

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER *September, 2021*



"But now that you have been set free from sin, and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life." Rom. 6:22

Sanctification is the process of becoming more like Christ. I realize that sanctification in my life comes mainly through difficult times. The good thing is that the Lord is with us to help us grow in our faith, for without Him we can do nothing. It is great to see God working in the lives of the men behind the walls!

I have visited with Jason many times since he has been in prison. He has slipped a few times in his Christian walk and has ended up in segregation. About six weeks ago I gave him a book by Chip Ingram titled, "Yes, You Can Really Change." In the past few visits with him, he was telling me how much this book has made him think about how to grow in the Christian life. The last time I visited with Jason he was excited to tell me what he read in the book. The author said that as a Christian we are all a part of a bigger picture, the Kingdom of God. Chip explains the importance of growing in community with other Christians. Jason talked with his brother on the phone explaining to him about the importance of Christian community and getting involved in that community. His brother got excited because he had never heard Jason talk with such enthusiasm. Now his brother was encouraged to find a good church so he can be part of the bigger picture, the Kingdom of God! All of this made Jason thankful that he could be a good influence on his on his younger brother!

I wrote about Jim in last month's newsletter.

He is now coming to all the Christian services. I let him open the Bible study with reading a Bible passage and prayer. I asked him to explain why he picked the Bible passage he did in Zephaniah about the great Day of the Lord. He told me that he wanted the men to think about Christ's return. Jim talked for about five minutes and after he was finished, the 27 inmates clapped and thanked him for his word! At the next week Bible study, I let him talk for a half-hour. He is very knowledgeable about the Bible, and he knows how to give the glory to God. The men took him very seriously. Jim has a passion for the souls of men in prison. He is praying for a great moving of the Holy Spirit among the men in prison!

One of the men who has been in mental health for many years sometimes gets discouraged. He feels he does not see any results from his being good. Last week he told me he was giving up on God because God didn't care about him. He said, "I have been good for eight months and I still do not see any benefit from it. I don't want to talk about God." I told him that God does love him and so do I. When I came back the next week, he was still upset but he said, "I can't give up on God because He is the only one who cares for me beside you." He went on to say, "I know you care because you sent me letters when you couldn't come in because of covid last year. We had a good prayer time together.

It is a blessing to come alongside the men and walk with them through their difficulties. The Lord is growing them up in the grace and knowledge of the truth.

Thank you for your support! You are a blessing!

In Christ,

Harlan

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