



THE KEY

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T.I.M.E FOR CHRIST JAIL MINISTRY



The Chaplains Corner
Ted White

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There is a time for everything...

Many people who support this ministry are looking for a “miracle story” every time they get the *T.I.M.E.* Newsletter. I have learned that most of the time I will not get to know the results of our ministry when an inmate is released or even goes on to prison. Sometimes, however, God lets me see some results over a period of time. That way I cannot take “credit” for it! We have a multitude of teachers so I am not the only one sharing the message of Christ. All are dedicated to seeing inmates saved. You would think all of us would get discouraged because we too want to see that big salvation story in our classroom. That, however, is not how God works. He says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that there is a **time** for everything. How people are saved may seem random but it is not because God has a plan. The experience of going to jail is in God’s plan. That may sound harsh but sometimes, God has to box us in to get our attention. God appoints each moment to allow all of us to hear the Gospel message. Sometimes it is just a first glimpse and will take other events, people and places for our inmates to begin to be moved toward salvation. We must be content with God’s sovereignty in all this. Recently one of my teachers who has been going to the jail for years shared how God let him get a peek at the T.I.M.E. results. His car battery had gone down and he waited while it was replaced. He had a Christian book with him and passed the time reading it. The technician told him, “That’s a good book.” Our chaplain-teacher told him that he was a teacher at Bexar County Jail and this book was given out when we give out a Bible. The technician said, “That is where I got mine...when I was in jail. Do you know Chaplain White? He came all the way down from the 7th floor to my POD (living space) to give me a Bible. I still have it and I am still reading it.” When I heard this, I didn’t know the man or how he reacted to getting a Bible at that time. It had occurred years before. The man who visited with the technician told me one thing more. The former inmate had met a fellow on the “street” that shared Christ with him before he went to jail. He Admitted he had done a lot of wrong things. God had to allow him to take another step (jail) where he would get the message again! Those who support this ministry have to understand it is God’s work and His timing. We are just part of His plan.

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NASB)



I want to encourage you with the hope of this ministry when I close with Paul’s words in the second chapter of Philippians....*if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose....*that is to support the T.I.M.E. Jail Ministry with prayer and the assurance of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What are we doing in the Jail Now?

- We continue to try to bring back our services into the Jail in the way we served, Pre-Covid
- We are adding 1 to 2 classes a week and the **jail administration is working towards allowing classes into the living quarters. This is a major turn of events.** The Chaplain/Ted started doing this originally when he started the ministry but hasn’t been able to do that in a long time. He has the experience and even equipment to start doing this!
- Pray for this because the jail system has taken over a lot of the classrooms in order to host Zoom Court Hearings.
- We are seeking teachers (women especially) to do this teaching in what is called the women’s Annex.



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

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

Philippians 1:6 I am sure of this, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



God Continues to Show Us His Work in Unexpected Ways

As part of our ministry, we also try to direct those we serve to nonprofits that may be able to provide the types of resources they need after incarceration; this is referred to as re-entry. This is a really important component of work with people who have been in the jail system. My daughter works for one of the nonprofits that we refer clients to. Now, hearing a story of a client talking about our ministry or how their life might have changed through one of these referrals would not be that unusual. We are pleased to hear of these things too but I believe God reveals his work through us in even more miraculous ways.

I received a text from my daughter, Dawn, that one of her employees was to attend an event with her and that she and her husband picked up the employee along with her employee's boyfriend. This was a fundraising event for a local nonprofit. As they rode together to the event, her employee's boyfriend whispered something to his girlfriend and she said, "Oh yes, tell Dawn!"

This was the first time that my daughter, had met the boyfriend, that we will call Sam. Sam shared that he had been in the Bexar County Jail over 7 years ago and that Chaplain Ted White and the T.I.M.E. ministry had helped him turn his life over to Christ. He was fortunate to have a loving family to return to, upon release. He had achieved recovery and despite his criminal history, he was now, not only doing well, but working in Ministry through a nonprofit/recovery organization, helping others to overcome addiction.

What are the odds that my daughter would hire a young woman, who would then meet an inmate we served, and that he would now be in ministry himself and riding with her to attend an event to support another Christian nonprofit organization?!?! No accident.

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