

A Mother's Womb - The Father's Womb

Isaiah 61:1-3a:
**LEADING
CAPTIVITY
CAPTIVE**



Welcome to the monthly **J.A.I.L.** Ministry newsletter. Jesus is capturing lives one by one as individuals become aware of being held captive by their sin. The Holy Spirit is taking the initiative to draw men and women into a relationship with the Father. According to John 6:44a *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them.* God draws people like a magnet through His convicting power. That's why we need your prayers more than ever. **Thank you** for your faithful prayers, and generous giving to support this ministry effort. You are making an eternal difference!

Happy belated Mother's Day! I hope you Moms were blessed! Often there are women who are pregnant while in Jail. In my daily reading of the Book of Mysteries by Jonathan Cahn he talks of the womb (rechem) of God's love. Within her womb is the most delicate of beings, a new life. The only real protection he/she has is the womb. In Hebrew, the word for womb is rechem. It comes from the root word *racham*. What does racham mean? Racham speaks of tender love, deep compassion, and mercy. In fact racham means both mercy and womb. How are the two connected? The womb is a place of tenderness, nurturing, and protection. If not for that tender love we never would have been born. Yet the word racham which can mean both mercy and womb is used in Scripture for the love and mercy of God. So the word for God's love is linked to the womb. That's the mystery. What's the mystery? The love and mercy of God is a womb. How? It is God's racham; His tender love and deep compassion that causes us to be born again. In the book of John Messiah tells the Jewish leader Nicodemus that to enter heaven one must be born

again. Nicodemus responds with a question, "Can a man enter his mother's womb to be born when he is old?" The answer is no. But there is a womb that we can enter, the rechem, the womb of God's tender mercy. It is that mercy, that rechem the womb of His love, that protects us from harm. It is by living in that love and mercy that we grow and are formed into the child of heaven we were called to become. The racham of God is the rechem of our new birth. For every birth must have a womb, and the womb of our new birth is His love. In our day not even the womb is a safe place for the precious life of the unborn. I'm eternally grateful that God's womb is different. He will always hold onto us and secure us forever and ever.

An inmate told me that his mom recently died and he was having a hard time. I talked to him about the importance of grieving. I was told not to grieve, he stated, but to hold it inside. I shared how important grieving is for our emotional health. When my Mom died I cried buckets full. I also told him that Jesus grieved. I could sense he had a soft heart and gave my testimony of how empty my heart was, and how I tried everything to fill the void. God brought people who said only Jesus Christ can fill that void because of sin. He could identify with me and his empty heart. Right there in front of his peers he prayed the sinner's prayer to receive Christ as his Savior and Lord! PTL!!!

*In His Service,
Chaplain Jerry*

Tip of the Month: Guard against becoming complacent as we grow older. Many have shipwrecked at the end.

A captive soul rescued!! – Loni Nelson

Don't talk. Don't trust. Don't feel. This was definitely the way it was in our home. I was born in 1975. Growing up it was myself, the baby, two older sisters, Mom and Dad until our father was killed on 12/12/80. That's when the cycle began. Mom turned to drinking so to work she went, and then off to her next job the seat at the bar. We kids were either with sitters, or on our own until we were introduced to her new boyfriend (the Monster). She married him when I was 8 years young. The cycle of abuse

was unreal. When Mom was home we were told to be good, pray, eat, etc. Mom worked and he didn't. When she left he began the torture, molesting, beatings, made me smoke marijuana, drink beer, and do some cocaine a few times. My sisters were far too smart. They knew how to go to friend's homes and stay away. He was a serpent, a spawn of Satan who was tattooed with 666 all over his body, and a controlling psycho! I was told I would die if I told anyone what he did

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayer for volunteer John Fry as he is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
- Prayer for former board member David Hamlin as he struggles with weekly dialysis. Also pray for his wife Edna battling cancer.
- The Jail environment can be an easy place to get discouraged. Pray for a renewed fervor for each volunteer, so they will know and sense their efforts are not in vain.
- The inmates would not be easily distracted from the lessons that God is trying to teach them while He has their attention. Pray against the enemy snatching the Word from their hearts.
- Prayer for favor and a continued mutual working relationship with the Sheriff's office as we are privileged guests especially with many administration changes.
- God uses our ministry presence with the Jail population and the Sheriff's office staff to touch lives with the Gospel. May we be faithful to sow seed through our words and actions.
- Bible studies are limited to 12 and are no longer in the housing units, but in the class rooms by the control areas. Pray they would let us have studies in all sixteen units, and that participants would be hungry spiritually.
- Safety for our public servants, the Detention Officers in the Jail, Dispatchers, and those Deputies out on patrol with the stress and pressure they all are under.
- God will use me by the power of the Holy Spirit in speaking opportunities this summer as I share about the ministry, and effectively teach God's Word to some congregations.
- Spiritual protection for the volunteers in their personal lives and families, and a deeper walk and humility in the Lord for all of us.
- Sunday services at 10:00 A.M. would be greatly attended as a larger number of inmates wake up to watch. Detention officers would realize its benefit to their pods.
- God will prompt local churches to participate by opening their doors to the formerly incarcerated, and to support this local mission's effort prayerfully and financially as we experience growth.
- Those inmates who have gone off to prisons, back to the streets or deported will stay faithful to Jesus Christ, His Word, His church, and actively share their faith.
- Pray for brokenness and open hearts to hear, and receive the Word as it is shared through book distribution, one on ones, Bible studies, and Sunday services.
- We need daily prayer for spiritual oppositions that come against the ministry trying to disrupt and destroy it.
- The seed of God's Word daily sown will bear much fruit.
- The annual PC Jail Ministry banquet/fundraiser 6:00 PM Tuesday Oct 1st at Grace Church would be attended by over 300. The theme is *Leading Captivity Captive* so pray for people to catch the vision and partner with us.

ANSWERS:

- There has been and continues to be an abundant harvest all around us at the Jail!
- The ministry is able to do Bible studies in the housing units of S4 and S5 on Tuesday evening with a large number of the inmates attending! PTL!!!
- Sowing seed through the DOC ministry with active classes. The fruit is coming.
- Praise God for the salvations, attendance in Bible study groups, and life change evidenced!
- Praise God for all the former inmates saved and living for Him! An assortment of outside encounters with inmates that are truly divine appointments.
- Praise and thanksgiving to God for all that He does in orchestrating the administration, planning and the events of the ministry day by day.
- The obvious hand of God on this ministry in every way.

MOST WANTED:

- Paperback books by Tony Evans, David Jeremiah, CS Lewis, Jim Cymbala.
- Left Behind books 1,6-12
- Anyone interested in purchasing easy to read Bibles? You can help purchase one case of 20 for \$79.80. When we order two cases we get the third for free.

Ministry Monthly Report: May 2024

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| Inmate Request: | 762 | 4,075 |
| One-on-One inmate counseling: | 688 | 3,631 |
| Religious reading materials given: | 815 | 3,838 |
| Bible Study groups: | 41 | 209 |
| Inmates involved with studies: | 377 | 1,537 |
| View Worship Service: | 194 | 919 |
| Volunteer Hours: | 160 | 807 |
| Number of Volunteers: | 24 | 119 |
| Bibles given: | 394 | 1,783 |
| Number of New Believers: | 31 | 81 |

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to me, and I believed him. Later on I was married for 10 years. When our son passed it caused me a whole life of lying, conning, drugs, divorce, alcohol, being jobless, homeless, lost, in and out of prison for 18 years. My Mom died in May, my aunt died in June, and my best friend and sister Kathy died in September '23. I believed God was really evil to me. I was arrested again on 10/05/23. Eleven days later at 10:43 AM it was my goal to become a coward and look for the easiest way out of Jail. It was my best solution to tie a sheet around my neck, jump off the top tier, and into hell.... Only moments later the Holy Spirit showed up and in walked my new found friend through Christ, Chaplain Jerry. I will never forget that day in North 3 at the Polk County Jail for the rest of my time on this earth and in the new life to come! Tears were rolling down my face when Jerry sat with me, led me to Jesus, and I began a new life at that moment. When a person is lost and so out of this world it's hard to explain the blessing of

being saved. If you are not, give it a try. It's an amazing thing. It is most definitely a miracle. I went from defying any belief that God was even remotely a thought in my head. Now my Drivers License has been issued by the Holy Trinity – God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It's the greatest gift ever! Walk it. Talk it. Believe it, and do not ever deceive it. He gave His only Son for our lives. If anyone does not know how AMAZING that is, come see me. I'll walk beside and help guide you through to the one and only Jesus Christ!

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