



THE KEY

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T.I.M.E for Christ Jail Ministry

Mission: to evangelize and disciple inmates, resulting in a spiritual awakening and an intimate love relationship with Jesus Christ thus empowering them for extended incarceration or a return to society.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I heard a sermon this morning on T.V. and the subject was about mercy. The pastor commented that the hardest thing to do is to be merciful to someone who doesn't deserve it. We can all identify with that. However, when God's servants are called to the jail ministry, that never enters their mind. In fact, they have no idea why an inmate is in jail! Think about this; the **T.I.M.E. for Christ** jail ministry goes to the Bexar County jail not because we are merciful, but Jesus is. "God will have mercy upon whom He will have mercy!" It is not in our DNA to know if someone deserves mercy. We simply aren't equipped to do that! That is why the people serving on the T.I.M.E. team must have a special calling from God. Our team is indwelt with the Holy Spirit and that is how they can exhibit God's mercy to inmates. It is not our team members who decide who should receive the gospel but God who is doing that work. It is not me, serving as Chaplain that knows who will accept Christ. God alone knows whom to call and who will receive Christ as their savior. These folks are passionate to get to the jail and find out if God has a divine appointment for them! It's amazing, but not unusual, how God works through unexpected people and moments.

Several weeks ago, someone who had done some work with the jail ministry, whom I hadn't worked with in years, reached out to my daughter. Even that connection was unusual—my daughter hadn't spoken with her in over 15 years, since they were in a local theater program together. Sarah explained that her brother-in-law, Jim, had been lost in addiction for many years and was currently in the Bexar County Jail. His family had nearly lost hope. Most had stopped talking to him entirely. Still, Sarah felt led to reach out—perhaps as a last-ditch effort—and asked if someone from our ministry could visit him.

I May Only Get One Shot!

continued... At the time, I had just undergone hip replacement surgery. My daughter told Sarah I might not be able to help, but she would see if one of our ministry volunteers could go in my place. Here's where God's timing shows up clearly: my daughter waited over a week before mentioning Jim's situation, trying to let me recover. But the very day she told me, I was hosting a Bible study that one of our volunteers attended, someone who regularly visits the jail and was going that day.

Within the hour, this volunteer was on his way to Bexar County and, by God's grace, was able to locate Jim and bring him up to the 7th floor for a conversation. Our volunteer, who wishes to remain anonymous, went in with one clear mission: to share the Gospel. **He shared that he thought he may only get one shot** with this person! He didn't try to dig into Jim's past or ask what went wrong. Instead, he gently mentioned that Jim's sister-in-law had asked about him and immediately began sharing the message of Jesus—how none of us can save ourselves, how we're all sinners, and how Christ offers us the only true path to salvation. At first, Jim was quiet. He seemed unsure, maybe even confused. But the volunteer continued reading Scripture with him—and slowly, tears began to form in Jim's eyes.

That moment was sacred. Jim hadn't asked to hear the Gospel. But God chased him down—through his sister-in-law, through our ministry, and through a willing volunteer who made himself available.

This is Just the Beginning. We don't know how Jim's story will unfold, but we do know this: he has since signed up for classes, and we are praying that this encounter marks a new beginning in his life. There's no question—God has a plan. When we make ourselves available by supporting the T.I.M.E. Jail Ministry through prayer, financial support or joining the team, then YOU will be used of God in ways you could never imagine. You will know that God has given you His mercy for others like Jim.



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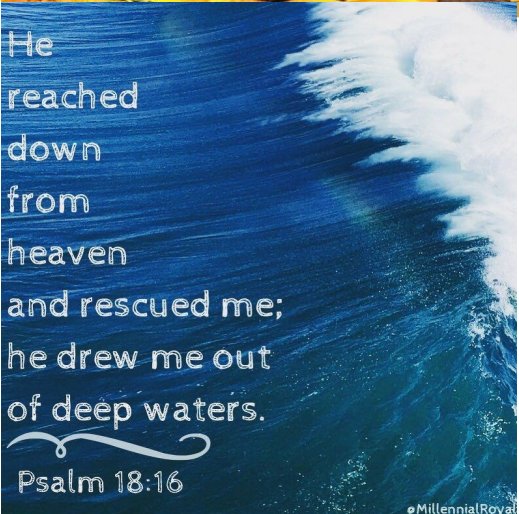
Ways You Can Support the Ministry:

- **Make a one time significant gift**
- **Commit to a regular monthly Donation (pay pal on our website)**
- **Pray for Jim and Pray for us!**



Hebrews 13:3

Continue to remember those in prisons as if you were together with them in prison and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.



God Has a Plan to Reach his Children

God’s plan for the inmates—and for those He uses to touch and transform their lives—is nothing short of miraculous. Recently, a correctional officer approached me with a message from the family of an inmate. They had reached out to let him know that the inmate’s grandmother, who had raised him, was entering hospice care.

This particular inmate had just been sentenced to life in prison due to a series of crimes committed over many years. Because of his status, he wasn’t eligible to participate in any **Time for Christ** classes. However, the guard knew he could bring the inmate to the chaplain’s office so I could deliver the news of his grandmother, personally.

Normally, I wouldn’t have known anything about this inmate, and none of my volunteers could have visited him since he was in a locked-down unit. But miraculously, the guard not only wanted to help; he made it possible. When the inmate arrived, I shared the news about his grandmother. He told me she had taken him to church every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday throughout his childhood. He had a strong knowledge of the Christian faith.

I gently told him it sounded like his grandmother was a true believer—but it didn’t seem like he had a personal relationship with God. It was more head knowledge than heart transformation. As I said this, he began to weep.

I gave him a copy of the Book of John and invited him to read it over the coming week. I told him I’d bring him back to my office weekly to go through it together. Sometimes, God uses the isolation of imprisonment to offer people true freedom in Christ. **TIME for Christ Jail** ministry is here daily to help with these moments.

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