

# EPISODE SEVEN

## The Black Horde

### GUITAR PICK

#### PRISONER IN THE PRISON MINISTRY

Guitar Pick's real name is Carl wood. Because his nickname is his stage name, he is the one prisoner in the prison ministry that doesn't have to use his real name. He is a music star who was convicted of DUI right after his first album. He acts as a surrogate father to James, a role that comes easy to him. He teaches James to play the guitar and encourages him to write songs. They perform together at the prison concert in episode 9.

### Scene 38 "Guitar Lesson"

**38-A PRISON MINISTRY MEETING ROOM. INT. DAY.**

**Guitar Pick is playing his guitar and teaching James how to play in the corner.**

**GUITAR PICK**

So have you been writing any songs?

**JAMES**

No, not yet.

**GUITAR PICK**

You remember what I said about the lyrics?

**JAMES**

Yes, just write down lines... whatever pops into my head.

**GUITAR PICK**

Yeah. Don't struggle with it and don't try and finish a song all at once. Just focus on your feelings. Think about all the things you wish you would have said to people... and all the things you wish they would have said to you.

**JAMES**

Yeah, I get that.

**GUITAR PICK**

Once you get started you will find it is easier than you think. Most people never say the words out loud, but they feel them. That's why songs are so powerful. They express what everyone else is thinking but has never put into words.

**JAMES**

But what about the melody.

**GUITAR PICK**

Just focus on the words and don't worry about the melodies. When you are lying in your bed late at night, let the words run through your head. If there is a melody there, it will pop up. It's not even like you are the one thinking it up. It will just pop into your head and there it is.

**JAMES**

I can't imagine that happening.

**GUITAR PICK**

Trust me son. That's how it works. You don't have to write a single note. When it comes it will be there... just like magic.

**JAMES**

(smiling)

O.K., I trust you.

**GUITAR PICK**

That's one thing that you can do!