



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

Several months ago, I came across this scripture and it reminded me of inmates in jail. I filed it away in the back of my mind, and when I pondered on what to share in this newsletter, the Holy Spirit reminded me of the scripture I had tucked away; "I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction." (Isaiah 48:10) I can tell you that inmates in Bexar County jail feel this affliction, completely alone and cut off from the living God. What they don't know is that God uses suffering to purify, test and prepare them to reveal His presence.

I want to tell you about a young woman who experienced this years ago at Bexar County. Her name is Julia. She had a horrible background and told me she first committed a crime at age 12 by stealing a car. I don't know what offence she was in jail for at this time but one of our team volunteers took some materials to her because she was in "lock down" for fighting. She was in her 20's at that time. When she left the jail, she was saved by encountering Christ through that T.I.M.E. volunteer. She was blessed to be accepted into a Christian residence for women that have been incarcerated. It was a wonderful place to start a new life in Christ. However, in a few weeks she was tempted and fell back into her old life.

Most people view this as a common occurrence when someone is saved in jail. They think, "She wasn't really saved. She was just in a tough spot and went along with the program." Sometimes that is the case. We see it at our own church. A person *walks the aisle* to receive Christ but its just for the moment or an emotional decision, not a call of the Holy Spirit. However, that was not the case with Julia. God had just begun His "good work" in her (Phil. 1:6) and He is a God of second chances, third chances or more! Very quickly, she repented and literally begged the home to reinstate her. This is something they never do, **but God** made it possible for her to reenter the residence. She stayed there many months, learning scripture, learning how to manage a checking account, how to stay "clean" and how to get on the path to a normal life.

"Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light."

Micah 7:8

Continued: We forget that the Bible is full of examples where children of God fall away for a time but with His love and patience, the Father brings them back to Himself. (King David, the Apostle Peter, the Prodigal Son, the Prophet Jonah... and even some who are reading this letter) !

Julia is now in her 40's and has not led a perfect life, but she has never lost her faith in the living God. She has gotten higher education, held high level jobs and now she owns her own business. She serves God in her daily life. God continues to work in her life. We have kept in contact all these years and I can testify to the fact that she is a new creation In Christ. People often look at numbers to see if this ministry is worthwhile. How many are saved? How many are successful? How many are repeat offenders? To be honest, I can't give exact numbers. God has the count. He knew, before the world began who would be purified in that furnace of affliction. There was Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego.

Then there was Julia.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

The Parable of the Sower

One of our volunteers, recently shared how he views his work in the jail through the lens of the **Parable of the Sower** from Matthew 13. This passage reminds us that seeds are scattered widely, but their growth depends on the condition of the soil—just as the Word of God is received differently depending on the openness of each heart.

In his role as a volunteer, this man not only teaches a class to inmates but he responds to requests for books and biblical materials or a bible ; giving him an opportunity for personal interaction. Often, he does not see the outcome. He may never know how the bible is received or how God will use it in someone's life. Yet he understands that his responsibility is simply to make the materials available—to keep them organized and ready to be shared.

He considers it a true honor to plant these seeds alongside the **Time for Christ Jail Ministry** team. As he humbly puts it, he is not doing this work for TCJM, but for God.



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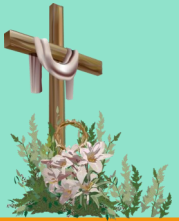
T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry

- Passes out Bibles, Books of John, and Christian Books and is able to get these materials to thousands of inmates like Julia, resulting in transformation.
- Over \$400,000 worth of materials, volunteers and services are brought to the ministry through “in-kind” donations administered through the chaplain services funded by your donations. *Your donation is quadrupled!!!!*



1 Peter 1:3

“He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...”



Equipping Disciples Behind Bars:

The **T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry** serves inmates at the Bexar County Detention Center with intention to share the Gospel and make disciples, even within a limited window of time. Some classes focus on introducing the plan of salvation, recognizing that many inmates may only attend once or a few times. For those who remain longer while awaiting trial, the ministry offers deeper Discipleship classes designed to build a strong foundation in Scripture, faith, and the history of Christianity.

One of our volunteers of 10 years, is one of the leaders investing in this long-term discipleship. A local teacher by profession and a graduate of Seminary, he brings both knowledge and passion into the classroom. He teaches topics such as the history and core beliefs of the Christian faith, including the Trinity and the **life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ**. Many of the men are surprised and encouraged to learn how these foundational truths were carefully established and passed down through history.

But the goal goes beyond knowledge. Our volunteer’s mission is to equip the men to become teachers themselves. Using the model found in 2 Timothy 2:2, he encourages them to pass on what they have learned to others. His teaching approach follows the pattern of Ezra 7:10—“**Study, Practice, Teach.**” Inmates not only learn Bible stories, but also practice sharing them. They stand before their peers and teach, often for the first time in their lives. For many, who have struggled in school or never imagined themselves in a leadership role, this experience is transformative.

Through intentional discipleship, these men are being equipped not only for personal growth, but to bring hope and truth back into their pods—multiplying the impact of the Gospel, one life at a time. We are continually amazed at the diversity and quality of insight our inmate students get while they are in jail! God is good!

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