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ENDURE TO THE END AND BE SAVED

One day in April, a young man came in to register for Anger Management classes. I will call him F.R. I always spend lots of time with them at registration to discover the deeper issues involved. They can see you really care. His story was a very sad tale of abuse at the hands of male baby-sitters who threatened him from the age of 7 to 17. After being indoctrinated into that life style, his life moved in that direction. Then early this year he was diagnosed HIV+ and has been rejected by his family.

We talked about the lifestyle and how it harmed the human body and why God forbid it. As a nurse I could go into specifics. He began to fully understand the nature of the disease as related to the behavior of the lifestyle and began to repent. Weeping he confessed his anger at God and repented. We prayed.

He started class and change was already evident in his posture, behavior, and attitude. He was eager to come. But after a month into the program he became very ill. He missed class for a while, his attendance was spotty although he was sure to call with whether or not he would be there. He came into the office yesterday. We had a long talk. He disclosed he had been in and out of hospitals in the past few months and just couldn't stay well and keep working. The medications they were giving him only made him much worse. With tears in his eyes he said he was now in full blown AIDS. He is 18 years old. Not being able to work he is home and alone most of the time and very depressed and lonely. He asked if I had the bible lessons he could do at home. I gave him a small leather bible and the first lesson. We talked about prayer; he said he prays and cries all the time. We prayed together.

It always makes me angry to see how the devil and our culture steal the lives of the young. They promise them love, freedom and fun! But instead it gives them pain, bondage, and misery! We have the Word of Truth that sets people free. My advice to "FR" was to confess his healing then to stop seeking it and instead seek more of the Lord to walk with him through these trials and to focus on eternal life and not this earthly human life. God will save us, yet there are some consequences of our actions that He does not always heal. We will have to walk through them, perhaps even die in them. In 1986, my colon ruptured and I was prepared to die. I had surgery and lived with a colostomy. I would pray, and pray for a miracle healing, have hands laid on me. But the colostomy remained and I eventually had it closed up with surgery later. Yet God healed my soul! And walked with me through all the misery and pain. And today you would never know it had happened.

The first Sunday of November is dedicated "Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church". "FR." also is being persecuted by this disease. Can you remember to pray for him as well as for those Christians who are being persecuted and killed all over the world? How does one pray for persecuted Christians? They all need courage to continue to be faithful until the end as Jesus admonished us. They need mercy and grace to live in the present circumstances. They need peace to face the hour of death if that is God's will for them.

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deu 31:6

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 1 Peter 1:13

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Mt 10:22

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:9

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; Heb3:14

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt 24:13

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Eph 6:10

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph 6:10,18

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. Rev 2:26-28

Dear John & Eileen I was talking to one of our Bro in Christ and he told me to write to you about getting a King James Study Bible to make my walk with Christ more rewarding by getting a better understanding of God's Word. As you can tell, I was not always a Christian. I was born and raised as a Sunni Muslim with my father intention to groom me to be a Imam. So when I started running with the wrong crowd, my family was upset, but I was still considered my father's son. But no matter how many times I prayed, I just didn't feel the connection between me and God.

During my many times of incarceration, I went to a prayer meeting and felt a chill go up my spine. But I didn't open my heart to Jesus then cause I still didn't know what was happening. I was running from God cause Satan had me and wouldn't let me go. Long story short, I finally stop running and I been hot for Christ since 2010. My family completely disowned me but I'm not upset, cause I have a new family now. By the way, I can't afford a good "original" King James Bible and I pray you can send me one. I like old English. Thank you and I pray in Jesus name you will be moved by God to fulfill my request. **KS in FL**

OCTOBER SCHEDULE 2014

Tuesdays... Overcomers
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Parenting, Avon Park Prison

Wednesdays... Overcomers 6 pm
Bible Fellowship Church

Thursdays... Anger Management &
Biblical Boundaries 7 pm
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**Marriage & Family Class
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Next week is Graduation of our Marriage and Family Class (Biblical Boundaries). This essay was handed in early and I could not put it down. Only a teacher can understand the satisfaction and blessing to hear from a student who has absorbed and already put into practice even the intricacies of what was taught. I can tell you that almost everyone leaves changed by the Word and the material. The men in prison usually take 6 months to complete the same class we do in 10 weeks outside. We have so much more liberty as the men have chosen to attend this Christian course.,

Family and Marriage Essay, Avon Park Prison

This class has helped me a lot. It has helped me progress toward becoming the man Jesus Christ intended me to be. It has honestly taught me more than I thought it would. First and foremost I have learned to be compassionate toward your loved ones, especially toward my family. Secondly, I learned the significant damage drugs do to your body and brain. Third, I learned what it takes to establish and maintain a good relationship.

Showing compassion toward loved ones and your spouse. It's so easy to assume your family knows you love them and they love you. But pain is often silent and quickly turned to anger and resentment. My father died when I was an adolescent. My mother and I watched my father take his last breath in his death bed. The pain was so overwhelming, a bullet to the heart doused with alcohol is simply a metaphor to begin to describe the pain. I stared out that 6th story window and just imagined running through it and joining my father in heaven. I turned cold from that day, very aggressive, substance abuser, drug game, the whole nine yards. I withdrew from the family. Never did I consider how much pain my mother was in. If I was so broken after knowing him 14 years, I did not even fathom the pain she felt after losing her soul mate of a 25 year marriage. This class brought up a lot of pain looking back now from the regret I have for not comforting my family in their grieving, when all the signs of their pain was there. But back then I didn't know how to feel.

My mom was working 3 jobs, blood shot eyes from crying all night. My 2nd oldest brother in and out of jail. My oldest brother getting covered in tattoos, always high. All I could focus on was my pain, me waking in cold sweats, screaming at God for taking my father! 12 years he beat me, finally he stopped when my school sent Child Services to my house to threaten my parents to arrest them if I kept having bruises. Those 2 years is the only time my father and I bonded. Fishing trips, camping, fair grounds things I always wanted with him. This class taught me to share my feelings with them. To ask and sincerely care about how they feel, to get through our problems as one- not just for individuals who have to weather the storm alone. I now always start my conversations on the phone with my mom asking about her and listening when she's upset and giving her compliments for her hard work and for being a great mom. I started writing my brothers and asking how they are and share with them advice I learned concerning their situations.

I had little knowledge about women. I learned that simply asking a woman about her feelings and her view on what makes a good relationship can dramatically help increase not just my relationship with her but with others I may have in the future. Just by me asking she sees I am someone who is able to show concern and it tells her I care about our relationship and want to make it work. I learned to be more patient because women are very emotional and its not because they just want to over react or demand attention. It's their human nature to be emotional and they also have physical cycles that make them that way. I learned that it is crucial for a man to be intimately aware of his woman's needs, strengths, weaknesses, goals, and desires. That every aspect of a woman's emotional and physical existence is dependent on the romantic love she receives from her spouse. By complimenting a woman, taking time to hear her out and making her a part of everything in your life, not just what you enjoy, but what's important to her, can strengthen the love you share with her and make your love stand the test of time.

Overall taking this class was one of the best choices I have made during my incarceration. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to be in this class and blessing me with such a knowledgeable teacher. **Thank you.**