



March Roars in like a Lion

So Fierce,

The wind so cold,

It seems to Pierce,

The month rolls on,

And Spring draws near,

And March goes out,

Like a Lamb so dear.

A Letter from an Inmate

Like March roaring in like a Lion, this inmate letter shows that many come in roaring but hope is not lost and they leave like a lamb so dear....

Hello! On November 6th, I surrendered my life truly to God! My grandmother passed away that same day and I had held a grudge against her. My mother had urged me to go see her, but I didn't. My mom told me my grandmother was holding on because of me. Well, I didn't care. I was lost in darkness. Little did I know she passed away on the day I was cleansed from sin when I asked for forgiveness, in Jail! I found out in a letter that my grandmother had died and I cried for two hours. Then it hit me. Why was I mourning? I should be happy because I had found God! And God saved me. My whole life I had been in darkness, but God waited patiently for me to come to Him. I felt like Job but the opposite is true. The devil told God that I would stay in darkness and that I would not pray to Him but I did!

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER — TED WHITE

"I have never heard this before. Why hasn't anyone told me this before?" This is a very common statement when an inmate attends one of the classes offered by the **T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry** at Bexar County Detention Center. These classes are attended by inmates who have put in a request to attend a class. Most have an idea of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and some have even entered into a relationship with Jesus. In these classes however, the Word of God is opened up to them and they begin to understand the significance of Salvation. For a group of people who have lived a hopeless life, they are blown away with this "good news". A man or woman who *knows* the depth of sin that has occurred in their lives and then learn the truth of Galatians 2:20 that Christ actually lives out His life in the believer, is dumbfounding. Our teaching at the jail emphasizes that the believer exchanges his life for the life of Christ. We call this the "exchanged life". We teach them positional sanctification, which is their position before God. They are holy and set apart before God! Even the ones, who had come to jail as believers had no hope and lived failed lives in society. They simply did not know that they have the power or the "Full Armor" that is available to them, the Word of God. The volunteer teachers and I, then see some of these inmates dive head first into the Bible. They can't get enough. They request "study Bibles" so they can go deeper! The enthusiasm I see at the jail for the knowledge of Truth bypasses what I have seen over the years in the churches on the outside. Many people say, "Oh, these inmates are just trapped there and find it as an outlet to go to classes". Well, praise God for that. In Jeremiah 29, God offers a promise. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". (NIV) Inmates have lived in the cold winds of March, but when they come to jail, God brings the promise of spring into their lives.... the living Christ! Amen.

His Alone, Ted White, Chaplain

Continued...The devil fails miserably every day he attacks me and my family because I am in the light now. I can share Christ with my family and friends and as many people as I can by God using me and my heart and the Holy Spirit to teach others.

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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- **500 weekly Chaplaincy requests**
- **720 Baptisms a year**
- **104 monthly classes**
- **70 volunteers**

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:11 NIV



Easter brings in the promise of a new beginning; a story of grace and redemption that many of our inmates have never heard and don't believe they deserve. We all stand at the cross broken. In the jail our failure is most evident but our redemption is glorious!

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A Captive Audience

Often people criticize or doubt the value of a jail ministry for many reasons. They are judgmental about those we serve but more often the fact that we have "a captive audience". In other words a group of people that may not really care about what we are sharing; the conversion is doubted, the ministry is not valued. Are folks really getting "saved"? The thing is that we all become captive audiences to the message whether we are children raised in a loving Christian home, a student who meets a youth leader who transforms their life, an adult broken by a bad marriage or..... God has a plan for our lives and those finding themselves in Jail or captive to a message at just the right time can be transformed. One of those "captives" was "Peter". He had spent much of his youth in juvenile detention centers and had been arrested more than 17 times when he found himself "captive" in the Bexar County jail in his late 30's. He was broken and would seem like someone for whom there was no hope. He came to the Time for Christ Jail Ministry on his own and began participating in discipleship classes and this was God's time for him. Today Peter is a successful businessman, a leader in his church and is a powerful witness to the miracle that true salvation can bring. Sure he was a "captive" and he still is! He has surrendered his life to the Lord!

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