

# EPISODE Six

## Trial & Sentencing

### FRANK CARTER

### PRISON MINISTRY PASTOR

Frank Carter is exactly what you would expect a prison pastor to be. He is kind, understanding, empathetic, but he does expect the members to follow the rules. He lays an important role in expressing the theme of forgiveness which flows through all the episodes.

### Scene 35 “James Tries to Forgive”

PRISON MINISTRY MEETING ROOM. INT. DAY.

**35-B.** Open on the table with James. He is sitting with Guitar Pick, Tiny, Roadster and Flathead. Also sitting at the table is Frank Carter and Bill Griffin (a Ministry Volunteer).

**TINY**

Hey, you haven't formerly met **Roaster** and **Flathead** yet.

**FRANK CARTER**

We don't use biker names here Tiny.

(to James)

I don't think you know everyone here. Let me introduce you to Jimmie Long and Toby Ross.

**JAMES**

Nice to meet you.

**The other two nod approval.**

**FRANK CARTER**

And this is Bill Griffin, he has been a ministry volunteer for three years now.

**BILL GRIFFIN**

Nice to meet you, James.

**Bill reaches over and shakes James' hand.**

**FRANK CARTER**

We are going to hold a forgiveness ceremony today. Since this is your first time James, I thought I would ask Bill to explain how the ceremony works.

**BILL GRIFFIN**

It's pretty simple. You just think of someone who has hurt you and you write their name down on a piece of paper. Then we gather all the names and put them into a bowl of water. We recite a simple prayer and stir the water until all the pieces of paper have disappeared. Whatever anger or animosity you feel toward that person will disappear along with the paper.

**TINY**

It's really cool, how the paper disappears. It's like a miracle!

**ROADSTER**

It's not really a miracle. It's special paper that just dissolves.

**TINY**

You don't know that!

**ROADSTER**

You can believe it's a miracle if you want.

**35-C. Bill Griffin gets up and comes back to the table with small pieces of the special paper. He passes them out, then goes to the other table and does the same.**

**James stares at the blank sheet of paper while the others write out names on theirs. Finally, Frank looks at James.**

**FRANK CARTER**

Can't you think of anybody that has hurt you?

**JAMES**

No.

**FRANK CARTER**

You can write your own name down.

**JAMES**

My name?

**FRANK CARTER**

Sometimes the most important forgiveness we have to learn is how to forgive ourselves.

**JAMES**

Yeah, right.

**James continues to stare at the blank paper. Finally, he writes “Michael Stewart”.**

**TINY**

(Trying to see what James wrote)

Who did you write down?

**FRANK CARTER**

You know better than to ask.

**ROADSTER**

Yeah Tiny... don't ask.

**TINY**

Hey Roadster, I just wondered if he wrote his own name.

**ROADSTER (Jimmie Long)**

Even more important that you don't ask Tiny.

**35-D. They all get up and move to the chairs in the front of the room. Bill holds the names in his hands as he stands in front of the bowl full of water.**

**FRANK CARTER**

Let us pray. Please Lord, help us forgive these people who have hurt us. We do not need to understand why they hurt us... or why they have been put in our life. We only need to know that the feelings we carry inside us... are harmful to our soul. We relinquish these feelings, along with the hatred and anger they generate. We forgive those who have hurt us, and we give up our anger at them, and the things they did to us, even as we know you have forgiven them as well. Please help us let go of these feelings so they don't eat away at our soul, and please fill our hearts with love for you, and for everyone we meet in this life, regardless of their actions toward us. In your name and the name of Jesus, we pray as we watch you dissolve our hate...