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Mourning over sin...

Leaving a corrupt environment away from drugs and alcohol and reaching a place of safety, Christian felt safe, but isolated and alone at times. He had to leave his family because of their godless ways and had not yet made many new friends in the faith. Time was heavy on his hands. His own son was in jail facing years in prison, a path that he knew all too well. He believed God, but his flesh wanted to believe his family was not that lost. They called him to join them in a family “celebration.” They picked him up. Almost immediately he realized his mistake! Their “love” brought him face to face with drugs, alcohol, and lawlessness. Already having just served over 20 years and wanting to remain free to follow God now, Christian could see that he had chosen the flesh over the spirit. He felt frightened, but still unable to leave. The party played out before him. Wickedness in full force wanting him to join in. When finally alone, he left in cover of darkness and walked from 6 or 7 miles home to his safe place.



But the knowledge of having turned from God and betrayed others smote his heart. He began to mourn his sin. Depression gripped his soul. He was oppressed by the enemy of his soul. During church today, as Christian mourned his sin, God met his need to be forgiven in a dramatic way. God, the lover of his soul, brought him a message of conviction and the longing hope for reality with God. While the sermon was yet in progress, Christian received a spirit of repentance, rose up, his hands up, walked forward with his voice choked by his sobbing and cried out “I need God” and was met at the altar. Compassion met him and a renewal toward God. He walked out of church a free man again with joy in his heart and an understanding and willingness to follow Gods will for His life.

“Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you sorrowed to repentance: for you were made sorry after a godly manner, that you might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death. For behold this self-same thing, that you sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yes, what clearing of yourselves, yes, what indignation, yes, what fear, yes, what vehement desire, yes, what zeal, yes, what revenge! In all things you have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”

It is not politically correct today to talk about the need for repentance and forsaking sin. However Jesus, Paul and John the Baptist, Peter and many others made it their recurring theme. In Revelation Jesus said to the church, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” Rev 3:19. Paul said, “But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.” Acts 26:20. We are to mourn our sin with godly sorrow, then bear the fruits in keeping with repentance, changed behavior. There is a price to pay. It’s turning from your own will and your own way. From the things that hold, the relationships that bind and confine you, obedience to follow Christ at all cost. It’s a change of mind and heart and a new life of denying self and sin and seeing the Savior as Lord and King in self’s place. How important is repentance?!

Jesus says in Luke 13:3-5 Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

From our mailbox

Greetings Little Lambs Inc, My name is Paul and I am currently an inmate at the Richmond City Justice Center. Fortunately and unfortunately I will be here for many more years..

Upon my request I received a letter from Samaritan's Purse International Relief and it included you name and address. The letter informed me that you offer a Free Correspondence Course that I may partake in. I've spent months trying to track down some truly free ones. How may I sign up for it? Thank you in advance for what you send and thank you for having such a wonderful program. I hope to hear from you soon. Paul *We sent Paul Bible Study and a note. We understand that to a lot of bible study programs, free means there are hidden costs. We do not refer anyone to these programs. On the other hand, our program is totally free, even return postage if needed, all we ask is that they work the program!!*

What battles do you face in your own Holy War, that is, the war for your holiness? Essay question.

From CA writes an inmate

Three things that can defile are: Idolatry, defiance against God, and lust.

Recently I have been battling complacency (idleness, sluggishness) in my walk. I see it manifest most noticeably in my daily reading of the Bible. I end up reading a little less each day until I end up skipping a day or two. It also manifests in my daily prayers. Most days I pray very little. This makes me sad and I feel convicted. Then I tend to beat myself up over it. I am thankful I have such an amazing Fellowship here. I have several great brothers that I talk with, pray with, have biblical discussions with. Without them I fear I would grow even more lethargic in my walk. I like this study because it causes a good strong look inside the heart and prompts change. Amen.

Dear John and Eileen Sala, greetings in the name of our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First and foremost, "Thank You!" for responding to my letter, and I am really grateful to you for the encouraging letter that you had sent to me as well because I'm really looking forward to growing spiritually and fellowshiping with the congregation at "Little Lamb Ministry." My name is Anthony. I'm originally from Chicago, IL. I am currently incarcerated for aggravated assault with a weapon and I was initially sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I grew up on the southside of Chicago and I was affiliated with one of Chicago's most notorious street gangs known as the "Almighty Vice Lords." I had come down here to Dallas, Texas, back in 1990 and I was charged and convicted for attempted murder and sentenced to 12 years at the time I was 18, released at 32 years old (2004). I met my wife that year and we were married for 10 years when she died of breast cancer. I was very overwhelmed and deeply distraught over my loss and I began to act out violent. I was so angry over her passing that I was constantly getting in physical altercations with the prison guards and inmates when had resulted in me catching another charge of assault on a public servant beyond first aid. I was sentenced to 15 years so now I am serving a 25 year sentence in administrative segregation (alone). While I was back there I had plenty of time to think and contemplate on my past, present, and future. I have come to the realization that I have been running around with a lot of malice, anger and hatred over unresolved issues in my past, and if I do not try to find a solution that I'm going to continue to repeat the same behavior and have the same result. So I took steps once I was aware that I had a problem with anger and I enrolled in a program for aggression, but even after successfully completing the program, I still felt unsatisfied and unfulfilled. **So that is when I was introduced to the Word of God.** The reason why I had initially contacted you in the first place is because I have witnessed a lot of Christians over the years, and I had very much admired their sense of peace and serenity that they continually display and I have always wondered how they had acquired it? I had once taken the opportunity to ask one person how they had obtained it, and they said it was due to their relationship with the Lord. When I had written to you requesting to be enrolled in your "Bible Study Program", I didn't know what to expect, but I was hoping not to only build towards a personal relationship with the Lord, but to also fellowship with a congregation of 'true' believers who will be a positive encouragement to me as well. I have been emotionally and spiritually alone since the absence of my wife the past 7 years, with no communication from the outside world, so in having received your letter of acceptance your spiritual family is a blessing within itself, and I intend to fulfill my obligation as a student in your school of the bible because I want a personal relationship with the Lord. Bro. Anthony, Tx

Awesome News!! Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sala, thank you so much for this Discipleship Training Series. It has really taught me a lot and I am staying hard at work. When I get done with one, I am eager to start the next one. Y'all are really a blessing to me. You guys have saved me on so many levels. I have even started a group trying to pay it forward what I have learned from y'all. I interact with my kids more, my family tells me all the time that I am a very different person, and I really want to thank you and your program for my personal change. I will continue to bless others and be a messenger of the Word. Once again thank you and God bless you. Travis *You know there is real sustained change when the family begins to notice and admire the inmate! Praise you, Jesus.*

Little Lambs....Boy, as always it's super good to hear from you. I want to thank you all for taking time to help me with the Word. These last few lessons it seems that I get lost in the Word. I lose all since to time and I forget of everything that is going on around me. It's a blessing to me to be able to forget of all the trouble and hard times that's going on in this World today. I can't begin to thank you enough. I pray that out of His Glorious Riches HE may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being. Bill...PS Love you all. You are all Heroes to me in my heart. That you for being brave. Stay safe and healthy.

Volunteers of Little Lambs School of the Bible (A Graduating Inmate)

Thank you for this study course that you have provided. I have enjoyed them extensively. They have helped me to grow in my understanding of the Bible as well as my trust in Jesus. Because of this growth in trust and faith, I have been granted my compassionate release motion as of Jan 12, 2021. I am currently in quarantine for 2 weeks awaiting my release. This was granted after only 35 days in the court. Others have been sitting for 90 plus days waiting for even to be heard. Many have been denied multiple times. This is the first one I've heard of that was granted in less than 90 days. I have God to thank for this and your study (in part) as well. Thank you all for what you do and the help you have given me. Continue this blessed work for others. Craig

Dear John Sala, I've read your book while I've been in prison and I really like it. Before I tell you about my faith I'm going to tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Carter, I'm 15 years old. This is my first time in a prison but I've been in and out of jails and residential places and on probation since I was 12. I'm just ready to give my life to God. I've been praying and reading the bible every day but I don't feel God's presence. I don't understand what I'm doing wrong. I want to be a Christian and worship God and put the drug and criminal stuff behind me so bad but I don't know how. This is all I have to say John. If you could write back to this address that would be great. Please write back. Carter *We wrote to Carter and explained the new birth and sent him many helps and tracts and things as well as a bible study. Pray that he writes us back when he is finally in his permanent prison.*

Write and tell us what Sexual Holiness means to you. Essay

I think being sexually holy for me means to keep my thoughts and actions centered on Christ, to avoid pornography and to cast down impure thoughts when they pop up and they do pop up ! By taking every thought into captivity, I am able to control myself by the power of the Holy Spirit that lives within me.

Describe you own local church in your current environment. Essay

Well, I'm in prison, in quarantine. I tested positive for Covid 19. this place is closed since Sept, so no church service. My only Church is myself, my Bible and my friend Jesus Christ all together in my cell. It's really great this way! Amen.

Can you feel the urgency in this man to know the Lord?

Dear John & Eileen, I'm Robert. I have been move to Mule Creek State Prison. I sent a letter, someone sent me the First Series for a second time. I need the second series sent out to me and if you will please be so kind to help me once again with a KJV Bible to help me answer the Assignment. I really can't complete none of the lessons that I do want so bad to complete this work in the Word of God now that I am so glad to have got started and I want to go all the way thru and I need your help with the KJV Bible to do this work. It is so good for me in my commitment to do this work so may God bless you and your ministry to help God's people. Thank you so much. *Of course we sent him another Bible and study since he had moved. Lots of personal property can be lost in a move and we certainly want to help him to learn about the Lord and His Word.*

Dear Partners,

After the disruptions of last year, we expected a calm new year settling into our groove. Well, it was not to be! Along came that big ice storm the slowly moved across the US and of course that affected our mail. It has slowed to a crawl! Our reliance on the Post Office brings with it all the problems of weather and pandemics! It seems that on even a regular holiday, the mail is slowed. The Blessing is we have more wonderful graders waiting on that mail.

The new year also brought with it a mail increase. It has gone up \$0.15 an ounce across the board. Even our First Class stamp has risen to \$0.51. The Blessing is to be able to mail everything with 2 weeks of entering our office.

Now, do the inmates have their problems in the new year? You bet. We have had more returns than usual. One such lesson came to the office as rejected. I called the prison mail room for an explanation then mailed the inmate about it. He wrote back, "Dear Little Lambs, May you be in perfect peace.. I too received a rejection notice as to the Bible Study you all sent me. What an unfortunate turn of events! It blew my mind that you'd take the time to call the mailroom here at USP Lee. Thank you. Thank you for caring for me that much.

I've already got the wheels turning here as far as the petition is concerned. I gave the rejection notice to Chaplin Waters and explained the situation to him. He took the notice and said he'd talk to the Captain about it. No word back yet, so Prayers UP! I plan on speaking to the Warden when he does his weekly rounds next week. When I find out any information, I'll write and let you know. Until then know you and family are in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you again. Brother Michael" The Blessing here is that Michael is willing to fight the system for his precious bible studies. It means a lot to him and to us.

Then we notice more graduation bibles being lost in the mail. The inmate will write not getting his Bible. We check on Delivery Confirmation and send all the information to him to take to the mail room at his facility. This has not proved very successful. I decided that we needed to do more than that because the Post Office will take no responsibility unless it's insured. We simply can't afford that. This time I decided to also send the information and description of the Bible to the Warden himself and ask for an investigation. Then I decided we would include in the last lesson a description of the Bible, ISBN number and date of mailing to the inmate himself or herself and tell them to go to the mailroom **first, now**, and put them on alert that he was being shipped a Bible and here is the description. Then he should check daily because it usually arrives in 5 to 7 days. We feel this will solve this problem. The Blessing is that the inmate is assured again the we love and care for them. This is key.

Now our latest new year catastrophe concerned our back deck. Keith was zooming along and going great when Code Enforcement arrived and asked for our permit. I was not aware that we needed a permit to replace the same structure. I was informed we needed a drawing and engineering approval and also approval of the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) because we are located in a 'historical' district. Our Friend of the Ministry, Bill Daily undertook to help us and after a month, we received the permit Thursday. The Blessing is that during this time I was out for a week with surgery and it was sort of relief of some tension.

Then we discovered when Keith was repairing the outside lighting that the wire from the pole by the street was laying on the house, more so after the last storm. We will have to erect a pole near the side of the house because the electric company will take no responsibility in the matter. Again Bill Daily has come to help us. I think we will have to rent or find someone who can dig a big post hole while Bill has a pole at his office. The Blessing is that we would be relieved of the worry during the next hurricane season and the safety of everyone is our priority. I won't even talk about the termite damage we found, I'll save that for another day!!!!

Yes, in all these things we are so blessed. Next month I'll share with you the 4 new graders who have joined us, although some are snowbirds. We've had not more Covid, a real Blessing! We love you and thank you all for your tremendous support.

Your servant,
Eileen Sala

Schedule February 2021

Mon...Bible Study@ Hogar Resa Sebring

Thu..Bible Study @ Hogar Resa Sebring

Thurs..Released to Love, Women

Codependent recovery @ 5:45 pm

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