



THE HOPE I FOUND

WHOM THE SON SETS FREE SHALL BE FREE INDEED

By David Shepherd, Wynne Unit, TX

In 1999 I was in Palo Pinto County Jail. I had been placed in the cell where they could keep suicide watch on me. I was an emotional wreck from a divorce, and all that transpired there from, that landed me in that Jail. If ever there was a hopeless person, I was. I only wanted my life to be done with.

Sheriff Watson came by my cell to tell me some special people were coming and I should meet them. Then Judge J.K. Slay popped in and told me the same thing. Then other Staff of the Jail. People were the last thing I wanted to see. For whatever reason, I found enough motivation to go.

I took a seat and faced the 4 people standing at the front of the big, mostly empty, room. I felt trapped. There was Mack, Mitzi, Heather and Dorinda. The Free Life Ministry Group. Well, Dorinda started singing and Heather was tickling the Ivory's of the keyboard. I had not heard music in a while, and Dorinda could really sing good. Then Heather joined in and the great harmony between these two started easing my mood. That I started paying attention to the words. The Lord allowed me to feel His Presence and for the first time in 2 years of my life leading up to that day, I felt some relief from the hopelessness.

Then Mitzi brought the Word of the Lord and I hung on every word. It was the start of a healing process.

Little did I know then, that 1.1 years later, those same people would still be playing a big role in my life, and from there a very special friend that would be

a mentor and inspiration for the continuing work the Lord was doing in me. And from there someone who would inspire me to keep the faith no matter the trial...Hello Karen!

I remember receiving the very first Free Life News letter that ever came out. My how it has grown. Over the years FLN has allowed me to share the joy, hope, heartache, pain, tears, laughter, love, grace, mercy, restoration and transformation, of peoples lives that have written and shared the great works the Lord has done in their lives, or is doing in their lives. Even transcending Continents all the way to Uganda. I've felt a deep spiritual connection and godly love for the many people of the newsletter over the 11 years I've read it. The Lord has allowed us to fellowship even though many of us have never met in the flesh. I've been blessed by that year after year. I just thank God so much for you all.

It seems like I've known all of you guys forever. The best is, that I will know you forever more.. God's gift of Everlasting Life guarantees it.

For those of us that are incarcerated over these Holy days (Thanksgiving and Christmas) Remember, Our hearts, minds and spirit, can't be contained by bars and fences because Jesus has set them free; and friends "Whom the Son sets free shall be free indeed" I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. Very Merry Christmas to everyone. May the Joy of the Lord fill your Holidays.

"David, We are so very thankful for the day you came into our lives, Monday night Feb. 1999. It was not long after

you were in regular attendance in the services. And we remember the night, Heather handed you a guitar and you joined the group in Praise and Worship.

You are the very reason we keep publishing the newsletter, because of these encouraging words of the work He has done in your life. We are so blessed that God used Sheriff Watson, the Judge and Staff of Palo Pinto County Jail to encourage you to attend the service, and so thankful you heard the still small voice of the Holy Spirit that night and the many days and nights that followed. Thank You, dear David, for your interest in keeping the FLM/FLN in your heart and prayers. You are such an encouragement to us to keep on keeping on.

Be blessed my Brother, may your days be filled with His continuous Presence as you serve Him with your life and love.

We love you David, we are blessed that you are a part of our lives."

Mitzi & all the Free Life Team



"Here ME Calling"

By Frank Calandra—ASTP, AZ.

Let us take a trip back in time to a place that was ordinary in scope but full of Spiritual character. The place was Capernaum, by the Sea of Galilee, where ordinary men had their trade as fishermen.

It was another beautiful day with the sun reflecting its rays off the surface of the water like tiny mirrors. The men were busy working when the voice of Jesus penetrated their thoughts and their hearts. Jesus called out, "**Follow Me, and I will make you Fishers of men.**" (Matt. 4:18 NKJV). Peter and Andrew his brother, immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. (v.19)

This brings an account of the first disciples that Jesus called into fellowship with himself was a foreshadow of the calling that individuals would have through The Holy Spirit.

The Father draws our hearts and minds to Christ and calls us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said "**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.**" (John 6:44) Jesus has been calling out to many in this world but only few let his voice penetrate their hearts. When will we let Him use us; and when will we follow Him when He calls?

The disciples Jesus chose were not of noble birth or of great reputation. They were fishermen. Being fishermen, they were poor men: if they had estates or any considerable stock in trade, they would not have made fishing their trade, however, they might have made it their recreation. They were unlearned men, not bred up to books or literature as Moses was, who was conversant with all the learning of the Egyptians. "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God had chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are mighty; and the base (insignificant or lowly) things . . . and the things which are despised God has chosen . . ." (I Cor.1: 26-29)

Many of you reading this have heard the Master's voice and have felt the Holy Spirit's touch upon your heart. You have

heard Christ whisper in your ear, "**Follow Me**" then the enemy comes in like a hungry lion to devour the love that the Savior has waiting for you.

Satan has been fighting for your soul for many, many years now! He uses drugs, sex, money, and power to control you; and yet in spite of Prison, divorce, and "**loss of everything you ever had**" you will not listen to the voice of truth.

You don't have to be a college graduate or have a degree in Theology. You don't have to be anything but a poor Fisherman or Tax collector! A nobody and a prisoner, a broken down degenerate; these are the foolish things and base things that God can work with!! A broken and humble heart is what God can shape!

God wants you "just as you are." He wants you to come to Jesus and follow Him and be his disciple.

The fishermen were willing to leave their entire lives in the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ! They had, "nothing else" for they only knew fishing! Will you come to Jesus and be his disciple? If you come to Jesus he can and will fix your broken heart.

The first two brothers, Peter and Andrew were "casting their nets" when they were called. Many of us depend on "our own work (s)" to save us. We "cast our net" and hope to get fed. The two other brothers, James and John were "mending their nets" when they were called. How many of us are trying to restore (mend) our nets (hearts) on our own? It was to all four men that Christ said, "**Follow Me**" and they left not only their jobs, but their father as well.

The four disciples were now going to make Jesus "Captain of their vessel" and their "Father" as well. They would follow Him through simple trust and faith in His words. Will you trust Him with your life no matter what?

If you listen close you can hear Him calling when you're alone trying to mend your broken heart, when you've done all you can to figure out which way to go; when you've cast your net only to come up empty, and when you have no family or place to go.

To all of us Jesus says, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**" He will use

us to lead others to Himself, but first we must be willing to listen to his voice and "follow Him"

It is then, and only then, that Jesus will be our Lord and Savior and our "all in all".

Let's not only open our "ears" to the gospel but our "hearts as well. Pay attention to the only Voice worth listening to, and that is the Voice of truth! Amen.



PRAYER SCHEDULE

1. Start with praise to God
2. Wait on the Lord
3. Pray God's word using scripture verses
4. Sing His word
5. Confession
6. Intercession-Praying for others
7. Petition-pray for yourself
8. Reflection-How has God been working in your life?
9. Thankfulness-for Jesus, for your blessings
10. End with praise

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from the world of care, And bids me at my Father's throne, Make all my wants and wishes known! In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, The joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn With strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows His face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him, whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless: and since He bids me seek His face, believe His word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer."

Contributed by Sally- Free Life Ministry Partner

Scripture Memory

By Michael Alder—Huntsville Unit

For me, Scripture memory has paid off greater dividends for the time spent than any other for Scripture intake. It has helped me to trust God, obey His word, avoid sin, defeat the devil, renovate my mind, help others and prosper spiritually! Let me explain.

Trust God

Faith is relying on God to do what He says. I've come to the conclusion that it's impossible to have faith in God without a word from God. You remember that it was by faith that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land. When the Egyptians tried to do the same thing they were drowned. Why the difference? The Israelites had a word from God, the Egyptians didn't.

Paul explains it this way: [“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”](#) (Romans 10:17, NIV) “Hearing” means paying attention to. “Word” means a specific saying. So faith comes by paying attention to specific saying of God.

All of the men and woman I know who demonstrate great faith have specific truths or promises of God that they rely on. Like, [Jeremiah 33:3, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know”](#) (NIV) Those who claim that promise as they pray, find that God goes beyond, yes, no, or wait, to I'll do much better than that.

Obey His Word

Memorizing specific commands is a tremendous help toward keeping them. Jesus said, [“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.”](#) (John 14:21 NIV) Now the question becomes, “How can you keep His commandments if you don't have them in your mind?”

It's unrealistic to say I'm going to obey the whole Bible today...or even the whole book of Colossians. But it is realistic and practical to say that [with God's help](#), today I am going to obey Colossians 3:19-
:”[Husbands love your wives and do not be harsh with them.”](#)

Avoid Sin

Its true! God's word will keep you from sin and sin will keep you from God's word. [“How can a person cleanse their way? “By living according to your word.”](#) (Psalms 119:9 NIV) When the Bible says, [“Flee the evil desires of youth..\(2 Timothy 2:22 NIV\)”](#) the wise person does just that. They run from the place of temptation! They switch channels or they turn off the set.

Defeat the Devil

James instructs us specifically to resist the devil. To do that, we must use the sword of the Spirit. Which is the Word of God, (Ephesians 6:17 NIV.) Here again, word means a specific saying. You resist the Devil by quoting from the scriptures. That's what Jesus did. Three times Satan tested Him and each time Jesus responded saying, [“It is written...”](#) and quoting from the scriptures.

The Bible is God's weapon of choice for spiritual warfare. Without it we are doomed to defeat. That's like trying to fight a gladiator with your bare hands.

I've had many small encounters with the devil and a few major ones. In the small encounters, a sentence prayer and a verse of Scripture quoted takes care of him. In the major conflicts I have asked others to pray and quote with me and victory has come! Praise God!

Renovate My Mind

Paul tells us we need to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. Do you want a renewed mind? Memorize, review, and meditate on Scripture. I've heard that people sometimes worry about what they might say under certain kinds of anesthetic. Have you had that worry? The answer is to memorize, review and meditate on the Word of God. Let it renew your mind and you won't have to worry about what you might say.

Help Others

Isaiah 55:10 tells us the Word of God is seed to the sower and bread to the eater. It is the seed we sow in the evangelism and the bread we share in nurturing new and old Christians.

Memorizing Scripture is like stocking pharmacy shelves with medicine. It's vital that the content be pure and the formula accurate. Then when people come with a particular need, you can reach for the right Scripture to help meet that need.

After meeting with a non-Christian friend of mine down here for some months, I took him to, [John 1:12 “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God”](#) (NIV). I emphasized “received” and “believed” and asked him where he stood according to that verse. He saw it right away and said, “I believe but I haven't received.” When he asked, “How do you receive?” I knew instantly to turn to [Revelation 3:20, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone opens the door I will come in...”](#) Good ole' scripture memory again!

Prosper

Psalms 1 begins, [“Blessed is the man...”](#) Spurgeon says that means a particular man, one in a thousand. Only one in a thousand forsakes sin and meditates in God's Word day and night, he says. But look at what kind of people they turn out to be: alive, fruitful, drought resistant and prosperous!

As you drive along some highways you can see in the distance long, thin ribbons of green-bushes and trees planted by a river. That's what people are like who meditate on the Word of God. They are the trees planted by the river of “Living water.” You are refreshed just by spending time with them.

You can't meditate on God's Word until you have it stored in your memory. If you want to prosper spiritually you need to memorize and meditate on some will-selected quotes from the Bible.

I have yet to meet a Christian living in victory who was not getting the Word of God into his or her life. God's Word in the heart is indispensable. Psalm 119:11 Sums up all of this simply but crucially by saying, [“I have hidden your word in my heart...”](#)

Amen

TREASURE IN PRISON

1Samuel 7:12-13 Hope is Calling

Ebenezer, Ebenezer, come rejoice with me my fellow FLN readers, the truth of psalms 126:1 has come a reality to me: 'when the lord brought back the captivity...we were like men that dream' it's now a full year ever since the Lord miraculously led me to the FLN website by His gracious hand. Having been born and brought up in a very devastating state of life, it's certainly unbelievable that life could eventually change for the best to me. Many of you have by now read something concerning me in the FLN. I am indeed very grateful for your feedbacks you send to me thru Mum Mitzi concerning the articles I write. My whole hearted appreciation also goes to every one of you that God is using to support the UFLMF, a vision thru which you act as God's out stretched arm of charity to His work here in Uganda East Africa. As I write in my praise article, I would also love to appreciate the FLN team for giving my articles opportunity to be posted in the FLN, I am very grateful for all those that have played a big role in not only my personal life but also my ministry life as well. through the FLN I have got a lot of friends for this I praise God for the vision bearers of the Free Life Ministry. As for me life must have began on the day I came across the FLN website 'Miracles still happen' if it's hard for you to believe, at least believe on the basis of my testimony. Can you imagine that by the time I met the FLN website, I actually knew little about computer and surfing. What I knew then was open my email address, write and close. Nothing completely I knew about the FLN because I believe there was not a single person in my nation that had ever read the FLN. That means it was not possible for me to know about the FLN if really it hadn't been God's will. I just know it was God's hand that led me to the FLN website. Another thing I would love you to understand about the works of God is that many times God puts our : "treasures in Prisons, "smile " yes, I

can see you have not grasped what I am saying , I will elaborate.

The old man in ragged clothes

One day a committed Christian prayed to God earnestly with fasting " God I want to see you in person "" God please reveal yourself to me " he continued . He prayed to God day and night. This man was convinced in himself that he could see God in person. It is said he eventually got a positive response. The response was that God was to visit at his house the next afternoon at 2pm. since he was a wealthy man, having maid servants everything that suits an honorable guest like God was put in place. He invited many of his wealthy friends to come and have dinner with his highly anticipated guest. He put guards all around his concrete fence to guard off any intruder that may come around... Do you know what happened, I am sure you want to know "smile " At exactly 2pm, a shabbily dressed old man came to the gate " open I want to enter ' spoke the old man to the gate keeper " at this the gate keeper was terrified for none of them had seen the old man coming they only suddenly noticed him at the gate. After coming back to their strength one of them said " No! you are not supposed to come here, you better go away lest we beat you " he ended , No, I am the expected guest, you go and tell the owner of this house to come out , when he sees me, he will know that it's me " the old man ended ,. The owner of the house was immediately called on seeing the old man, he shouted "beat him up; throw him away "he spoke while entering back to his house. The old man was dragged and beaten into zero. As time went by it was evident that the Guest was not to come so this man's friends returned back to their houses. The good thing is that, he had not told them what kind of visitor he expected, he wanted to give them a surprise, and surely if he had told them he would have looked stupid in the eyes of his friends. After his friends had gone he went to His prayer closet "GOD, WHY DID YOU DECIEVE ME ""?"why didn't you come as you told me "he lamented It's then that this man eventually recalled the incidence

of the old man , he wept and regretted for having not allowed this man in, but it was too late to reverse anything . Just imagine how many of our blessings and breakthrough we pass by or neglect, just because we view things with a carnal understanding. Hadn't it been God's grace, I too, would have missed God's divine appointment for my blessing. Allow me to be a bit sincere to you in this issue. When I came to the FLN website, I just did not believe that anything good would come out or be realized. At first sight that this was a ministry that does outreaches to prisons, I did not think like anything benefiting my life would come out of a prison ministry. . In my heart as I read the FLN web page I thought in my heart "why God have you led me to such a website. like Nathaniel of the Bible , John1;44-51, I reasoned in my heart "is there any treasure for my life in prison "Little had I known that God had led me to the turning place of my personal and ministry life. To a place where my tears would be wiped out, "sometimes it's a bit difficult to instantly understand God's will and purpose for doing certain things, but as we obey to follow His lead and will, with time we discover why He did so. Many times God does it the English way "Not everything that glitters is gold" and "Never judge a book by its cover" I have learned the truth of these English statements ever since I got connection with the FLN.

God's ways are not man's ways; He does and fulfills His divine purpose at an appointed time using any format that seems Best to Him. You just can't ask him why he does things certain ways unfamiliar to humans. Anyway to cut my testimony short, when I wrote a feedback to the FLN website, do you know what happened? Mum Mitzi wrote immediately back to me welcoming me home. Thru the numerous interactions we had with her, I learned that God still loves me, and has a divine unfinished business with my life. I discovered that there is still room to be loved, all along I had come to a realization that there can never be people who can show concern and love for me. As

we continued interaction it's then that I also discovered that I can be of value to the FLN ministry. The Lord helped me identify some unusual potential within me that could certainly be a blessing to the rest of God's people, that's the potential of article writing. Many of you have much you can do for God but it takes God to connect you to a potential person in order to discover these gracious potential gifts, I thank God who led me to a power plant ..the point I am driving to is that many people have potentials in themselves that can be a blessing to masses of God's people but because there is no person to stir them up, such potentials end up dying. I know you have read of Mary visiting Martha, the Bible says that when Mary greeted Martha the baby in Martha's womb leaped to joy. Praise God..Amen. The baby John that had been silent in the inside of me was awakened when I got in touch with the Free Life Ministry., Luke 1; 39, please just allow me speak my heart out I know there is someone being edified thru it.

Several years back the Spirit of God led me into writing some of my life and ministerial testimony, and I did obey. But surprisingly at that moment no one wanted to know about me, I tried even giving out some copies of my testimony to people but none of them saw anything big in my writings. but surely God knew that a time would come, there would be a people who will be blessed and transformed by merely reading my testimony. I know you may be reading this article now and God has told you to do something, but you have come to a point of seeing like you just wasted your time to obey God. yes it also happened to me, many times I would look at the writings of my life testimony, and wonder if it will ever make impact in somebody's life. When your time of blessing comes and it gets you in the right standing with God, I assure you the very thing or message that other people have been seeing unworthy, it will be the same message that others will see a blessing, Hallelujah to our God, when God's time for your blessing comes, your very curse will turn out to a blessing. In the very place where people

see you unqualified, you will be seen qualified. The once deserted you will be the most yearned, Let me tell you brethren some times when you are going thru a tough time you may forget that a "sweet time will also come by. Oh it's so wonderful when sweet moments come at the right time, it delights the heart. Always obey God and at the right time you shall reap a harvest if you don't give up.

Some of you I feel had a conviction that at one time you had high faith in God, having a high expectation in Him but as time went by your faith and hope started diminishing, yes I understand your situation, you have reached a state where you no longer feel the strength to cling to God's full word, you have started holding God's word with some doubt in you "will it surely work"? You question. You have come to a point where you feel your trust and commitment in God was all in vain, you have become like Asaph of the Bible, Psalms, 73;1-, I surely know all this because I have been there, you once stepped out in high faith to do something, in fact you even proclaimed it with trumpets in the hearing of multitudes, but time has come to you, yet you see no progress at all. It looks like it was not God who spoke, the situation seems to be beyond your strength, you are now saying "I wish I did not start this journey", like Joseph of the Bible you are planning to withdraw softly. Matthew, 1;19, but here is the voice of God saying "don't quit my child, my grace is sufficient". Many of you say "it's okay, yet inside you its hell "Can you imagine that for 31 yrs I had never had a genuine smile on my face? You may not believe it but that's the fact. I had my first genuine smile on 29 of December 2009 at around 3 pm. never will I ever forget that day. Oh it was all heaven, that day I moved the streets of Kampala with my head high full of smiles. This time I did not force it, but it automatically came out of the inside of me and now it lives on. Listen, God is turning your pretenses into realities, and you will see it and blossom with "smiles" your tears are turning into joy, my brother. my sister, Yes, there is a treasure in your prison just wait its coming,

swiftly. I can see you are very annoyed of God, for you say, He seems not to care about you. You have even reached a moment that you don't even want to talk about Him, worst of all is that even when you hear people talking about what God has done, you feel like it's a lie. You just feel like shutting them down. Like John the Baptist you have reached a point of wondering if really the gospel that was preached to you is true or false?, Mathew, 11;1-, like Naomi in the book of Ruth you have concluded by calling yourself "Mara". I can see you are fighting hard to convince your heart into accepting what your mind has already accepted, that's defeat. But still God's lamp is in your heart; your heart still sees a future in God, your heart seems to contradict with your mind. now first listen God speaks right inside our hearts obey the voice of God in your heart, that soft, still, smooth voice in your heart is the Holy Spirit, He never speaks evil, the devil is showing you defeat, but the small voice in your heart is saying "there is still hope" the devil is saying you have been defeated, but I hear God saying you are "more than a victor in Jesus' name" I can see that devil is saying You have wronged so much that God can't forgive you, yet I see God saying "my sacrifice is above your every sin" Psalms, 103;3. Step out like Micah 7; 8 "don't gloat at me, though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light" like Job shout a loud, Job, 19; 25" I know my Redeemer liveth..." Oh my God I can feel the Holy Spirit delivering you even as you read this I want to assure you "if God is doing it for me He is surely doing it for you. I always longed for a moment like this, and surely I have started living it to the praise of God.

Here is my prayer for you.

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I CALL HIM LORD

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Master, Redeemer, Savior of the world
Wonderful, Counselor, Bright Morning Star
Lily of the valley, Provider and Friend,
He was yesterday, He'll be tomorrow, Beginning and End

But the angel called Him Jesus, born of a virgin
Mary called Him Jesus, but I call Him Lord.

Jehovah, Messiah, Mighty God and King,
Bread of Life, lasting words of love that I sing,
Light and darkness, Door to heaven, my home in the sky
The Fountain of Living Water that never shall run dry.

But the angel called Him Jesus, born of a virgin.
Mary called Him Jesus, but I call Him Lord.

Jesus is Lord



"CHANGES"

By Glenn Bailey—Palo Pinto County Jail

"Changes" occur every now & then, Sometimes we never know why or when.

Our lives are affected in so many ways, which direction will you go at the end of your days.

You know that the choice is totally up to you, asking Jesus' forgiveness is all you have to do.

Oh Yes, Salvation waits for us all, I promise it's true. I'm sick of life's constant up's and down's, and all it's ranges. Now I am living life due to my Glorious "Changes". Jesus has given me an incredible life to live. To do by his word and all my faith and love I shall give.. He is the way, and He will show you the route, and at the end, He promises you'll live eternal life, no doubt. Making "changes" isn't easy, you have to give it your all, But I am making him proud and standing straight and tall. I pray you all will also find what is true, just open the Bible and see what Jesus has planned for you.

The bread for life

Or

THE BREAD OF LIFE

There it was on the kitchen counter, some left over bread that was very hard, and stale. I had no use for it at the time so I threw out in the back yard for the birds. Well the birds didn't have a chance, our dog Scooter got it, chewed on it for awhile, and as we were watching her that day, she carried it from one corner of the yard to the other, and back again, looking, and looking for a safe place to hide her treasure!. Her bread for life, All of a sudden, she thought of a place, (you could almost see the light bulb come on in her little mind) "uh ha this is the place" she thought, next to the steps by the garage door. So she looked to see where the other 2 dogs were. (Oh, and sometimes our 'grand-dog' Shiner is over here!) "ahh, no one is looking, I can bury my bread here", and she did. Then she sat there all day protecting her treasure! She made sure her bread for life, her next meal, so to speak, was safe

About a week later, some more bread, some more chewing, only this time Tooter ate some first, he left and Scooter took charge of yet another treasure, Yep! She took it into her mouth, walked around the yard, looking and looking, Ahh, another good place, this time a different one, buried it, got a drink of water, after all, it's hard work trying to bury a treasure! And , Oh, you already know, she laid down right by it, guarding her bread of life, or I should say bread for life!

Of course we laugh at this, it's a cute story, but in it we find a lesson.

As we go through life, somewhere along the way someone throws to us the Bread of Life, in the way of an invitation to Church, out for a cup of coffee, over for dinner, handing us a Gospel Tract or even a Bible. The Bread of Life as been offered down through the ages, The Bible says there are few that find it,

As we walk though life, somehow that invitation takes hold of our heart, and we come to take the Bread of Life into it. We take it, but we don't hid it, we shout, "**Look what I have found. I have The Bread of**



Life," we share it, we don't hoard it. In fact we give it away, by extending those same invitations to others, But there are some who have taken the Bread of Life, but don't pay much attention, they do their own thing, hiding it where no one can see it.

In my life I was shown the Bread of Life for years before I took it and ate it. Those years were unprofitable for me and God. **But God** had His plans for me, and in 1964 I took the invitation into my heart, and have not hidden or buried it, The Bread of Life, is my spiritual nourishment, my life my all. My Savior & Lord.

So the invitation is being thrown out to you today. Will you take it into your heart, **The Bread of Life, Jesus?** He is calling out to you, "O' taste, see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who trusts in him". Psalms 34:8

Just pray this prayer,

*Lord Jesus I need you, Thank you for inviting me to take the Bread of Life, Thank you for cleansing me with your precious blood, so that You can come into my heart. I accept your invitation and ask that You come into my heart and life. I know now that I am a forgiven person and a child of the Living God. I will not hide my Treasure, I will shout it out for all to hear, **Look, I have it. I have the Bread of Life! Jesus!***

Maybe there is someone who has taken the invitation and received the Bread of Life in years gone by, and you have hidden your treasure, You have buried it, like Scooter, so no one could see it, God still loves you, He never stopped, and never will. It is never to late to dig down deep and bring the Treasure(Jesus) to the surface of your heart, and shout once a gain, "**Look, I have it, I have the Bread of Life", Jesus!**

Pray this prayer,

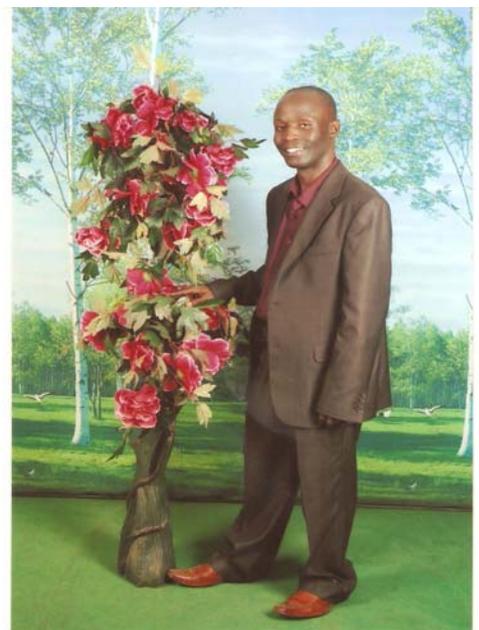
*Lord Jesus, I have taken your invitation into my heart in years gone by, but have buried it, so no one could see You in my life. I ask you to come forth in me, and once again restore unto me the joy of my salvation. Help me Lord, to have boldness to shout with the others, **Look, I have it, I have the Bread of Life, Jesus.***

Make a joyful noise, unto God all ye lands

Loving you through Jesus—Mitzi

TREASURE IN PRISON' CONT.

Dear heavenly Father, thanks for connecting me to the FLN, thanks very much for the friends you have given me, they love me so much Oh God, I can just feel their love for me even right here in Uganda, Surely Lord as the Bible says in Ecclesiastiss11: 5,"as you don't know the path of the wind"really Lord I live to wonder your awesome deeds, thanks for not forgetting me, even now my Lord I pray with all my heart bless every eye that is reading this article, heal every disease. bring back to faith that soul that has backslidden, bless with abundance every soul that is blessing your work here in Uganda, thru supporting the UFLMF..... in Jesus' Name I PRAY WITH THANKGIVING Amen



**BE BLESSED JESUS TIMES
PASTOR ROBERT SISYE**

THE REAL JESUS

By Fred—Free Life Ministry Partner

When Jesus was teaching His disciples about the future in Matthew 24 he gave a warning in verse 4. He said watch out that no one deceive you. For many will come in my name claiming I am the Christ and will deceive many. The best way to keep from being deceived is to make sure we always use Gods word as our standard of truth. We must focus on Jesus and His word . We should not spend our time looking for special signs or looking at what other people are doing.

Paul dealt with the problem of deception in the Corinthian church, In (2 Cor. 11: 1-15) Paul was competing with the super-apostles for the ear of the Corinthian converts. Paul was jealous for his converts undivided loyalty to Jesus Christ. Paul goes on in verse 13 and exposes these super-apostles as false apostles, as deceitful workman masquerading as apostles of Jesus. These guys were religious but not for the love of Jesus but for their own self-righteousness. There's all kinds of false teachings out there. Jesus said a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.(John 16:2b) Just as it was when Jesus was here in the flesh so it is today. Jesus also said in (John 10:10) "**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy but I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.**" Life is in Jesus and there is no other way to the Father except through Jesus the Son. (John14:6)

Who is this real Jesus? He's the Jesus who met the leper, and the leper said if you are willing you can make me clean. Jesus said, "**I am willing**" and He reached out and touched the leper and he was immediately cured. (Matt.8:2-4)

Who is this real Jesus? He's the Jesus who went to the home of Peter and Peters Mother-in-law lay sick with fe-

ver and Jesus touched her and the fever left her and she got up and waited on Him. (Matt.8:14-21)

Some will say well yes, we need the real Jesus, but you must be baptized or you must speak in tongues or you must be circumcised to be saved. If you are a part of these things praise God, but salvation is in Christ and Him alone, It's not Jesus plus anything —just Jesus!

Who is this real Jesus? He's the Jesus who fed five thousand men plus women and children with five loaves of bread and two fish and had twelve baskets full left over. (Matt.14:13-21) when we have this real Jesus we have everything we need for life and Godliness.(2Peter1:3)

Who is this real Jesus? He's the Jesus who met the woman at Jacob's well at noon and asked for a drink of water. The woman said I am a Samaritan how can you , a Jew ask me for a drink? Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus said, "**if you knew the gift of God and who it is who asks you for a drink you would ask and He would give you living water.**" She questioned Jesus, Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Jesus answered, "**Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will be thirsty again, but who ever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed the water I give them will become a spring of water, welling up to eternal life.**" The Samaritan woman asked for this living water. Jesus told her everything she had ever done. As a result of Jesus talking to her and her telling others, many in the town where she lived were saved that day. (John4:1-42)

I am so thankful that Jesus has given me his eternal life. His life living in and through me.

Who is this real Jesus? He's the Je-

sus who walked on water out to His disciples who were struggling with their boat trying to row against the wind and waves, but when they were willing to take Jesus into the boat they were immediately there at the shore. (John 6:19-21)

When we respond to the calling of Jesus an receive Him into the boat of our lives we are exactly where He wants us to be.

Who is this real Jesus? He's the Jesus that John the Baptist identified in John1:29 John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Who is this real Jesus? He's the Jesus who died for all our sins. Paul said He forgave all our sins having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us that stood opposed to us, He took it away nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

This real Jesus is the Jesus in whom we are reconciled to God the Father. The word says, "for if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life." (Romans 5: 10-11)

If you are reading this and have never received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and realizing that you are a sinner and in need of this real Jesus. My prayer and hope is that you will accept all that God the Father has done for you in His Son Jesus. That you will accept His total forgiveness and His life living in you. Experience the joy and peace this real Jesus brings into your life.



John 17

SAINT AND SINNER

By: Alfred Hubbard—Powledge Unit, TX

Who? (Well, what do you mean ,'sinner'?) You might say. And I don't blame you. But accept this note to you—and to you too!

Today is the acceptable day of repentance in Jesus the Christ the only begotten Son of God. The very one whom was willing to pay the price for our sin, yes, mine and yours, with the cost of His. "Jesus' very life!! Think about it—who else has been willing to pay the price for sin, with their very life? Jesus was willing to leave Heaven and humble himself to become human, to show us each how to walk and talk react and respond as a child of God!

It's time to cry out to God Almighty and ask for forgiveness. Seek His grace and mercy. And start acting like we have won the victory, instead of lowering our heads as if we've done something wrong. Jesus is the way and the light. We are called to be the salt and light to the world. The head not the tail. So step up and be honest with yourself, if you haven't accepted Jesus as your personal Savior—Today is the day. He's waiting for you! And if you've accepted Jesus as your Savior let us today allow Him to be Lord of our life. Praise God, Amen!

America , is a Nation founded upon the basic teaching of the Word of God, from the Holy Bible. We are a Christian Nation. And , today is the day to stand up America, and proclaim truth. Truth, will set you and me free!

Those which refuse to accept the truth, doesn't mean the truth hasn't been given. The truth is : **"Jesus Is Lord"**.

Yes, He's Love, and accepts us where we are. But we have to come to Him. He is the way! Have you discipled anyone today? Have you based who will be your elected official by the Standard, which the Bible gives us in areas of values?

It's time we get back to the truth. It shocks some at first, but there's too much at stake not to be honest. Hell is a real place and Heaven is a real place. Lies are lies. And Truth is Truth! Lets show a little love today—spread the Truth around!

Jesus is the way. be encouraged and strengthen yourself in God. Matthew 24:13 "But he who endures to the end shall be saved." Endure in Christ!

P.U.S.H.

Pray Until Something Happens

Prayer

Psalms 20:1-2;4-5

"May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of God of Jacob defend you. May He send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion. May He grant you according to

your heart's desire and fulfill all your purpose. We will rejoice in your salvation and in the name of our God we will set up our banners!"

May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.



New life is found only in Jesus Christ—Seek Him today while He may be found. He is only a prayer away. Romans 10:9-10;13 Those who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!



HEY GUYS AND GALS

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You? Thanks you, and you, Wow, Great! How about **YOU?** Won't you join in to help us lead others to Saving faith in Christ? Write for a free subscription today! Without delay.

The Free Life Team



GOD'S Rosebud

A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact.



It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do. Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

"It is only a tiny rosebud, a flower of God's design; but I cannot unfold the petals with these clumsy hands of mine."

"The secret of unfolding flowers Is not known to such as I. GOD opens this flower so easily, but in my hands they die."

"If I cannot unfold a rosebud, this flower of God's design, then how can I have the wisdom to unfold this life of mine?"

"So I'll trust in God for leading each moment of my day. I will look to God for guidance in each step of the way."

"The path that lies before me, Only my Lord knows. I'll trust God to unfold the moments, just as He unfolds the rose."



"Now on whom dost thou trust?"

Reader, this is an important question. Listen to the Christian's answer, and see if it is yours? "On whom dost thou trust?" "I trust," says the Christian, "in a triune God. I trust the Father, believing that he has chosen me from the foundation of the world, I trust him to provide for me in providence, to teach me, to guide me, to correct me if need be, and to bring me home to his house where the many mansions are.. I trust the Son,. Very God of very God is he-the man Christ Jesus. I trust him to take away all my sins by his own sacrifice, and to adorn me with his perfect righteousness. I trust him to be my Intercessor, to present my prayers and desires before his Father's throne, and I trust him to be my Advocate at the last great day, to plead my cause, and to justify me. I trust him for what he is, for what he has done, and for what he has promised yet to do. And I trust the Holy Spirit -he has begun to save me from my inbred sins, I subdue my will, to enlighten my understanding, to check my passions, to comfort my despondency, to help my weakness, to illuminate my darkness, I trust him to dwell in me as my life, to reign in me as my King, to sanctify me wholly, spirit, soul, and body, and then to take me up to dwell with the saints in light forever."

Oh, blessed trust! To trust him whose power will never be exhausted, whose love will never wane, whose kindness will never change, whose faithfulness will never fail, whose wisdom will never be nonplussed, and whose perfect goodness can never know a diminution! Happy art thou reader, if this trust is thine! So trusting, thou shalt enjoy sweet peace now, and glory hereafter, and the foundation of thy trust shall never be removed. —Charles Spurgeon—Heartlight Magazine

Kairos Reunion April 2010

Recovering from Our Past, Moving Forward in Time To Healing.

(Let Go, and Live!)

By Eric Turk-Lynaugh Unit, TX

“Every man will die, but not every man will truly live.”

Sir William Wallace

What does it mean to truly live? By a show of hands who in this gym feels as if, right now they are truly living? I don't mean sucking in air and feeling your heart pump, I mean realizing your potential at this very moment and seizing all life has to offer.

Okay. Don't raise your hand this time, but honestly ask yourselves this: Do you have your life on hold right now, thinking you're gong to pick back up where you left off, or maybe start fresh after you get out of prison?

I would imagine everyone of us at some point in our incarceration has felt this way, that right now, as long as we're in white, we feel stifled and confined unable to realize true freedom. And how many years have we let slip away feeling this way, feeling helpless to do anything about it?

Let me share with you a little story. Ten years ago I was a successful professional in my chosen career. I was married to a wonderful woman and we were raising four kids. I had attended college, served in the military, and graduated from a technical trade school. I'd been around the world in two directions and had set foot on four different continents. I made good money and was on the fast track to making more, and moving up in management with the company I worked for. But with all that , I

was completely miserable. It wasn't about things or money, it was about hope.

I would look at my life, look at all the time I had sacrificed investing in my future, only realizing that I was trapped in a rut giving up the majority of my life in hopes of enjoying fifteen or twenty years of retirement. And then what? I'd be dead, and for what? I'd neglected my wife through this pursuit, and barely saw my kids. In the years and months before I became incarcerated this realization consumed me, and I saw no way out. I felt trapped in an empty, meaningless existence that robbed me of my very life. Ultimately this desperate situation led me to commit some stupid crimes that landed me in prison with a twenty year sentence.

But why did I feel this way? What was I missing? Incarceration was devastating to me, it was literally my lowest low. I mean, I had lived a good life, a free life, however superficial it might have been. So to have the rug of control yanked out from under me just made an emotionally bad situation worse.

Ironically though, being arrested and facing some serious charges suddenly made everything I had been working for become utterly meaningless. I no longer cared about my 401k or any of my investments—I just wanted to be free. But physical freedom wasn't the answer and I knew it. I had already been living that life and still felt trapped.

There was only one thing that could truly liberate me, and after three days in county jail I finally found it—the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Second Corinthians 5;17 says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold,**

all things become new.”

In ten years since hearing that message and responding to it, I've had plenty of ups and downs, and yes, I want to get out of this place just as badly as anyone, but one thing I can honestly say is that I have hope, hope that has nothing to do with this world. And because of that hope I have purpose. And when I pursue that purpose I find it is then that I am truly alive.

This room is full of people who have lived very different lives, have had many different experiences—we've all borne our own crosses. But our experiences are not what define us, unless we allow them to. We were all created for a purpose, and that purpose finds its meaning in another world. And it's only when we live in light of that other world—in light of eternity—that we truly begin to live.

Right now, even here in this prison, we have opportunity to make a real difference in this world. Psalm 40:1-3 says:

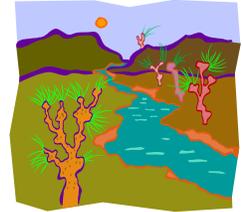
“I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praised unto out God: Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.”

Those who respond to Christ's message of hope serve as examples to the rest of the world. Jesus is waiting for anyone who would call out to Him desiring real change. Your past does not have to haunt you, Jesus took care of that, and if you'll trust Him with your life He'll give you a new life you've never imagined. Sure, the world will still hold our pasts against us, and the consequences of our past actions are still very real. But Isaiah

43:18,19 says:

“Forget the former things,; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the

waste-land.”



Jesus calls us to a greater way of life, a

higher way of viewing this current world. He can enable you to see past the hardships and judgments of this world to see a grander purpose, If we trust Christ to raise us up out of our pits, and pursue His purposes, He will heal is and start us on the path of the greatest life we have ever known. But we have to let go first. Let go of our pasts. Stop trying to hold out hope for something that won't last, and grab with all our might to Him who can give us the real life.

We're called to change the world, called to a radical way of life that asks us to give up our lives so that we can truly live. The world sees this as foolishness but those who have truly let go and begun to live call it the power of God. And it's that example, when lived out, that truly makes a difference and truly changes lives.

“Every man will die, but not every man will truly live.”

Let's start living and making a difference, today!.

LIVING FOR JESUS

“Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free. This is the pathway of blessing for me.”

"Christ, who is our life."

– Colossians 3:4

Paul's marvelously rich expression indicates, that Christ is the source of our life. "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." That same voice which brought Lazarus out of the tomb raised us to newness of life. He is now the substance of our spiritual life.

It is by his life that we live; he is in us, the hope of glory, the spring of our actions, the central thought which moves every other thought. Christ is the sustenance of our life. What can the Christian feed upon but Jesus' flesh and blood? "This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die." O way worn pilgrims in this wilderness of sin, you never get a morsel to satisfy the hunger of your spirits, except ye find it in him! Christ is the solace of our life. All our true joys come from him; and in times of trouble, his presence is our consolation. There is nothing worth living for but him; and his loving-kindness is better than life! Christ is the object of our life. As speeds the ship towards the port, so hastes the believer towards the haven of his Savior's bosom. As flies the arrow to its goal, so flies the Christian towards the perfecting of his fellowship with Christ Jesus. As the soldier fights for his captain, and is crowned in his captain's victory, so the believer contends for Christ, and gets his triumph out of the triumphs of his Master. "For him to live is Christ." Christ is the exemplar of our life. Where there is the same life within, there will, there must be, to a great extent, the same developments without; and if we live in near fellowship with the Lord Jesus we shall grow like him. We shall set him before us as our Divine copy, and we shall seek to tread in his footsteps, until he shall become the crown of our life in glory. Oh! how safe, how honored, how happy is the Christian, since Christ is our life!

A precious letter of encouragement.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your Free Life News, has been a sign of hope and praise I've been looking for. Your articles, prayers, and testimonies have made me find my Lord and Savior forever now. Please place my name on your free subscription list to receive your utmost welcome newsletter. I will share your newsletter with all my fellow inmates. I am so excited that I even forgot to introduce myself. My name is Juan Manuel Villanueva, currently I am an inmate at the Polunsky Unit. May our God bless you for all your hard work. My prayers for all of you will be heard throughout Polunsky Unit."

God Bless you!

Juan Manuel Villanueva

Our dear Brother in Christ,

Thank you for writing. You have touched our hearts with those encouraging words. We are always so blessed to hear that the FLN has touched someone's heart and has drawn them closer to the Savior, Jesus Christ. Our prayer for you, Juan, is that God will continue to lead you on the path of righteousness and that His Grace and mercy will fill your heart and life to overflowing with love. May you become one of His steadfast Ambassadors and ministers of reconciliation as you walk together with Him through the rest of your life, shining His light for all to see.

We love you in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Free Life Ministry Team:

Mack, Mitzi, Fred, Sally, Heather, Bill, Rodney, Kathie, Steve, Mike, Craig, Phyllis, Mac, Karen, Mark, John, & Linda



WHAT A DIFFERENCE HE'S MADE IN MY LIFE — PRAISE THE LORD, Thank You Lord for saving my soul,

Has Jesus made a difference in your life?
Has He changed and made you whole?

Do you know that you are Greatly Blessed,
Highly Favored, and Deeply Loved?

Redeemed, Reconciled, Set Free, Forgiven?

If you are, please write and tell us about it—
Your testimony of faith just might be the
one to point someone to Saving faith in
Christ.

Let's just praise the Lord!



~DEATH~

What a wonderful Way to Explain it. .

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room. and said, 'Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.' Very quietly, the Doctor said, 'I don't know' 'You don't know? You, a Christian man, Do not know what is on the other side?' The doctor was holding the handle of the door, On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before he didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here. And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, But I do know one thing. .I know my Master is there and that is enough.'

May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

The Importance of Jesus' Words!

"I did not come into the world to judge people. I came to save the people in the world. So I am not the one that judges the people who hear my teaching but don't obey. There is a judge for the person that refuses to believe in me and does not accept what I say. The message I have taught will judge that person on the last day. Why? Because the things I taught were not from myself. The Father (God) who sent me told me what to say and what to teach. And I know that eternal life comes from what the Father commands. So the things I say are what the Father told me to say."

– John 12:47-50 (ERV)

KEY THOUGHT:

Would you listen to a message if your life depended upon it? Would you follow the instructions carefully? Jesus makes clear that he speaks God's truth. What we do with that truth has eternal consequences and benefits. While obedience may not be a popular concept in modern culture, Jesus reminds us that it is essential that we obey his teaching. God longs to save us through Jesus. He is not looking to trip us up on some fine point of Jesus' teaching that we missed. But, our hearts need to be willing to do all that Jesus says because obedience is a blessing – it protects us from some things that we should never have to face and leads us to blessings that are found only when we do things God's way. Jesus' words are important! We should listen to them as if eternity depends on what we do with them – because it does!

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Holy and loving Father, thank you for revealing your will in human words taught us by Jesus. Open my mind to understand Jesus' teaching more completely and open my heart to accept those words more willingly as I commit to live by Jesus' words more completely. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Phil Ware-Heartlight–Internet

HE IS LORD AND GOD!

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

C.S Lewis

+Mere Christianity, pages 40-41.

LIFE

*Tell me not in grieving numbers,
life is just an empty dream'. For
the soul is dead that sleeps, and
things are not what they seem.
Life is real! Life is not a joke!
And the grave is not a goal. Dust
we are, to dust we will return,
but this is not spoken of the soul.
To act that tomorrow, finds us
further away than today is not a
thought. As we depart we leave
behind footprints in the sand of
time. Footprints that perhaps an-
other shall take to heart and
praise our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Horacio Dohnal--Rudd Unit

Matt.10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the "one" who can destroy both soul and body in Hell. (NIV)

A "PSALM OF PSALMS"

An inspiration given to Brian Cole—
Greenville Corr. Center—VA

"I delight myself in You Lord God "I AM" for
You give me the new desires of my heart"

"I commit my way unto You Dear God, I
trust also in You, for You shall bring it to
pass."

"Thou art showing me the path of life, in
Thy Presence there is fullness of Joy. At thy
right hand there are pleasures for ever-
more."

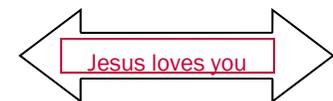
"Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory
rejoices, my flesh also shall rest in hope of
You."

Thou hast given me my hearts desire, and
You have not withdrawn the requests of my
lips. .Se'lah

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant
places, Yeah in You Lord God "I AM" Jesus
Christ and Holt Spirit I have goodly heri-
tage".

Oh blessed are You Almighty God "I AM"
Jesus our Christ, and Holy Spirit our Com-
forter who daily loadeth me/us with bene-
fits and bearth our/my burdens, even You
Lord God of my/our Salvation.

Se'lah Amen



Beautiful

To You I give all my love You're more
beautiful than the morning dove.
You're more beautiful than the but-
terfly. You're more beautiful than
the evening sky. You're more beau-
tiful than anything in all this land.
You're the most beautiful thing from
God's own hand, So no matter how
beautiful that it all may be,

Jesus, You're the most beautiful
thing to me.

A prisoner in chains—Roy Burkett

A Letter of Introduction

The e-mail came from Kim telling about how an inmate from Ohio sent her a copy of the Free Life News. She stated that she would like to include her newsletter in our next publication, we spoke on the phone, and concluded that God had planned this effort, and she wrote a letter of introduction which follows below. This is Kim Fincher, Director of JKF Prison Ministry, Welcome aboard Kim!

"He answered and said, 'See, I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.'"
Daniel 3:25

God's divine and He has planned out things, events and plans we couldn't imagine. He knew us before we were born. He knew He could use me, that I would obey His will for me and minister to prisoners words of encouragement. He is a divine orchestrator of people, places and events. Can you imagine that everything you've been through in your life can be used to help others, who will go through similar things in their lives? I didn't think that either but that's what happened. It's been 18 months since I was released from a 27 month stay in prison and I completed parole January of this year the same month I was married. God chose me to serve Him just like Moses and His plan is mighty and divine. He uses my hand to minister to prisoners words of encouragement. I couldn't do it on my own. I listen and He speaks through me. *Ephesians 3:7*, He gave me grace to serve Him and He shines His light through me and He can and will do the same with you; if you let Him inhabit and shine through you!

It's by God's grace and mercy we are set apart and used and can overcome all obstacles (*1 John 4:4-5*), that are man made and created by Satan to kill, steal and destroy us. No! We are to take back what the enemy has stolen from us and take as many of our brothers and sister in Christ as we can (*1 John 5:4-5*)-Amen! That's what I'm gonna do, what about you? We have power and strength in the Word of God. As great and even greater; yes, even greater than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

We offer a monthly newsletter and bible-study series. We have finished the FAITH and HOPE series and just started the LOVE series. What makes us most unique is that we take time to write each inmate a hand-written letter. This is part of how God's hand of love is working through us. We are supported by our local pastor and church congregation at Calvary Worship Center I read our ministries monthly report with letters from inmates that we minister to. After awhile of personal ministry via Joseph and Kim Fincher we have pen pals available through our church, but that's after we've gotten to know you and written you a few times at least. We care about your soul and want to make sure that you have a strong foundation while in prison and after you are released. We are available for you while you are on the inside and when you get out. You are God's precious children whom He loves so much that he sent us to tell you through a love letter sealed with Jesus Christ's spiritual kiss.

I can't wait for you to contact us so that we can share with you all the hope, faith and love God has showed us through His holy bible to give you! Please send us a letter

and let us know that you read this segment in Free Life News and we will send you our latest newsletter and bible-study. We also have prayer warriors on call awaiting our call to pray for your needs in agreement with us and you. Your letter could be the next one we read before our congregation at Calvary Worship Center where the Spirit of God lives among all it's members. One of our ministries scriptures to stand on is:

Matthew 25:34-36 *"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'"*

and **James 2:14-17** *"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."*

Look on page 15 to read Kim's Word of Encouragement.

MADE PURE AND HOLY

They don't belong to the world, the same as I don't belong to the world. Make them ready for your service through your truth. Your teaching is truth." *John 17:16-17 (ERV)*

KEY THOUGHT:

God's Word is truth, His goal in giving us his Word. His truth, is not to limit us or restrict us, but to make us pure and holy. We live in the center of God's intention when we open our hearts to his Word and apply that word to our lives through obedience. God's Spirit is at work in transform us into people who are pure and holy—people who are more like Jesus

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Holy God, my loving Father, mold me to be more what you want me to be as I open my heart to your truth and ask that your Spirit transform my will, my actions, and my character. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Word Of Encouragement by Kim Fincher

There is a difference between faith and religion. Religion is constricting and not Holy Spirit filled. Faith here is from God and believes in the spirit of God as alive and guiding. Maybe some will disagree or not understand what I mean by this. That's ok, you can write me and I'll be happy to further explain. Faith is not just something you do on Sundays at church it's a daily lifestyle that requires patient endurance. Faith requires laying your burdens down on the cross of Jesus Christ everyday and asking God to help you and guide you with His divine will and plan which; as it is written, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'* **Jeremiah 29:11**

Maybe you feel like no one can understand you and where you're coming from and you know what, you're right in that no one has seen what you have and felt exactly what you have felt and walked in the same trails as you have or experienced the exact feelings that you have; that's why it's so very important that you tell people your story and once you have given your life to God and accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior then what you are doing is called witnessing. Telling people all that God has delivered you from and what Jesus did for you. Praise God for this great opportunity that we all have! I encourage **YOU** today my sisters and brothers in Christ to lay down all your hearts burdens before the cross of our precious Savior Jesus Christ and ask for the Holy Spirit to

enter into God's creation, that's you, and ask for God's guidance and will for your life today! He is an awesome God who has a greater plan for you and He's waiting to hear from you so that He can bless you with His great love. Call upon Him! *"For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."* **Matthew 11:30**

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A LETTER FROM A NEW READER

"Greetings, I read your FLN for the first time on 10-19-10 and I really loved it, especially the testimonies of other brothers and sisters in Christ. Those testimonies are really a lifter to me. Praise God that someone came with this FLN to the same dorm, who is a believer in the Cross and Finished Work of Christ., He is right across from me, and told me to read these. I really loved them and I pray to

God to continue to give the ministries the financial help and the strength to reach those who are Living On Satan Time, and bring them out of darkness unto our lord Jesus True Light, and for those who have backslidden from God. May your FLN and those powerful testimonies touch deeply into their hearts as it did mine. Thank you and God bless you and loved ones." "Please add me to the mailing list".

Fernando Bautista—Smith Unit-TX.

Thank you so much Fernando, for your encouraging words. You brought a brought a smile to our hearts. God bless you as you continue to grow in the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ—

Mitzi & FLN Team

"CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY" COL.1:27

MY HOPE by Joe Cushman—Mt Olive, VA

How wonderful it is to have the promise from Jesus that He will come back to get us and take us to be with Him where He is forever! Now that is **REAL HOPE!** If we can see our daily provisions against the backdrop of that awesome truth, it sure does put things in perspective!

That's how I get through the day—I'm sentenced to die in this Prison—with out that hope, it would really be a miserable existence.

Not only do I have that promise but I have the awesome privilege of having Jesus by the Holy Spirit living in me and allowing Him to lead me and guide me and council me

each day.

From time to time He gives me the opportunity to share this hope with others and that's when the full benefit comes into play.

How awesome it is to have a living , thriving ,loving, personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

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