



# Little Lambs Inc

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## Husband, No More Lord

*And it shall be at that day, says the Lord, that you shall call me Ishi (husband), and shall call me no more Baali (Lord, master). Hosea 2:16*

In 1986-1987, while going through a trial of my young faith through infidelities, surgeries, near death, and colostomies, I was struggling to make sense of my life. I sought the Lord day and night, with tears and fasting.

Isaiah 54:6 became very real to me having been forsaken by my husband, "For the Lord has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were refused, says the Lord." Deciding what to do, I felt that "for a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercies will I gather you. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, says the Lord your Redeemer." This trial was to be temporary and would not last, although it was now almost a year.

Understanding finally came through Joshua 7:25, when during a church service I was preached to, "Why have you troubled us? The Lord shall trouble you this day." Oh, the pain and agony and troubling at that time, seeking help and finding none. Someone even came to me and said, "You are in the Valley of Achor," meaning I was the problem. Quickly I went to the Lord, because if it was me, I'd better find out or die!

As I sought the Lord, He quickened me to Hosea 2:15, "and I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor as a door of hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came out of Egypt (bondage)!" This trial was a door of hope! The Lord turned what had meant to be a curse into a blessing for me!



Then came the absolutely not comforting, healing thing the Lord could have done, verse 16 goes on, "And it shall be at that day (you come out of bondage), says the Lord, that you shall call Me "Ishi" (husband), and shall call me no more Baali (Lord, master)."

Oh the joy and hope that flooded my soul. Healing and restoration came and I was never the same again. But I learned a lesson that day. That God uses trials to cleanse us and set us free. And God expects more from us than just being our Lord. He wants a bride, a wife, a lover! He wants to occupy first and last place all the time. Our walk is to be a walk of total dependence on Him. Giving up everything, no money, He led me to Florida and service to Him. Even fulfilling the promise of Isaiah 54:1-2, more and more spiritual children: "More are the children of the desolate than of the married wife." He truly supplies all my needs especially for love and affection. I pray all of you experience the depth of God's love until you come to the place that "He no longer calls you servant, He no longer calls you friend. He call you My Beloved and He loves me to the end." (Francis Roberts.

Be very blessed this Christmas with more of Him.



**Change is on the Way** Since taking this Family and Marriage Class I have learned several things, but these three are the ones that have changed the way I think and am going to act. Thank you, Ms. Sala. First, Boundaries. I know now I must have them and teach them to my family. Second is how to talk to my wife and kids. They deserve as

much respect as I demand. Last is how to listen to my wife and children. What they have to say is important. Boundaries, without them your life can be and will be in chaos. I have learned the importance of this. I need to be able to set boundaries in my life so my family and other people around me know when I say **NO** I mean **NO**. And when I say I will not put up with certain things there will be consequences. With this new tool I think I can show my family a better way to handle other situations.

I know now that the way I talked to my wife and children was abusing them. I have learned how to control my phrases and tones and still get my point across. I also know now how I word my thoughts so they will respond better with me. I used to blurt out whatever random thing that came to me, but now I believe I can stop and think before I speak.

And Third, is the importance of listening. I never really listened to what my kids or wife had to say. It was always, “Yeah, whatever”. Now I realize how important what they have to say is. They have just as much right to be heard as I do. And I want to value their thoughts and ideas. I think this will really help to make my family a closer knit family. I am very glad I took this class again. There were several things I missed the first time. I know now I can have a functional family with the help of my new tools and most importantly with God’s help. I am positive that I can set boundaries and stick to them. And I can talk and listen with attention to my family’s suggestions also. Again, thank you. May God bless your ministry always and your Bible Study Course.



*A  
Child Is  
Born*



**WISHING YOU A VERY,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### **Topic: What have you learned in this Marriage, Family & Family & Parenting Class?**

In its most simplest form I would have to answer this question by saying this class has taught me **order**. Now for me to expand on this answer is something different. :)

**Order.** Life without order is chaos. **Order** according to the Oxford American College Dictionary means the arrangement or disposition of people or things in relation to each other according to a particular sequence, pattern, or method. A state in which everything is in its correct or appropriate place. **Chaos** is complete disorder and confusion. Before this class my mindset lacked a particular knowledge in order to keep moral behaviors, actions and thoughts in its most appropriate place. Therefore it’s safe to say, prior to this class my mind was of a chaotic sense. With this particular characteristic, I had no choice but to ignore my sense of knowledge and come with an open mind, ready to receive new facts and advice. With doing so I became aware that my chaotic knowledge did not just effect me, but everyone I’ve come in contact with. Now with order I can reestablish a proper, fit, and righteous relationship. Communications now, are filled with order because of the facts and advice given from this class. For every cause there is an effect and within the action and result there is a guideline called boundaries. For me to receive positive results, the importancy of my actions rely on the acknowledgment of boundaries place within and before us. More in line with the famous statement, “Think before you speak.” Because the process before the action is the foundation of the result, which is your reward. My decisions and choices now with this new mindset hold a high value. And with a high maintenance is needed. If valued highly to me, I must give extra consideration than I had before. This class gives you the right tools (advice) to receive positive results. Not results that will hurt you and those highly valued to you. No longer must I abide by these chaotic characteristics. No more addictive, hidden and unbalanced behaviors. Due to the fact that **Order** is the new door opened in my mindset.

## What I learned in Marriage and Family Class

I'm truly grateful for your class. This was my 2nd time taking the course. The first time gave a rough time because I took an honest look inside and really tried to apply it to my past life. It verified that I pretty much used to do everything wrong. That my life was a dysfunctional mess and that I totally raised my children **wrong!**

That is very hard to take honestly. I learned that my parents though good people, led a dysfunctional life! The interaction between my 5 siblings was all wrong and the old lifestyle I lived was the absolute worst choices I could have made, that includes my past two marriages.

Both are over now. I learned to have and to set boundaries and to keep them. That has helped me to establish good relationships. Also, it ended a few. I trust God as the sovereign ruler and creator of the universe. HE has total control over my life and lifestyle NOW! The bad food choices and drugs and alcohol information also were very helpful! I'm surprised I have a functioning brain at all. I had a 14 year career as a boxer also! BIG MISTAKE. I wonder if that altered my personality to the negative lifestyle I led. Also I had a difficult birth and the used forceps on my head and damaged the front and back of my head. That is too important brain function areas! So I learned to love my brain now and I preach that and teach that lifestyle.

I can only live today. I cannot change the past! Only God can do that. But I can learn from my past mistakes and not repeat them. I'm clean and sober for 6 years now and Lord willing I will never even consider drinking or drugging!

I used to be angry at God, but now I understand a lot more about the bad choices I made. Only God is his infinite love and mercy could pick me up and put me back on a walk with him again! He has already taken me to places and done things with me I could never have imagined or accomplished on my own!



The miracle is he has taken an ex, hardcore biker and made him a pastor, the veteran's chaplain and a praise team member and a praise and worship leader. When I look at all God is accomplishing in me, I can only be humbled and grateful it's Him!

I have lost everything in life, houses, businesses, music studio, family and friends coming to prison. I am 100% alone, yet I have gained everything and in Florida prison!! I have 6 more years and I get released, if nothing changes. I have a fellow minister on the outside who worries and is waiting for me and will help me! The state is taking custody of my only son, Harley, from me and I'm powerless in prison!

I really do trust **God!!** I don't understand but that's OK! God's ways are not my ways! Amen. I'm in a season like Job or Joseph right now! I want to thank you for walking with me on my journey for a while and washing my feet! God's blessings and favor over you, Sister. In Jesus mighty name!

**Class Essay:** This class here has been the most informative and has delved into many more topics than the previous classes I've taken. I have learned a lot during this incarceration and have grown a lot. So many of the topics in this lesson are about me. I am guilty of a lot of the situations mentioned here. I do not have a wife anymore and after taking this class I came to realize that as a husband/father on a scale from 1-10, I was a 1 or barely a 2. To me that is sad and very eye-opening. I do not believe I will ever get a chance to be a husband again (too old). I will never be able to demonstrate all I have been taught by this course to a loving woman. I have a 30 year old daughter and a 21 year old son, my family.

*Returned with lesson:* I thoroughly enjoyed this study. I'm currently serving 137 months in a federal prison for weapons possession and drug trafficking. I'm in a cell 24 hrs a day with no radio, no TV, no newspapers. Sometimes I don't even get these studies. Satan is trying to steal the joy they bring to me but I'm not buying into his deception any longer.

In 2005 my son was taken to be with the Lord 6 short weeks after we were blessed with Him. I've been running from the Lord, myself, the police, my responsibilities, my family, my children ever since. For 14 years I've hidden in bottles, pill containers, in needles, behind guns trying to escape but only trapping myself more. Satan's lies of drugs and immoral women, and fast money had me fooled. I did what I want, where and when I wanted to for 12 years with money made peddling evil. But no longer.

Behind these walls today surrounded by chaos, homosexuals, liars, and thieves, killers and rapists, I'm freer than I've ever been. The Lord has freed me from addiction, hate, greed, sexual immortality. I am peaceful inside. As I spread his word, the joy fills me. Robert

Dear Partners,

A blessed Christmas to all of you! Just weeks away, the holiday season is upon us. We will be blessed this year by having to purchase new printer! As you can see, because we print all our mailings and lessons to inmates and chaplains, we use a pretty hefty printer. Our current one from Zeno in Lakeland, has been rebuilt several times and needs to be replaced. Zeno has offered us a lease or purchase on this beautiful Xerox AltaLink B8055 machine. This pre-owned printer now has Touchscreen interface, sort of like your mobile phone. It staples, makes booklets, scans to our computers, and faxes as well as printing 55 pages per minute.



**Can you help!**



This machine is being offered to us for \$7,500.00. We did the math of a lease versus a purchase through the 63 month lease and we will save a considerable amount of money, more than \$1,000 a year. Along with the purchase we have a Maintenance Agreement and Zeno will cover the cost of all maintenance and toner and we have 15,000 pages a month included.

**We would like to ask you to consider helping us meet this need.** We seldom have such big purchases but considering this is the workhorse of the ministry printing all those lessons we send to prison, it is worth it. Please prayerfully consider helping us with the cost. It would be a great blessing to all the inmates. In October, we sent out over 500 lessons!

I am so encouraged with large classes this session. Twenty men at the Work Camp and 30 at the Main Unit. I stumbled into a meeting of families of inmates at a restaurant by accident Saturday. As we went around the room for introductions, when I said who I was, several of the women were surprised and eager. They called out their family inmate who had attended the Marriage and Family Class at Avon Park and were so excited. They said how their loved ones had changed and were very grateful. God has little things like this to encourage us at times we are down. I am still struggling with the last ceiling from hurricane Irma. That's a long, long story!

To all our volunteers, we salute you. You are the reason we can do all the things we do and bless so many inmates. They love you too. This is our fifth year working with all our SIM Volunteers, 14 total. They are fantastic! Hogar, too, is very grateful and the men are truly blessed by you!

With all our love and best wishes for a Blessed Christmas!

*Eileen Sala*

Have Yourself  
A Merry  
Little Christmas

### **Schedule December 2019**

Mon...Hogar Resa Bible Study  
Mon...Marriage & Family/Biblical  
Boundaries Avon Park Prison  
Tues...Bible Study Avon Park Prison  
Tues...Bible Study@ Hogar Resa Sebring  
Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship  
Church @ 6 pm  
Thu..Bible Study @ Hogar Resa Sebring  
Thurs..Marriage & Family/Biblical  
Boundaries, Work Camp @ APCI  
Thurs..Released to Love, Women  
Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm  
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