



***In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will. Ephesians 1:11-12***

God is always at work whether we see it or not. Time has a way of working things out, and it is interesting to see God at work. We would like to see things happen quickly after we pray, but God is not in a hurry. It is in the struggles of life that God is molding and shaping us into His image. If He answered all our prayers immediately we would miss out on the deeper things God has for us. There is the story of a man who was watching a bird come out of it's shell. He felt sorry for the bird because of the struggle it was going through to break out. So he helped take away some of the shell. When the bird came out it could not fly because it did not build its strength from the struggle of breaking out of the shell. Praise the Lord that He is with us in the middle of the storm as He was with the men in the furnace of fire in the book of Daniel.

A few weeks ago there was a Sunday service in Sioux Falls for released inmates. I invited Dan who has been out of prison about eight years. While sitting there, Dan saw Jason sitting in the row ahead of us. After the service Dan introduced himself to Jason.

Dan apologized to Jason about how he had treated him when they both were in the Springfield prison about 12 years ago. At that time Dan did not know the Lord and now after Dan saw Jason again he realized how he had disrespected this man. God is always at work and brings about reconciliation!

I had a surprise when a man released from prison appeared at the church I attend. He said he wanted to surprise me. I never did get a response from him during the three months during covid when I wrote him letters while he was in prison. When asked about the letters, he said, "I am not a good letter writer, but the letters you sent were very encouraging to me." We don't always see the results of our ministry, but if we know the Lord has called us to do something, He is working it out for good!

It is difficult for many of these men who are released from prison because they don't have a good family foundation. They can confess Christ in prison but most of the people they know when they are released are bad company. Jim came back to prison for the third time because he had been caught using drugs again. As we talked he remembered things we had talked about in February. Sometimes change is slow but God is at work even when we don't see it immediately.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

In Christ,  
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