



“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 18:3

God is always speaking, but many times we are too busy to listen. Everyday there are many things trying to get our attention. When the men come to prison they have time to think about their lives and look back over their past. Some of them start to recognize how God had been trying to get their attention, but they were too preoccupied with the stresses of life. James 4:8 says, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” Prison is a place where they can reflect on their lives and draw near to God!

Gib went through a divorce a few years ago which was very difficult for him. He said, “I didn’t take time to listen to God before I came to prison. When I look back over my life, I can remember those who witnessed to me. I had to be broken by coming to prison to realize that all the good advice and instructions my father gave me now makes sense. The Lord has changed my life!”

At the church service I noticed Jack wiping his eyes when we were singing praises to the Lord. While Pastor Greg was preaching, he continued to wipe his eyes. When I talked with him the next day Jack said, “I felt like the Lord was speaking directly to me! I was leaning ahead looking at the floor and every time I looked up Pastor Greg was looking at me. I felt he was speaking directly to me. I was raised attending church, but I didn’t pay attention. At eleven years old

my grandma was brutally killed, and I saw her body. I never could deal with it. Now I realize God is calling me to follow Him. When I think about following Jesus there is peace and joy in my heart.” Jack was ready to trust Jesus Christ and ask the Lord to forgive him for his sins. Praise God for the lovingkindness, patience, and healing that He brings!

When Jake got arrested, he asked God to change his life! He prayed, “God, I don’t know Who You are, but please change me and go with me to prison.” Jake went on to say, “I didn’t know who I was praying to, I didn’t even know for sure if He was real. I noticed things starting to change for me, Today I was so full of anxiety, so I said, “God if You are real, please calm my nerves! Then I saw a Christian book on my table, and I read about 100 pages without stopping. Before I knew it, my door opened, and it was time to eat. Then you called for me to come to your office.” I explained the gospel to Jake, and he said he believed everything and trusted Christ as his Savior! Jake went on to say that he was hungry to learn as much as he could.

While Wade works in the dining area, he visits with some of the men during meals. He has given me over a dozen names of men who want Bibles. I am thankful for Wade and his zeal for getting God’s Word distributed!

Please pray for the staff because some of them are required to work long hours. Thank you for your prayers, financial gifts, and encouraging notes! You all are a blessing!

In Christ, Harlan

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