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**Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;
(for he is faithful that promised;) Heb 10:23**

This is a generation awash in lies! Every religion is lauded, except Christianity. It is being repeated in the media over and over that now our culture has accepted the same sex lifestyle and marriage, our biblical beliefs are 'homophobic' and unfair, even cruel. We have become the enemy. Believers are hunted online and regularly receive abuse for their beliefs as Vice-President Pence did at the Olympics. Years ago they were asking tolerance and they were tolerated. Now they are demanding 'rightness'- that we accept this behavior as right and equal. Our choice to personally not condone the behaviors is called evil, even criminal. If you do not fall in line, there are boycotts, law suits, violence, bullying and any other means to silence and punish you. Our younger generations are indoctrinated by this 'logic' and usually after a college education, they no longer believe like their parents. You know there is brainwashing when an inmate sent us a "GED Pretest" that revealed the subtle delegitimizing and twisting of common knowledge. All the questions centered on (1) white settlers aggression to Indians (2) white bias against black and gays (3) economics slanted so that rich deceive the poor and (4) climate change as fact and scaring children about the future. It was very divisive. But if I were young and knew no history, it would play on my emotions and probably make sense.

What has happened as a result of this 'freedom from God' and His order? This free wheeling generation has a now declared STD Epidemic by the Center for Disease Control (cdc.org). We have been gripped by rising STD rates for the last 3 years and now highest ever recorded. Nearly 5 times as many babies (628) born with congenital syphilis as with HIV last year. Last year was a banner year for syphilis due to selling sex for drugs. The highest rates of disease are among the 15-24 year olds. The older generations are also having higher rates due to increased promiscuity. Along with the unprecedented rate (20 million **new** cases a year) of STD's, is an unprecedented rate of drug use, abuse and death. 10.1% of persons aged 12 and over admit any illicit drug use in the past month. In 2016 there were 64,070 drug overdose deaths, the highest recorded and doubled in a decade with 11.8 million suffering some form opioid misuse alone. 12% of the population 12 years and older report any non-medical use of psychotherapeutic drugs.(SAMHSA) Fox News New York reported a fentanyl bust in New York of 270 lbs, enough to kill 32 million people! (Sept 20, 2017). statista.com reports marijuana use in 2017 at 13% of men and 7% of women using marijuana. 8.8% of 18-25 yr olds report suicidal thoughts and plans, ever increasing with the use of drugs. Inside the newsletter you will read some of the results of this human carnage in the effects of the lives of these children.

The Lord warned us that times would come with heresies and lies to deceive the elect. Over and again Jesus told us to **hold fast our faith**. Changing times and the culture want to force us to agree with their views and disagree with the scriptures. The latest 'new' challenge is the right to choose one's own gender without regard to the Creator who made you. And giving this right to children without parental consent! It would seem that we are untouched here in Sebring, but send your child away to school and things can change drastically!

But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcomes, and keeps 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. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Rev 2:25-29



I'm not sure who signed me up for this bible study but they sure knew I been going threw some things and been for sometime now. I lost all hope and believe for long time now. Since my mom died in 2010, I've not picked up a bible, prayed, went church or talk to God since till few months ago. Things have been so crazy, been sent farther and farther from home, family these least few years, getting sent to the worse of

worse prisons not getting to see my family because I'm so far away from them. It really took a toll on me and my life style. It's crazy for I've not really been in any trouble in a long time. I've had one write up in over 3 years but yet they keep shipping me to these no good prisons and farther and farther from family and home. I've not been able to get a job or anything over 6 months and all I can do is sit in this cell or pod no fresh air or nothing to do. I find myself waking up a lot wishing I didn't. It's got that bad and I'm hoping and praying God will help me see my way out of this hellstorm that's surrounded my life. Thank you for sending me your bible study and kind words. Maybe this can get me back on the right track and my life. I'm now at Care Civic CCP prison not state anymore. Wish I was still at Bledsoe, Pikeville. I've been in 3 prisons since then and just gets worse. *Set in with his first lesson completed. The request probably came through the internet let the message enter that someone was thinking of him. Just in time!*

Discipline Question: I was beaten badly by dad and older brother, from age 4 to 16. In my teenage years my older brother and two friends also beat me and broke my toys and laughed at me. I was called ugly names and that I was no good from a child to age 16. Then I attacked my older brother and he was taken away in an ambulance. My father exploded over the medical cost and I told my father if he ever touched me again I'd kill him. We rarely spoke for a long time. I was full of hate, bitterness, felt unloved, and uncared for. I turned to alcohol and hard drugs. This is my 5th prison sentence. I've done a total of around 37 years. I'm 66 now. My life belongs to Christ now. Your studies have helped me a lot. I feel that our soul, mind, will and emotions become wounded by invisible damage from sins we commit, sins done against us, and traumas that we face. Our soul needs healing that can only take place through reading and applying God's word to our life. A lot of Christians are living defeated lives due to these wounds that cause bondages in so many areas. They need to speak out God's Word daily over their lives and talk to God as a child to a loving Father.

At times I did not go to school due to the bruises and swelling in my face. I was hit with fists, chairs, thick leather strap, electric cord, etc. I've went to my knees many times, sweaty and bleeding.

In the 1990's my father came to see me in prison and confessed to his cruelty on me and apologized, We hugged and I forgave him!!

The Sala's

Do we not serve the most wonderful God? Of course, there is no other God but that does not lessen his greatness. There did not seem to be enough room in my lesson so I added a page. I always have a little more to say. I would be one of those preachers who go past noon every Sunday. But it is like, one more statement and someone's eyes will be opened and they will see God is the answer they were looking for. I talk to guys who are just right at the edge. They need a savior so bad and know Jesus is the only one. Yet they walk away. Walking away is worse than the ones who knock me down. Hey- what about Gen 45 (Joseph's and his brothers in Egypt)? It would be the Family Reunion. This is one of my favorite stories to talk on. Joseph totally forgave his brothers and Jesus hadn't even told him to yet. He could even see God's purpose in his troubles. He said, "...ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good..." Later Paul said we should give thanks in all things, because we don't know God's will. I know he always wants good things for us. I feel mighty blessed, even in prison. He is a most wonderful God! Bless you. Mike, Tx

Ms. Sala, I learned so much from your "Family & Marriage class": proper nutrition, bad foods, our government leading our nation into lies about sugary foods. I learned a lot about drugs, addiction and the destroying effects of drugs. I learned a lot from you about dysfunctional families and relationships. This hit me personally! I was very dysfunctional in my past before God saved me. I also had very dysfunctional families in my life. I have had 3 mothers abandon me, not just one. The third mother abandoned me just recently after I was serving God 15 years. What this really tells me is that I must be some kind of scumbag to have 3 mothers abandon me, especially the most recent, knowing I'm a Christian. I struggle deeply inside, in light of 18 months till I leave prison, having no family. I was abused sexually, physically, emotionally, and abandoned. After using me as a dirty rag, they said I was trash and a little devil because I acted out sexually with other kids and became an angry child. No one asked any questions. So that the abusers would not be revealed, they got rid of me, the trash. At five years old clumps of my hair came out in my father's hand as my body went down a long flight of stairs. Reaching the bottom my head had so much trauma, blood was coming out of my nose, ears and mouth. My mother left my dad and took all my brothers and sisters but left me with this man who beat her and raped her. Now I almost died. Later my step father thought it was funny to have Wendy my mentally retarded sister to beat me and rip clumps of hair out of my head. Crying, helpless, totally defeated. These were the years where my spirit was broken. My birth dad was a violent drunk and a sexual predator. My step father was a violent man, who drank but a lot smarter to hide his dirt. My mother wanted a man to take care of her so bad she chose this over me and got rid of me, the problem child. There is much more, Mrs. Sala but I shared this for a reason. I became the abuser because this was the only way I could protect myself. I said I would never ...i would never... Well, without forgiveness toward others I became what I hated. And so when God saved me, I hated what I did which led me to a confession of a crime of six years prior. It took me 5 years of punishing myself, in prison, for self hatred, to let go of my pride and ask God for help to forgive myself. And I kid you NOT, Mrs. Sala, that at the same time God used YOU (Little Lambs' Bible Study) and an article from Charles Stanely to bring this moment of brokenness and self-forgiveness. Your study on sexual sin led me to brokenness and repentance over my sexual sin AS A CHILD that I did with other children. And to forgive those who did sexual things to me.

Charles Stanely did an article in his "In Touch" magazine about sexually abused children share what they have learned with others. These are 'learned' behaviors. This is all what God used to help me repent and forgive myself. YOU, Mrs. Sala are a very, very special sister in Christ and anointed! I love you very much as my sister in Christ! You are an inspiration to me to keep going on, as you keep going on loving others and helping others. It has been God's glorious plan and sovereignty that you entered my life many years ago to Mayo CI and now at Avon Park CI before I go home. I'm no longer dysfunctional because the POWER OF CHRIST'S BLOOD to change me permanently!

I learned how to love a woman and children from your class. I learned how serious marriage and family is. I'm a little afraid, but my soul longs to love a woman like she deserves and needs. I've learned how precious a woman is! A precious gift from God to the male is the female! Both in the image of God, complimenting and helping each other. A woman is so much gentler, soft spoken, emotional, intuitive, compassionate, selflessly loving, humble and more submissive to the leadership of the male. Just some of the characteristics of God's image in the female that the male needs to help balance him.

Now, I know, Mrs. Sala! Because sin came in, selfishness came and the male and female could not complete the image of God without agape love from God. Now because of Jesus, the image of God has been restored in male and female through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God. Now the precious gift of the help meet can be fulfilled in the male's life! And the male can nurture, protect, cherish and love his wife, children and family. He can be the leader he was born to be. And the female can be the leader of other females!! And both male and female can proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others and love others everywhere TOGETHER!! Thank you for being an example of a woman of God and fellow sister in Christ!

The transformation that occurs during the classes can be seen as the expression on their faces change. The anxiety, shame, fear leaves and a smile and openness comes. The eyes are the most telling. This young man wept on the front row through some of the classes. But praise God, healing is occurring and he is maturing in Christ. As we are all aware, for a sexual offender leaving prison it is very very hard. I particularly laud Phil and Ruth Esposito as they selflessly work with some this population and provide the encouragement they need in spite of the greatest difficulties. It is often said, if a child had just one person believe in him, he would turn out differently, just one. I believe the same with these inmates. When just one person values them for their own sake, it changes their world. It brings hopes where there was hopelessness. 'Maybe the gospel is true, I am loveable!' they say. Our commission: Go forth and love others as I have loved you.

Dear Partners,

It seems like yesterday we were ending January! But alas, February has only 28 days. Time speeds on and with the help of Forest Hilton I have filed my taxes and getting ahead of the year. We are slowly catching up on the spring cleaning.



On a serious note, the founder of the Hogar Resa in Avon Park, Carmelo Ruiz, was taken to Winter Haven early this February and had a four or five bypass operation. I visited with him and he promised to follow the prescribed diet. I am afraid I stressed how important he is to the program and the men and women in it so that he might be impressed to take better care of himself. Please pray for courage for him to follow his spirit to better health. He had high praise for the medical team at Winter Haven and has since returned home two weeks ago. I am grateful.

It's on a rather sad note that we must bid farewell to Willie and Maria Hubbell. Maria retired in August, 2017, from the county courthouse and now since both their children will reside in Bradenton-Parrish area, they have decided to sell their home here and move there also. They will be close to their 4 grandchildren as well as their children. Willie has been with Little Lambs off and on since we were in our first downtown office in 2001. With his 28 years of sobriety, Willie has led our Overcomers programs in the prison and at the Sebring

Hogar. I have received many compliments from prison inmates and staff regarding him. He brings Christ to recovery. He has also assisted me in counseling addicts and alcoholics, and sponsoring some. In the early 2000's Willie also participated in our Extra Program for hiring ex-offenders through the Workforce. I personally will miss Willie and pray that their time on the West Coast will be fruitful and contented. Maria has been a good friend through the years and we are so happy that she no longer has to toil daily but can rest and enjoy being a grandmother. They plan their move in late summer, unless their home sells before that time. If so, they will move early and rent until their home is ready.



It's been quite a spring here. It seems we need to update our programs and computers. We have become so comfortable with our current school program, such easy tracking and monitoring of each student. But as you all know, after ten years these programs are no longer serviced and do not go on new computer systems. That is our dilemma. If we change the program, it will have to go on new computers. Or vice versa. We have already purchased a new computer and financial program thanks to a generous gift for one of our donors. We will continue to monitor the school. We recently had to change out all our printers, but we're up and running very nicely. We are so indebted to the women who so faithfully come in every week and do such a tremendous job at making sure everyone has their studies on time and the right study! They are good detectives, chasing down addresses, poor handwriting, returns and transfers, even lost lessons and bibles. Luckily we are able to track all our bibles through the post office which has cut down on our losses there. No graduate misses his or her bible!

MARCH SCHEDULE 2018

Mondays.....Bible Study, Avon Park Prison

Mondays.....Overcomers Avon Park Prison

Tuesdays... Overcomers Avon Park Prison

Tuesdays....Marriage, Family & Parenting,
Avon Park Prison

Wednesdays..Overcomers 6 pm

Bible Fellowship Church

Thursdays....Marriage, Family & Parenting
Avon Park Prison

Thursdays....Released to Love

Women's Codependent Recovery

6:30 pm upstairs @ Little Lambs

Call 273-7388 for free counseling

Please continue to pray for our volunteers. So many meeting health issues and family issues. Brenda King, our winter grader from Michigan, has knee replacement today, Feb. 26. Sometimes Brenda is in twice a week to pick up lessons. Mary had a successful surgery and is recuperating. And please pray for a special friend of mine from Kansas, Ruth, dealing with heart issues. I would appreciate that.

Next month is Passover/Easter and we wishing you all a very blessed and rewarding holy day.

Your Servant
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