



"But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Matthew 13:8

The Good Shepherd goes after the one lost sheep and brings it into His fold! We do not know who will trust Christ as their Savior. Our part is to sow the seed of the gospel, not knowing if the seed is falling on good soil or stony ground. Hebrews 4:12 tells us of the power of the Word of God, which touches the very heart of our being! Ecclesiastes 3:11 says that God put eternity in everyone's heart. How awesome is our God!

I had the privilege of filling in for a pastor who usually does the Thursday afternoon Bible study at Unit C (minimum unit). I knew one of the men who attended from three years ago when I stopped by his cell in Administrative Segregation. He was not interested in Christianity, but sometimes he would take some Christian literature. Now he is excited about Jesus and studying the Bible! He said, "I can't believe how my thinking has changed from how I used to think, but I have a long way to go." What a change from when I knew him before. Isaiah 55:11 says, "So shall My word that goes out from My mouth, it shall not return to Me empty."

I had the opportunity to visit an inmate in the hospital several times. The first time he was not responsive, so I said a prayer for him before I left. The second time he was more responsive, and told me how much he appreciated my prayers and visits. The third time he told me, "I know it was the prayers and God's

timing in getting me to the hospital on time that saved my life. When I get back to the prison, I will be telling everyone how God saved my life, through the prayers that were prayed for me. Thank you so much for visiting me and praying for me!" God shows His power in many different circumstances!

Joe was really depressed as he thought about his life of 50 years. Joe was born into a difficult situation. His mother was a prostitute, and he did not know his father. When he was seven years old his mother was murdered in a tragic way. He went into foster homes until he was 15, when his uncles picked him up and told him, "You are old enough to come with us and help us with our business." Their business was dealing drugs. From that time on he was in a lot of trouble and saw many bad things happen. Joe stated, "I should not be alive, and I do not understand why God kept me alive. I cannot understand why God would allow anyone to go through all the bad things I have experienced in my life. I have no doubt there is a God, but I don't understand Him." We talked about sin and the bad things it causes people to do. We conversed about how God works in our lives today, and that God had protected him many times from death. Joe acknowledged that he had to surrender it all to the Lord. Joe prayed for God to forgive him for all the sins he had committed. He said he felt like a burden was lifted from him. Praise God for His sustaining protection, and the power to change lives!

Please pray for more prison staff to be hired. Thank you for your prayers and financial support! You are a blessing!

In Christ,

Harlan

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