



Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Who would want to save me?

This beautiful woman stood in front of a group of folks sharing her testimony. She had been mingling with the attendees at the **Time for Christ Jail ministry** brunch hosted at the home of Chaplain Ted White. When she came up to speak, attendees may have thought she was a volunteer or staff. Her beautiful smile and enthusiasm was genuine and polished. Then she shared that she was born to a mother who was a heroin addict and a family that was involved in a cult. When she found herself in the Bexar County Jail, she said she was one of those people you might have been scared of, if you passed them by on the street. She had been addicted to drugs, had tried to rob a drug store with the hopes of getting money for drugs or being arrested. She was exhausted, physically ill, and out of hope. She shared that she immediately had to be treated for a serious heart ailment and wondered why the doctor would want to save her. But God had another plan. This incarceration, the time to heal, and rest opened her mind and soul to another path and it was here that she met Jesus. By the end of her testimony there wasn't a dry eye in the room. You see she was now a successful leader in the community, healthy, married, and helping others.

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As a businessman or woman, a homemaker or anyone involved with the demands of daily life, would you ever imagine going to the jail –Bexar County Detention Center- to get peace and quiet? I spoke with one of my volunteer counselor/teachers this morning and that is exactly what he said. He told me that when he tells people he is going to the jail, he gets one of those “looks” like that is the last place a person would ever want to go! However, this man has a mission and a message for the inmates he will see that day. He goes twice a week and he says it is the best two days of his week. He finds real peace going where he knows God is sending him. He doesn't worry that he might not have all the answers or that someone will not receive Jesus that day because his message wasn't all it should be, he just puts all that in God's hands. He knows it is God at work, not him. That made me think of one of the inmates in a class I taught. He was burley, probably 250 lbs. and even had a cocked eye that made him look menacing. You wouldn't want to get cross ways with him. He didn't fit the picture for someone in a bible class. Still, that day the class had gotten a bit unruly; everyone wanted to talk. This inmate stood up and said “All right, let's settle down and listen to what the Chaplain has to say. **He was the peacemaker!** Mr. Intimidator! I had a chance to talk to him one -on -one later and I asked what had made a difference in his life. He said, “It was the craziest thing. I was in my bunk, late at night and I just felt the oil of the Holy Spirit pour over me. I wasn't looking for this to happen but it did. I gave my life to Christ. Now I am going to classes to learn more”. He found peace with God because of the peace of God. Whether you are the one sharing the message or the one receiving it, jail just might be the place to find the peace of God that passes all understanding. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you”. John 14:27a

Continued... It would seem that she would not have been someone, anyone would have felt was worthy of saving or even possible to save, but God had another plan! What if no one had been there to tell her about Jesus? What if she did not get to experience the hope of a new life? What if the world, those she helped, her friends, and family did not have her in their life? What if?

Our Mission is 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.



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The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; Isaiah 61:1



Graduation Day

You may not know this but the TFCJM Chaplain also oversees volunteers and those that want to bring their religious materials and teachers into the Bexar County Jail. This role is essential for the well-being of the inmates and the assurance that very vulnerable inmates are given the true Gospel of grace.

Graduation Day! The month of May is often a time for graduation and celebration for many. It is a time to celebrate all that one has learned and take that knowledge to the next level of learning or out into the world to start a new journey. Many of our inmates are only with us for a short time so there isn't that feeling of graduation; we may just be a beginning for them. However, for those who have an extended stay or may be awaiting trial this is an opportunity for meaningful discipleship. These **discipleship classes** provide an opportunity for the *Time for Christ Jail Ministry* volunteers to mentor, disciple, and teach the inmates; to empower them for their life upon release, in the jail or in prison if they are convicted. This powerful component of the jail ministry means that lives are changed with a very deep and rich knowledge of the Bible as a source for strength and hope. So, **Graduation Day** does occur during almost every month of the year in the Bexar County Jail as our discipleship graduates take their knowledge and new life into their next journey.

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