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"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul." Psalm 23:1-3

Often it is easier to trust in what we see than what we can't see. Especially now as we see the war going on with Russia against Ukraine! One thing we can do for Ukraine is to pray for them. We have no idea what is going to happen next. Focusing on God's promises rather than what we see, will bring us comfort! We know that God is in control. When we have Jesus Christ as our Shepherd we are in good hands! We are never outside of His care! A promise I remind the inmates who know the Lord is from Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Many feel abandoned, not only by friends and family, but by God as well!

One of the blessings at the prison is a Bible study I am allowed to have with the Administrative Segregation inmates. These inmates are in segregation for up to a year depending on their behavior. These men must be handcuffed to the table they sit at during the Bible study. It has been a blessing because they are serious about being there. Jay, who I have visited with for over 12 years, gave a good testimony. He talked about what life was like for him on the streets. It had been very abusive for him, and when he was in his early teens he joined a gang, then was homeless, and ended up in prison. It took about 20 years in prison before he was tired of living his sinful lifestyle. In the last year, I have seen growth in Jay. He went on to say that Jesus is his Lord, and he is

done listening to all the negative music and gossip that goes on around him. I told him he could be a good witness some day because of what Christ has done in his life! His face brightened when he heard that!

As I was walking on the tiers Fred, who I have known for some years, stopped me and told me that he wanted to visit with me in the office one on one. He had been in and out of prison over many years. Now he is doing another long sentence. He claims he is an atheist, and he can't believe in someone who he cannot see. I asked him, "How is that working for you?" Fred admitted it was not working for him. I gave him the book, "Club Meth to Christ." Pray for Fred that he will come to find peace in his life through Jesus Christ!

One man who I visit weekly is a well-studied Christian. He is growing in his faith. He has written a testimony about how people can know Christ as their Savior. He told me a few weeks ago that he was taken to segregation for three days for a minor issue. He said it was very humiliating and he was wondering why God would allow this to happen to him. He said God started to deal with him during his isolation. He went on to say, "I did not know it, but God began to reveal my pride to me. It was pride on how much Bible knowledge I had attained. It was pride about the paper I had written on how to come to Christ. Man, I now realize I needed to be isolated so God could get my attention!" What a Great Shepherd Jesus is Who tenderly cares for His own!

Thank you for your prayer and financial support! God's Word will not return void!

In Christ, Harlan

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