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A UNIQUE CHALLENGE

Father's Day is next week and I want to applaud all you fathers who take parenting seriously. But as we say in class, the foundation of the family is **the relationship between the mother and the father**. This relationship will tell what will happen to the children. In a good relationship, all will probably be well. But in a stress-filled, violent, abusive, controlling relationship between the mother and the father, it bodes very ill for the children. We take one day to honor mother, then one day to honor father. Parents must honor each other every single day, loving each other and meeting each other's need between themselves. Only then will the children feel safe enough not to worry, to be different- who they were designed to be without shame or fear and without having to meet their parents needs. Guard your relationship with your spouse!

As I read the books of Chronicles and Kings, I am amazed at the fact that 2 of the greatest "reformer" kings were followed by their sons, 2 of the most evil kings! Good King Hezekiah was followed by evil Manasseh and Josiah was followed by 2 evil sons, Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim. My question is, who raised these evil sons by godly fathers? Did the kings turn over the care of their sons to others to raise because they were too busy with the kingdom? Did they marry wives who were not followers of God and this affected the sons? I cannot be certain, but of this I am sure: Fathers have a profound impact on their children as Abraham did on Isaac. But they also have a profound impact by their absence or emotional neglect or lack of discipline.

Let me encourage all the fathers, Father's Day is a solemn reminder of our responsibility to the Lord and to our families. Glory in it. Love them with strength, power, tenderness, and discipline. You are at a war with the culture! They are intent on taking your children away, changing their minds. Stand and above all else stand! Gird your loins like a man! Be strong and very courageous!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



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My Testimony by Samantha

I grew up in a Christian home, went to church except I found religion before I found Jesus. I got saved & baptized a few times before I was sure I believed Jesus was my Savior. I got married in church. I was young and rebellion was becoming the leader of my life instead of God. I was married, had twins and divorced by 21 due to being unevenly yoked and adultery was consuming my husband. Divorce is painful, I know why God hates it.

The next few years I struggled as a single mother and bitterness was destroying me. At this point I quit going to church. I was completely lost and broken. I got into a bad relationship quickly, one that involved a lot of abuse. I had a lot of hate and anger that I poured out on this man which often led to physical violence. I ended up pregnant. Because of the abuse one day it led to a miscarriage and severe depression which ended the relationship.

Then at 24 I was introduced to meth by a guy I was seeing and it changed my life. Meth is the visual form of Satan. I committed every type of sin that I've come across in the Bible. I was going to college but I quit. I was employed as a Nurse Aid, but I quit that career too. I gave up my mind, soul, and body to the drug. After several arrests I even gave up on being a mother and sent my kids to live with their dad. It was the best thing I could do for them at this point but the worst for me. And I went into destruction overload. I was on a path of self destruction, bad relationships and undealt-with grief of losing my mother to cancer pushed me to my lowest. My addiction kept me sick, tired, and desperate.



However I remember one night after my dad was in the hospital from a heart attack, I called out to God and pleaded for Him to put a stop to my lifestyle and addiction. Within a week I was arrested again and I had no bond to get out which was a blessing because He knew if I could have gotten out of jail I would have went back to the same mess. Satan's last eager attempt to keep me was an attempted suicide which has left me with severe scars on my arm. That was 2 years ago and I can't begin to tell you everything God has done for me and my life since he snatched me from Satan's grip. I'm still in prison on a 17 year sentence for drug charges but I'm freer than I've ever been. My family has been restored and I have a real relationship with Christ. God is amazing and being in prison has been a blessing and the answer to my deepest cry of despair. Glory to God.

I want you and your ministry to know that I am praying for you all to reach out to everyone God has planned and continue to give hope and share the Word with the lost and broken. Thank you, Samantha

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: 1 Peter 5:8

The 'Good News' for Jeff

Dear Brother John & Sister Eileen: greetings family. Bless the Lord o my soul. You are so special to me and I thank God for your devotion and dedication to the service of the Lord. I have a praise report to share with you. My wife, Amanda, left in June of 2014, without any warning. (Jeffery was incarcerated in 2012 for 20 years.) No one had any idea she was about to leave and it rocked my world when she did. She took with her our children and since then until May 4, 2016, I had no word at all from her. Nearly 2 full years since hearing from her, as well as over 3 years have passed since I've so much as seen a picture of my children.

On Wednesday May 4, 2016, I received an envelope with bubble-wrap inside of it containing a letter from my Mom, Amanda, and pictures of my children with Amanda and my mom. Along with my letters from my mom and wife (she divorced me, but I've never divorced her in my heart and cannot call her my ex-wife) was some hand made envelopes from my babies addressed to "Daddy" from James & Ruby! Brother and sister..Family, God is so good! I know He gives beauty for Ashes and that he works together all things together for our good, and I know you know I love the Lord. 😊

From the first day this trial started for our lives, you was there for me. I would love to hear from you as friends beyond the wonderful Bible Studies, but I'm content with just being able to write you as a family. I have learned so much going through your program and I love you as with the Lord you are my Family.

On another note, I've given your address to many brothers in Christ interested in bible studies and I pray some have committed to your offer of training. Today, I have sent you an enrollment request from a Brother named James. I love you both so much and thank you for your prayers. Brother Jeff, Ga.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sala,
Thank you for The Open Bible. I received it in the mail recently. I had



never heard of 'The Open Bible' but I love it already.

Your Little Lambs Bible Course was a blessing to me helping me to grow closer to God and to stay focused on His Word. This bible will also be a blessing to me. Please know how much Little Lamb helps us inmates. Your words of encouragement sent with the graded lessons (I love the lambs!) were also something I looked forward to. Again thank you and may God continue to bless you and this ministry. Yolanda, Fl.

Greetings. I received my lesson. I was shipped out from Coffield on 3-16 and arrived here. Look, I was mistakenly shipped over here by the people in Huntsville. I ain't even supposed to be here on this unit. Ever since day 3 it has been Kayas ugly around here. I landed around a bunch of my enemies that are here and it has been rowdy, loud, and ugly. I need you to pray for me cause the devil is in this place. He prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. I love you guys keep me in your prayers even tho I have faith in God with all my heart and I know He is with me in this place. I enjoyed this lesson on 'FEAR'. That was perfect timing. Thank you and I really enjoyed it, just what I Needed! Joe Tx.

Little Lambs, Hi, my name is Samantha. I recently received your 'welcome' packet :) but unfortunately I need a KJV bible. I'm very excited to start the lessons. In fact I am just excited to have heard back from y'all. It came at a perfect time as I sometimes struggle because its not often I get the chance to talk to true Christians. Let me tell you. See like John, I was addicted to drugs and made poor choices. I started using meth at age 11, was pregnant at 13, and dropped out of 7th grade. Both of my parents used and dad has been in and out of prison my whole life. For 15 years meth was the only thing I cared about. My entire world revolved around getting high. And every decision I made was influenced by it. That all changed on Christmas day, 2014. By then I had another child, who was 4 and I went into this deep despairing depression. I even contemplated suicide. I figured if I didn't do it, someone else probably would soon anyways. But on Christmas day, I completely broke down and for the first time in my life I prayed. I didn't even know what I was doing, but I cried and talked to God and asked Him to save me. And He did. The next morning I woke up with this voice in my heart telling me "It's time to go." I didn't even know where but I had this almost magnetic pull (later I'd find out it was the Holy Spirit) guiding me. And so I left with my daughter from San Antonio, Tx, with only \$40 and no real destination, in a clunker car I had bought for about \$300 and headed north.



Three days later, we found ourselves in Bentonville, Ar. Now all along the way we met people who I know God put in our paths to get us where we needed to be. Random strangers would fill up our gas when we ran out, buy us food, one guy even bought us a hotel. And they never wanted anything in return and would always part ways saying "God bless y'all". Wow, God is truly showing out now. As I was writing this letter, the library cart came around and wouldn't you know it, she had one KJV bible on it! Wow! So I will get started. But anyways, He saved me. I started a new life, drug free and wound up getting an excellent job, a house, a car, and both of my kids. I was an ambassador for this non-profit called "Dress for Success." I spoke at their events and they even published a story about me. Then a year later, I am arrested by US Marshalls for a conspiracy charge. I didn't even know something like that was possible. I wasn't fleeing the law or had this charge when I left San Antonio. I thought I did what a lot of people can't do: I made it out of the lifestyle. It's sad that the government doesn't care about any of that, but I have to trust I am here for a reason. I've brought some light to some of the girls here and I have my moments like sometimes there will be girls I can help and then sometimes its like I am almost unanimously hated. But I just keep on keeping on, doing what I know is right and not ignoring what God has given me. This time I am using to even further my knowledge of the bible and deepen my faith and relationship with God.



Someday I will help those lost like I was. Someday I will make a difference. God has put it in my heart to do so and to be a teacher and bring Him to those dark places I used to live. Please write back. Love you guys! TX

Dear Partners,

I just returned from Boise, Id, where I watched my first grandchild graduate from college. Mallory Clark, who fondly remembers our volunteers from the summers she spent volunteering at Little Lambs, graduated in Communications. She has won national awards for Speech and debate and will be on the Boise State Debate team this fall. Having been instilled with a good work ethic, she worked throughout high school and college and is now an assistant manager at Build-a-Bear in Boise.

Also graduating, but from high school, was Mallory's brother, Joshua. As a graduate of Cole Valley Christian School he will be attending Boise State also. Josh's strong suit is tennis. I was fortunate to see one of his tournaments that week. I had a great vacation, buying bibles, visiting a new church and lots of sports!

On the horizon in Sebring, Jan Ryan has sent out probably a record new students for the month in May. We are over 213 new enrollments as of May 27th. The lessons keep coming in and thankfully we have a great grading staff.

As you can see on the cover, Hogar Resa had a well-attended ceremony in early May celebrating another class of hard-working young men. Fortunately, a fair number have elected to stay with the organization as staff members. I think this is one of the strong points of a recovery program, student leadership. These young staff members have been prepared and know the details of the program with strong loyalty to maintaining the principles and guidelines as leaders. Also having been a victim of addiction, they have a lot of practical experience in helping others with these same problems. Their biblical mandate is succinctly put: *But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Luke 22:32 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matt 28:19-20 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Col 1:28 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Ps 51:12-13*

On another front, we have a new chaplain at Avon Park CI, and we are excited to get to know him. He has had chaplaincy experience working in the federal prison system. We respectfully ask that you prayerfully remember us on Mondays and Tuesdays that the rain or storms will not be a problem. The hurricane season is here and this becomes a big summer problem.

I was at the post office Friday, getting our mail, when I overheard two gentleman talking behind me. They were discussing the youth of today that resort to guns and killing and devastation. I turned with my arms loaded with lessons and I said, "You see all these letters, they are all bible lessons from prisons across the USA. These men were on the street, now they know God and are learning His ways." I told them about the ministry and our classes in prison. Of course, they never heard of us! Both men were African American and veterans. They vowed to come by and visit us and see the works. Thank God for divine appointments. It was such an encouragement to both of them that God is on the scene. He's not sleeping, or on a trip... No, He is answering prayer and calling the lost. He is never without a witness! Amen. Enjoy the day of remembrance for our hero Military and Father's Day!

Much love, Eileen



Schedule June 2016

Mon...Avon Park Prison Bible Study

Mon...Overcomers with Hogar Resa

Tue...Overcomers Avon Park Prison

**Tue...Marriage & Family/Biblical
Boundaries Avon Park Prison**

**Wed...Anger Management/Biblical
Boundaries First Presbyterian
Church @ 7 pm**

**Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship
Church @ 6 pm**

**Thurs..Released to Love, Women Co-
dependent recovery @ 6:30 pm
@ Little Lambs Inc
Counseling by Appointment
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