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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 asked God what He would have me to share with you that would show you why the T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry is a picture of the Easter story. I wanted to show you how Jesus comes after his chosen ones no matter the circumstances, or how far they are separated from Him both physically and spiritually. The Holy Spirit gave me the story of Jonah and the *Jail*...I mean the **Whale!** You know the story. Jonah was a prophet of the Hebrew people and God told him to go to Ninevah and tell those Pagen people about the one true God. Jonah wasn't receptive to that calling. He couldn't believe that God would reach out to a people who worshiped false gods. Furthermore, Jonah knew the Hebrew nation were the ones who *deserved* God's favor and forgiveness. Aren't we like that? We want to reach out to that sweet neighbor or kind grandma or certainly someone that was more like us. You know, **good people!** There is no distinction in God's economy. Lost people need Jesus, period! I am just pointing out that it is human nature to say "no" to a ministry that is made up of people that don't seem to deserve God's compassion and forgiveness. Inmates, just like Jonah said, don't deserve our time and money. They cuss. They hurt people. They dishonor every one of the ten commandments! I get it. I am with you, Jonah! He not only said "no" to God, he made a run for it and got on a ship where God had no way of getting him to Ninevah...or so he thought. A big storm came up and Jonah admitted to the sailors that he was being disobedient to God and they had better throw him overboard to escape the wrath of the storm. They were happy to do that and sure enough, the storm was calmed down. I wouldn't say I wanted to run away like Jonah did when God called me to the Jail. I will say it wasn't on my radar to serve him in this way. Like Jonah, God put me on a mission and He would see that I carried it out. Inmates at Bexar County need to hear the Gospel! God was a little more dramatic in the way he got Jonah to obey Him, than how he worked in my life. However, I had to be persuaded in other ways where I knew that I had no choice. Jonah was swallowed by a big fish (maybe a whale!). God caused the fish to vomit him out, after three days and nights inside the fish, onto a shore. Jonah realized God was going to fulfill a mission to a lost population one way or the other! Jonah obeyed God and went to Ninevah. Can you believe the compassion and forgiveness God has to reach the worst of the worst? There was a population of an estimated 120,000 in Ninevah.

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Continued... The bible indicates that the whole population gave up their idols when Jonah told them about the one true God. I sure can't compete with Jonah on those numbers, but God has used me and the T.I.M.E. team to see 12,000 inmates baptized at Bexar County Jail during my 20 years as Protestant Chaplain. Many more had an experience that caused them to accept Christ and I will only know in heaven who they were. He changed how each volunteer sees these folks. They are just lost people. They are blind to the truth of the gospel. It goes against our human nature to love inmates who have lived such ungodly lives. I think Jonah had to see the ugliness of sin, *his sin*, while he was in the darkness inside the big fish. When God rescued him, he came into the light. His eyes were opened to a lost society that God wanted to reach. Do you wonder why God chose to keep Jonah in the belly of the fish three days and three nights? You probably have a good idea because our Savior spent that exact amount of time in the darkness of Hell before he ascended to heaven. The Bible has many examples leading up to the time Jesus would die on the cross for the whole world. That is why we can see God's plan of salvation in every book of the bible. Jesus knows what it is to be separated from God the Father. Most inmates don't know this can be eternity for them if they do not hear the gospel. In fact, most believe there is no hope for God to rescue them from hell. They are blind to this Good News. My hope is that you will reflect on this story of Jonah and accept God's call on your life. Your support is badly needed to keep T.I.M.E. for Christ at the jail. Will you go to Ninevah?





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" And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?" Romans 10:14



REVIVAL

As we begin to transition from the cold, gray days of winter to the new buds of green and the warmth of longer, sunlit days, I'm reminded of the revival that we all long for. God, through nature, inspires us and revives hope in our hearts, just as He does through the Spirit. This is especially important in the dark, often oppressive environment of the jail, where hope can feel distant. One of our volunteer teams which is part of a local church and under the leadership of someone who has done incredible work across the country, approached the Jail Leadership and *TIME for Christ*, with the idea of organizing a special revival inside the jail called *A Day to Remember*. At first, I was skeptical about this effort, we have the way we like to do things with our ministry, and I was stuck in that mode. It's no small feat to bring in special volunteers, set up for a revival day, and handle the necessary security arrangements. It also meant extra guards would be required, and I couldn't help but wonder if the transformation that we prayed for would be real. However, this was not up to me and the Jail administration said yes and we needed to make it happen. So, I began to see a way forward. Those who brought it to us were enthusiastic and *A Day to Remember*, would include the powerful message of the gospel, uplifting praise music (even bringing in incredible musicians from all over to perform and lead worship) and a distribution of the Book of John Bible Study. Inmates would be invited to respond to the call of Christ, to turn their lives over to Him. This has turned into an every other month event with over 300 inmates attending! I could never have imagined its impact. The emotional service itself may not permanently change lives, but I've seen firsthand how God uses these moments to open minds, hearts, and revive spirits. Following these revival events, we have seen a 20% increase in inmates seeking ministry and signing up for discipleship classes. This is not just a coincidence—it is the fruit of God working in unexpected places. I bet you didn't know that true revival is happening right now in the Bexar County Detention Center and that God finds a way to make it happen!

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John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.