

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them." *Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)*

Jesus Loves the Prisoner

Jesus said that if one should visit a prisoner, then it is as if that one had visited Him. (Matt.25:36) Why is a prisoner so important to Jesus? Is it because He knows that the experience of incarceration brings the soul down to the pit of loneliness, heaviness, and despondency? Although a prison complex may house more than one or two thousand inmates and a staff of one or two hundred people, although there is always loud chatter and the constant blare of radios, yet the soul feels forlorn, forsaken, and alone. Jesus knows that intense sense of abandonment.

As Jesus began to travel and minister, it was written that He "did not commit Himself to them, because...He knew what was in man." (John 2:24, 25) John stated that "He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him." (John 1:11) In other words, He was here as a "loner." He would disappear for long periods by himself and visit with His Father in prayer. He never settled down in a home nor had a wife. The scriptures express it this way, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." (Luke 9:58) Jesus knows what it is to be alone, rejected, and without roots.

In addition, the religious establishment attempted to pressure Him to conform to their rules and eventually put a price on His head. They ran Him through "kangaroo courts" and got him a death sentence. As He traveled the road toward the cross, the Bible describes His mood. "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful" (Matt 26:38) "Reproach (rejection) has broken my heart and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none." (Psalm 69:20)

"There is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul." (Psalm 142:4) The prophet Isaiah said of Him, "He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief and we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised and we did not esteem Him." (Isaiah 53:3) At the end on the cross, Jesus cries out "Father, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46)

A prisoner is special to Jesus because He knows just how you are feeling. He reflected upon His plight, just as you do during those long restless nights. It is said that tears dampened His bed. And so, He is a friend that "sticks closer than a brother. Therefore...cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you. (I Peter 5:7) He specifically gives you an invitation: "Come unto Me, all of you who are heavy laden, and I will give rest to your souls. Take My yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for your soul." (Matt 11:28)

(This short article goes to every enrolled student.)

Thankful: Jesus Loves Me -

"... with all the saints... to know **the love of Christ** which passes knowledge;" *Eph. 3:18-19 NKJV*

"I live by faith in **the Son of God, who loved me** and gave Himself for me." *Gal. 2:20 NKJV*

"... having loved His own who were in the world, **He loved them to the end.**" *John 13:1 NKJV*

"...**To Him who loved us** and washed us from our sins in His own blood..." *Rev. 1:5 NKJV*

The Bible tells me so. Happy Thanksgiving!

OUR MISSION

To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in TX, LA, MS, NM, and IA through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses that are free, postpaid, and volunteer counseled.

In Honor of

ESTHER ROBINSON – *Office Manager at Garland; 89th Birthday on November 15*

Gift from: Pam and Jim McKissick

GOD IS GOOD

“A miracle happened! Eight years ago, I got sick and subsequently went to the hospital. I returned to find my Bible studies were missing from my packed-up property. Last week a dear Christian brother, who was on my dorm eight years ago, found my Bible studies in my emptied-out cubicle and picked them up to hold for me. He got moved too, but he had faith he’d see me again and kept my Write-Way stuff all these years. He gave them to me yesterday! Wow! I’m so joyful to be able to write you and say, ‘God is Good.’ Jesus has never left me, and although I’ve been through the furnace of affliction (several times), I’m not burned and don’t smell like smoke!” *Peter*

THANKS FOR EQUIPPING ME

“I would like to thank Emmaus Worldwide for all the nurturing in God’s Word that has made an impact with my spiritual growth. These studies through Emmaus have not only expanded my knowledge of God’s Word, they have also given me the tools that I need in order to spread the gospel more effectively in truth. My prayers go out to all the staff at Emmaus and to those receiving the Word through Emmaus. Thanks for equipping me so I can give back as a wise servant.” *Donald*

BIBLE STUDY OVER THE PHONE

“I pray daily to go home and be with my family. I’m still here. What He has done, however, is allowed me and my sons to have weekly Bible study over the phone. I have seen their walk grow so much since my incarceration!” *Kasey*

BY THE NUMBERS

	October 2024	YTD 2024	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	3,057	3,061	avg
Enrollees - <i>Born To Win</i>	273	2,856	
Professions of Faith	4	49	
Course Books Mailed	2,061	21,536	
Course Exams Completed	1,213	13,451	
Graduates 72+ units	13	68	
Program Gifts and Expenses			
Expenses:	\$15,267.43	\$127,634.02	
Postage:	\$4,553.18	\$45,919.29	
Courses:	\$7,258.84	\$39,590.35	
Staff support:	\$1,726.00	\$9,345.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$4,532.25	
Paper/Envelopes	\$0.00	\$5,906.86	
Other:	\$1,729.41	\$22,339.64	
Donations:	\$11,046.25	\$95,138.62	
Acct Dividends	\$1,857.86	\$16,762.15	
NET:	(\$2,363.32)	(\$15,733.25)	

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Emmaus Worldwide now has their studies in 32 languages on an app for phones and tablets. Go to <https://emmaus-app.com>. Scripture references are in NIV or ESV.

VERY REWARDING

“Thank you for taking your time to review my work. I really enjoyed this Bible study and I found it very rewarding. Thank you for all that you do to make these courses available to me. I pray that God blesses you and this ministry as you both have already blessed me.” *Garrett*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“Thanks for everything you all do for us prisoners. I want you to know God loves you so very much for the hard work you do daily. Your Bible studies are teaching me so much new stuff. Thanks for your time and effort. You are really making a difference in this dark world.” *Ray*

BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE

“I sure do enjoy doing these Bible study correspondence courses work. I pray God Almighty will continue to bless each and every one of you.” *Steve*