares and that God does love and forgive them gives even the one who have life with out parole feel joy. I think of the man who had 3 life sentences, or the may with a life sentence and 144 years, or the lady who has life plus 60 years. Many of my pen pals will never be physically free but spiritually they are freer than many people in the church today because their entire day and life belongs to Jesus, forgiven and not forgotten. Want to be a pen pal?

A thought I had May 4, 2002

What can I do today Lord to open my heart more to you? How can my soul be cleansed from more unrighteous thoughts? Let my thoughts be always pleasing to you oh Lord, and when they stray tenderly convict me so I may return to your thoughts.



Some of the joys of living in the country, feeding wildlife



Fairly new born in my front yard

All of these animals were in my yard I can look out my office window at any time and there is no telling what kind of wildlife I might be blessed with seeing.

## The Day of Jubilee Sept 25th 2021

Since we had to cancel the Day of Jubilee in 2020 and the Banquet for March 6th 2021 we are looking forward to a wonderful Day of Jubilee come Sept 25th. Of course all of that will depend on the restrictions that will be in place at that time. This short article is just to make you aware of the date and remind those who usually come to know we have not given up

on the Jubilee or the Banquet. We are praying for the numbers who can attend not to be limited to 10 for such an event, and that we can serve a meal since the fellowship around the time of the meal is an important part of this day of celebration. We want to praise and thank God for what will be over 34 successful years of serving Him in the jails and prison and with the

families of those incarcerated. We also want to show appreciation to our many supporters and give them a face to face update on our goings on. We should know more in the next newsletter as to if we will be able to have a wonderful time together, PLEASE pray for this even to be able to happen and for the Banquet in March 2022 to be able to be heal as well. God bless you all and thanks.

## MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Pentecost / 30	24/ 31 Memorial Day	25	26	27	28	29

## JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Red numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sunday are evenings I ministry Dillwyn and Buckingham prisons.  
The blue numbers are the days I preach at a local church.

### Mission Statement

To establish and strengthen the Christian life of inmates and their families by providing opportunities for worship, instruction, nurturing of children, fellowship, service, mutual aid, brotherly counsel, and to establish and strengthen the Christian life of evangelism. To bring the Gospel to the unsaved and to lead them to faith in Christ followed by membership in the body of Christ.

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### Quiz answers from March / April

- 1.) A sword (Matt. 10:34)
- 2.) Father, mother, son, and daughter (Matt. 10:37)
- 3.) Their cross (Matt. 10:38)
- 4.) A cup of cold water (Matt. 10:42)
- 5.) A reed (Matt. 11:7)
- 6.) A prophet (Matt. 11:9)
- 7.) Malachi (Matt. 11:10)
- 8.) John the Baptist (Matt. 11:14)
- 9.) A glutton and a drunk (Matt. 11:19)
- 10.) Korazin and Bethsaida (Matt. 11:21-22)

### Quiz questions for May/ June

- 1.) What city did Jesus say was worse than Sodom because it rejected Jesus' miracles?

- 2.) In Matthew 11, Jesus praised His Father for hiding things from the wise and revealing them to who?
- 3.) What farming tool did Jesus ask us to take of His and learn from?
- 4.) What part of us did Jesus promise to find rest for?
- 5.) What did Jesus' disciples pick and eat on the Sabbath?
- 6.) Jesus compared His disciples' actions on the Sabbath to the men of what king who ate the consecrated bread of the temple?
- 7.) What animals did Jesus ask the priests if they would pull out of a pit on the Sabbath?
- 8.) What withered part of the man did Jesus heal on the Sabbath and anger the Pharisees?
- 9.) According to Isaiah and quoted in Matthew, what bruised object will the chosen one not break?

- 10.) And what smoldering object will He not snuff out?

### Article from someone incarcerated

#### My Disciple

I love you. I love you with a greater love than you can comprehend. I set aside the perfection and pleasures of heaven to offer Myself as a sacrifice for your sins. I became a man so I could intimately understand your earthly battles with the flesh, the world and the evil forces that come against you day after day. I suffered as no person on earth will ever suffer. I was despised spit upon and beaten beyond human recognition. I was nailed to a cross where I shed My divine blood as an atonement for sins. I rose from the grave in three day victorious over every enemy of life you will ever face. I am your

risen Savior! When you are facing the trials and temptations of life, remember you are never alone. I have given the Holy Spirit to comfort, teach and guide you. He is in you and will empower you through every step of your spiritual journey. Read My word and pray at the beginning of each day. Be salt and light in a world of darkness and confusion. Boldly tell others of My love for them. Proclaim without shame the way of salvation trusting the Holy Spirit to draw hearts and souls unto Me. Serve and worship Me faithfully in the local body of believers I place you in. Do not expect the world to reward you for your obedience to Me. I am storing your rewards in heaven where you will enjoy them throughout eternity. I am the Bread of Life and the Prince of Peace!