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Dear Friends in Christ,

It's 2022. We are back in the Garden of Gethsemane. And we are about to let our beautiful Jesus be crucified all over again. We have gone to sleep. And our nation — which we once called *one nation under God* - perishes.

10% of His own have betrayed Him. The other 90% have gone to sleep, knowing:

- —Jesus walked on water
- —Raised the dead
- —Was crucified & resurrected
- —Returned to Heaven
- —Left us with His command, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Already we scarcely recognize the eternal significance of His words to His disciples in Gethsemane, Watch and pray with me; my betrayer comes; soon it will be too late.

Then as now, many who could defend Him sleep on. The wishful Elijah's and Jeremiah's, Zechariah's and Micah's do not preach to the lost or wandering sheep with

warnings, but lull them to sleep with comforting words.

Yet among the least today there are still a few giants of faith. Pastors whose messages will not put their parishioners to sleep. These are those who remind us that, though we have the freedom to choose whose side we shall be on, we do not have the opportunity to negotiate the results of our choice once Christ returns.

"In the moral conflict now raging around us, whoever is on God's side is on the winning side and cannot lose; whoever is on the other side is on the losing side and cannot win. Here there is no chance, no gamble. There is freedom to choose which side we shall be on but no freedom to negotiate the results of the choice once it is made. . . .

We must all choose . . .

Our choice is our own, but the consequences of the choice have already been determined by the sovereign will of God, and from this there is no appeal." (A.W. Tozer)

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STAND UP FOR JESUS

—- REMEMBER —-

It only took twelve to change the whole world~!



What a wonder it is that God is able to work in our individual hearts in such a way that the results are the same. That is, though each of us may have committed different sins, He is yet willing to save all who come through His boundless grace and endless love and give us a place in His heavenly "army:"

"I heard about you from another guy and it's great you help people out the way you do. God's been impacting me in a way where I actually care for people. Putting other people before myself would have been impossible without God. It's incredible how He works on your heart. . . . I'm free, because Jesus' blood covers all of my sins. Anyway, I would like a KJV Study Bible and books by E. M. Bounds. I had a bible but lost it because I was transferred from another state and couldn't bring it with me. ... Thank you so much for all the help."

I don't remember how it came about, but months ago we received a dozen free books by the unlikely (but oh, so true) title of "Life is Messy." After looking them over, we sent them on out to inmates. One responded. Here's what he had to say:

"'Life is Messy' came at one of the worst times of my life. I was at my lowest in prison, in a

one man cell because I just couldn't see any light. I was in dire need of direction. I read the book through and . . . put it on the table and forgot about it. I had started praying and trying to understand and make sense of my situation. I was reading the Bible and Our Daily Bread and asked God to please speak to me—I need your help. I can't do this. I picked 'Life is Messy' back up and started reading again. And the Lord spoke to me through that whole book and guided me back to sanity and most importantly to Him. . . . "

I'll never figure out God! Not long ago an inmate sent us the following letter. We didn't have the devotional he wanted, but we sent him a large print bible, an excellent book (Power in Praise by Merlin Carothers) and Gene's book. Less than two weeks later, I found the exact devotional he requested at Habitat for Humanity, where I check their used book section from time to time. It was as spiffy as new and cost only 50 cents!!—How tender is His love!!—

"I am in prison for several drug convictions. I have made the decision to change my life and stop running from God and embrace His love. During my life I've experienced many losses and near death experiences. In 1998 I lost my 14 year old brother; I was 11. After he died, I kind of went wild. (Eventually) I dropped out of school, and while I was on my way to prison my momma died of an overdose. After that I didn't care about life much so I picked up where I left off after I got out of prison. Now here I am again, 34 years old, 3 kids and tired. I want to change. I started talking about God to a man here in prison and we were reading his devotional. But he got transferred. So now I'm writing hoping you will be able to get this book. If you can, would you please send it to me? . . . Thank you so much...."

Short and honest, and oh so very sad:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am writing to request a Bible. Also please pray for the men here. The temptations are many and the enemy is hard at work. God bless you for your support. So many here feel forgotten and have great despair."

"Can you imagine the love God has for a child He has carried so long in the womb of His eternal purpose? He showed us how much a soul is worth by the price He paid. It cost him dearly. He spent His Son's blood to purchase you, and He will spend His power to keep you." W. Gurnall



"God is faithful. If we are
faithless, He
remains faithful, for He
cannot deny
Himself."
2 Tim. 2:13

"Don't be anxious." He is always waiting for us to come back.

GOD WILL LET YOU WALK
INTO UNCOMFORTABLE
SITUATIONS WHERE ALL YOU
CAN DO IS RELY ON HIM.

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HE'S ABOUT TO SHOW YOU
HE IS FAITHFUL.

The books the following inmate mentioned are also two of my favorites. We have now sent him both:

"Greetings and God bless you, Voice of Triumph! I read 'A Visual Walk Through Genesis' by Stephen Miller and loved the book! I would love it if you would also send me his other book: 'A Quick Guided Tour Through the Bible.' Thank you so much!"

Anything of value tends to disappear in prison. But we're happy to replace any thing that pertains to the Lord—

"Grace and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for the nice Bible dictionary and book you sent me. I will definitely use the dictionary in my studies. I am writing you today to see if you could send me a Bible concordance. My last one walked away. Thank you for this blessing. I pray it is returned to you a hundred times over. Your brother in Christ, Paul"

It troubles me to receive a letter such as this next one. This is a huge facility and yet they do not have a library. I found the email address for the Captain (he's THE man in charge) and sent him an email volunteering to help fill in the gap (i.e. provide them with Christian bibles and books)—

"I'm incarcerated in Georgia where we do not have a library. I was referred to your organization by another ministry (that does not send books directly to prisoners). I am in search of spiritual books that will further my understanding of the unseen supernatural world. I am a believer in Jesus, and any resources you may provide is greatly appreciated."

Temptations to stray from Christ are to be found in barrooms, ballrooms and board rooms. But no place are temptations so obvious as in prisons and jails:

"... I'm writing for a book called I'm Gonna Bury You and any other materials you may be able to send me. I'm picking up my journey with Christ, and it's hard to stay positive in such a dark place. Anything you have is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance."

Inmates seem to be as familiar (in some cases even more so) with the various versions of the Bible as a lot of Christians out here on the street:

"I need a King James Bible. I am trying to get one and have had no luck. Please help me. Also I am interested in Dr. Neill's autobiography I'm Gonna Bury You. I am working to become a preacher anywhere God leads me and all the help you are able to offer me is greatly appreciated...."



In the living, breathing Cosmos there is a mysterious Something too wonderful, too awful, for any mind to understand. The believing man does not claim to understand. He falls to his knees and whispers, "GOD." A. W. Tozer

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There could not be many occupations more demanding than that of a prison chaplain. Although I've talked to other chaplains who obviously love their job and welcome the opportunity to have a "captive" audience with which to share the gospel, this chaplain is the first to express it this way:

"It's a privilege to be a chaplain! There are inmates who would never walk in my office because of their interest in a Savior. But those same inmates sometimes come in to talk with me because they've just found out a loved one is sick or has just passed away, and I get the opportunity to share Jesus with those who are interested. And some of them walk out of here saved! So I'm really happy you called today, because we can use Bibles, New Testaments and the miscellaneous Christian literature you mentioned...."

In this next prison, only two chaplains "stand in the breach" (Ezekiel 22:30) between Heaven and hell for 2,600 inmates! And today – that is, recently – a number of inmates who speak only Spanish have been added to their list of "parishioners." Needless to say, they arrived without bibles, and the chaplain who called me wanted to know if we had any Spanish bibles we could send. Right that moment, we didn't. But I located a relatively inexpensive box of 10 large print Spanish bibles that had been

in a company warehouse since 2019, and now they're on their way to the prison.

It's been almost two years, so you may not recall our mentioning this Florida prison. Deluges of rain resulting from severe thunderstorms (60 mph wind gusts), and the effects of a near hit by a hurricane, caused it to be caught in severe flooding. The combined effects destroyed the chapel, and the entire prison had to be evacuated in a single night as near knee-deep waters poured in. The prison was rendered uninhabitable, and it appeared for a time it might be closed permanently. For months the 78 year old chaplain traveled 220 miles each day to get to his scattered 'flock.' After almost two years, he was thrilled to tell me this week he and the men are back at their old facility, and the newly renovated chapel is almost finished! All except for their library. The shelves go in next week but will be virtually empty. We are doing our best to help! Five very large boxes of bibles, New Testaments and miscellaneous Christian literature are going out to them this week – just in time to begin refilling the new shelves. Thank you for your help!!

It had been quite a while since we heard from this next chaplain, so I called to see if they were in need of materials. I loved his response!! —

"Ms. Neill, you're not going to believe this, but I have been looking for your phone number. And yes, we sure can use a couple of boxes of Bibles and Christian books! You may recall we have 1,500 inmates here...."

***** TOO SOON AMERICA is going to "read" a lot like the O.T. Book of Judges,

which, among other things, repeats like an echo the phrase, "In those days [there was no king in Israel], everyone did whatever he wanted." Moses and Joshua were dead. And a series of spirals into spiritual and moral descent were reversed only during those periods of time when the Israelites were willing to forego the delights of "freedom" to worship false gods and call on the God of their fathers to help them break the current yoke of subjection to surrounding nations. And each time, God in His faithfulness, sent "Judges" to rescue them - twelve of whom came and went before the prophets Eli and Samuel (followed by the kings) arrived on the scene. It was only out of God's great mercy that Israel was kept from being absorbed by the surrounding nations and disappearing altogether.

JUDGES repeatedly highlights the destructive weakness that results from man's insistence on doing what he pleases. The strength of Christians today, and in America in particular, lies in our allowing God to do as He pleases. And in our doing what pleases God.

Night is coming when no man can work -

All the Neill's

HERE ARE SOME OF THE PRISONS AND JAILS INTO WHICH YOU HELPED US TAKE THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE

Cross City Correctional Inst. Cross City, FLORIDA U.S.P. Thompson, Thompson, ILLINOIS Connally Unit, Kenedy, TEXAS Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, OREGON Bexar County Jail, San Antonio, TEXAS Grimes Unit, Newport, ARKANSAS Fayette County Detention Fac., Lexington, KENTUCKY Anderson County Detention Center, Clinton, ARKANSAS Gwinnett County Jail, Lawrenceville, GEORGIA Coyote Ridge Correctional Center, Connell, WASHINGTON Central Florida Reception Center, Orlando, FLORIDA Estelle Unit, Huntsville, TEXAS Henry County Sheriff's Office, McDonough, GEORGIA Middle River Regional Jail, Staunton, VIRGINIA Saguaro Correctional Center, Eloy, ARIZONA **Dual Vocational Center, Tracy, CALIFORNIA** Danville City Jail, Danville, VIRGINIA Sussex Correctional Center, Georgetown, DELAWARE Fresno County Jail, Fresno, CALIFORNIA Blackwater River Rehabilitation Facility, Milton, FLORIDA South Central Correctional Facility, Clifton, TENNESSEE Indianapolis Metropolitan Jail, Indianapolis, INDIANA San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego, CALIFORNIA Jefferson City Correctional Center, Jefferson City, MISSOURI F.C.I. Victorville, Adelanto, CALIFORNIA



THE END OF THE AGES

"If one wants to know the meaning and purpose of history he must look to the final outcome. Since prophecy is history written in advance, we have history's final chapter in Revelation. And what is the finished product of the ages? The Eternal companion of Jesus—the Bride of Christ. The Church is the key to history. Blood-washed and spotless, the reason and goal of God's vast creation. History is only the handmaiden of the Church, and the nations of the world are but puppets manipulated by God for the purposes of His Church (Acts 17:26). Creation has no other aim. History has no other goal. From before the foundation of the world until the dawn of eternal ages, God has been working toward one supreme end—the glorious wedding of His Son, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb." (Abbreviated.)

Christ will soon have His Bride.

And God will have the family for which He has longed and so patiently waited throughout the ages.

Taken in part from "Destined for the Throne" By Paul E. Billheimer (1925-2015)