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## PRODIGAL SON MINISTRIES

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My name is Ryan Styers, I'm a female (I know the name isn't telling of that so I like to clarify, especially these days!) I'm 35 years old and I'm from Northern Virginia. I've lived here my whole life. I grew up in what I would call a "demons den" because my mother rejected catholicism and raised my 2 brothers and I... well now that I'm typing it, she didn't really raise us.

She was a single mom and working all the time, my dad was gone for most of my childhood kinda in and out and then he killed himself when I was 14. Both my parents were/are alcoholics. My brothers and I kind of raised ourselves, really. We weren't given any real direction or guidance. I would describe my mother's beliefs as very "new age" and she's EXTREMELY liberal. I was taught that a baby was just a bunch of cells and how dare anyone tell

a woman what to do with her body. She is a feminist for sure. She taught me things like "Everyone is a little gay". She gave me my first beer when I had a panic attack when I was 12 and taught me to self medicate. I used to cut myself and did drugs and drank alcohol. I ended up in a relationship with a narcissist when I was 15 and we were together almost 20 years... I didn't understand that I was being abused. I was raised on Howard Stern and South Park and Marilyn Manson... My mom bought me a book "Spells for Girls" which was witchcraft marketed towards children. She loves Deepak Chopra. Just trying to give you an idea of how far I (thought) I was from the

Father. Jesus was a joke in my house growing up. I was offended by Christianity because my mom taught me to be. Christians were just dumb and weak and needed a "crutch" is what my ex-husband would say.

I've suffered from mental health issues my whole life and after My daughter was born 8 years ago (I had a traumatic birth and no support afterwards) and around that time I started to do Al-Anon meetings because my ex-husband and my whole family are alcoholics and that brought me into rooms

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where people started talking about a "higher power" which really started my path towards Christ, even though I didn't know that yet. I listened to everyone around me talk about their spiritual beliefs and tried this on and that on

and ended up in the "New Age" and doing witchcraft. I thought it was all good things, "White Magic" so to speak, but I was deceived obviously. I did however always feel drawn to Jesus.... I just thought I could have Jesus and every other spiritual belief too.

When my daughter was almost 3 things were so abusive at home and I didn't know at the time that I had Complex PTSD among other issues and I ended up having a psychotic break. I was home alone and happened to be naked in my bedroom when my ex husband came home and to get away from him I took myself out of the window... I don't have perfect memory of what took place because obviously I wasn't in my right mind, but I ended up letting myself in a

neighbor's house through the basement door. The homeowner was snorting cocaine and drinking beer and was needless to say quite shocked to see me. He had a 45 with a banana clip on his couch for some reason and just immediately started shooting at me. He shot at me 39 times total and the family beat me near to death with an oscillating fan, they punched me in

the face so much I almost lost my eye, the 12 year old son stabbed me with an allen wrench.

I was dying, I saw myself from above almost out of body before the police got there.

I ended up being arrested and put in jail at Riverside Regional Jail (which is an awful facility, even for a jail, everyone there said it was one of the worst correctional facilities) for 8 months. I entered a plea deal because I was looking at 20 years possible time and they convicted me of felony charges because i bit the man's hand while all this was happening. Jesus called me to him in that jail. I lived for the Word, it kept me safe

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and sane. It changed my life. I did as many send away bible studies as I could, I longed for the days where the Sisters in Christ would come in for bible study (which often they weren't allowed in because of short staffing). He revealed so much of himself to me in that jail and the Sisters poured into me when they could come in. But then I had to return to the "real world".

Re-entry was impossibly difficult. I returned to a dysfunctional family system full of unbelievers with no Church network. I set myself up to fail by not getting a Church home immediately and staying in the Word. I got roped back into a relationship with my ex-husband. I tried to keep some of my new age beliefs along with the Bible for a long time, and ultimately we know that isn't possible but it created a lot of problems for me spiritually. I didn't understand that I was on the fence because I was so naive and ignorant. The Way of Jesus was the West to me and I was born in the East- they were so far apart it was so confusing without having mentors and brothers and sisters in Christ. And I was a joke to everyone I knew, that knew me from my past.

I won't write you a novel of all the things that transpired over the next 6 years. But I had another mental health episode after a miscarriage in 2021 which lead to hospitalization. The hospitalization served as a period of sanctification and I got back into the bible. I ended up getting placed in

a group home so at least I wasn't with my family and I tried really hard for almost 4 years to only listen to Christian music, not watch secular entertainment etc. But everyone in my life that I've ever loved was still in the demons den, which included my ex husband who has custody of my daughter... I was weak and backslid somewhat and because I wanted to be with my daughter I tried to reconcile with her father. I also felt

convicted because I didn't believe in divorce but unfortunately he's very narcissistic and ungodly... I tried to go to church and he picked me up one time and stares straight in my face and says F\*\*\* your Jesus. He did things like that often. I tried to share Jesus with my daughter but I had to do it cautiously because he was so violently opposed to it. Long story shorter, I

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realized you can't follow commandments from Jesus about divorce with a man who acts like a demon.

Those 4 years were a pressure cooker of stress, trying to adhere to the principles of the Bible and trying to have relationships with my family, trying to keep things pacified with my ex husband so I could see my daughter. Praise Jesus she has accepted the Lord into her heart, we even did a little baptism at home because he'd never allow me to take her to the church to be baptized. He's hot and cold, sometimes he tolerates our beliefs and other times he tells her she can't have a Bible at his house.

He tells her I'm an idiot because I believe. There really aren't words to describe what it's been like. But its been a lot of abuse, of every kind other than physical... I also got diagnosed with Narcolepsy this past August and had to quit my job, I'm on disability. I let myself get isolated

and without being connected to the Body of Christ I ended up having another mental health breakdown in early December. I was actually arrested on my deceased father's birthday Dec 11th. When they took me to the hospital because of my episode they gave me some medication but I still didn't sleep and apparently I spit on a police officer. I have no memory of this

whatsoever but I got charged with 2 counts of assault on a police officer. I was hospitalized at a psychiatric facility for two weeks and then I was sent to jail.

The facility that I was at was Fauquier County Jail and they had tablets... I watched many sermons from many ministries which were wonderful and comforting in my trauma, but then I found The-Prodigal Son. There was something about Mr. Hayes that just made me feel like I was at home. I think it's because he is so humble and gives all glory to God, but I watched the entire In Him Scripture series and most of the Romans one as well. By the time I left jail this past Monday your ministry had just uploaded 2 of the videos about speaking God's Word over your life.

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I've been walking with Jesus and trying to apply the Word for some years but so much of Scripture was confusing to me or I didn't know how to apply it. I don't know how to give you the proper words to explain how much these videos saved my life. I have severe PTSD with ADHD and so my nervous system is very challenged to say the least and I have changes to my brain function compared to a normal person so reading is difficult for me. I read well but

I have 7 other trains of thought occurring at the same time and I'm easily distracted so I read a chapter in the Bible and have no idea what I just read- there would be no comprehension at all and I would feel so defeated, and guilty even, because I couldn't absorb His Word.

I started declaring the Word over my life like Mr. Hayes suggests and after doing so and praying for my mind to be renewed within 2 weeks I read the entire New Testament (I had read bits and pieces of most of the books, I had read Matthew and John) from Matthew to Revelation in a matter of days. Not only did I read the entire New Testament but I understood it in a way I didn't think was imaginable for me. And reading the Book of Romans after hearing Mr. Hayes preach about so much of it changed my life. I took endless notes. It was a radical shift for me and God used this ministry to help heal my mind and enter into His Kingdom, so to speak. I didn't understand how much my own shame and self-condemnation kept me from truly entering his presence and receiving his promises.

I know this is a lot to read but I just want you to know that you changed my life and I'm so grateful for your ministry and your service, God bless your wife as well. I find it so endearing that you work to serve together.

On behalf of every inmate in the United States I just want to thank you for reaching out to those of us who are forgotten by society and looked down upon... we are real people with real trauma and real stories and real challenges and we all deserve to know Him and to know who we are in Him. Please know how much of a difference you are making, one inmate at a time. My only prayer is that tablets would be available at every correctional

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facility (and psychiatric facility- that would really be amazing as well) and that your ministry's videos would be available. God bless you both and whomever else may serve with you. God bless your family.

If it's possible, I would absolutely adore it if you could send me one of those cards. For almost 2 months I was dreaming of having one for myself.

Everyday when I say "I'm a born again child of God" I hear Mr. Hayes' voice in my head and it's so heartwarming to me. And I just love the two videos where he was vulnerable enough to shed tears....

Mr. Hayes, your passion for the Lord is admirable. I know you are a humble servant and I know you are just pointing us to Jesus... but please

recognize what a beautiful vessel you are.

Thank you so much I'm eternally Grateful, Ryan Styers

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there is another facility I had to spend a few days at that is in desperate need of the Lord and His Word... I experienced such intense spiritual warfare there and it's inundated with drugs. They have a chaplain, I don't know if maybe your ministry could somehow send your cards for the inmates... they have tablets but you have to pay for EVERYTHING on it. I was thinking if even the chaplain could just pass some of those cards out maybe a little Light could shine there. I know you have your hands full but the Lord put this on my heart to share with you.

Prince William County Adult Detention Center

PS I hope your Ramen noodle/Pizza party for the inmates and officers went well!!

The initial incident where I was shot at. They said I told them I was the Devil but I did not. I said I was God (which is embarrassing to say but in the new age terms I meant it like I am god, we are all God... I have no idea why they said I said I was the devil). They lied so much

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in court. The whole situation was so insane and I couldn't believe how it all worked out.

39 bullets

Not one struck me

Who can say God isn't real????

Praise Jesus

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I'm from Mexico and I've been studying with Brother Stacy Hayes here at Bradley County jail for several months. I love Jesus now more than ever, because I know who I am in HIM. These verses have answered so many questions for me, so many promises in God's Word. Follow Jesus!! He's the ONLY way to heaven.

Armando Mejia Alamazon

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I would like to let you know that the card you gave to us has shown me that this place that I am in does not define me. It has also taught me that he is a loving, caring, forgiving God, that is in my life to uphold me, not to tear me down. These In Him scriptures has shown me hope and let me see how loving and kind my Lord and Savior is. Thank you Stacy Hayes!

Love, William Greer

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Thank God for sending us a precious Brother Stacy, to encourage us not only to read and study the Bible every day but to live in our salvation. Just to know the freedom we live and walk in everyday. We love you Brother Stacy Hayes.

Gerald Burress

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Hello, my name is Christopher Adam Cantrell. I'm 35 years old, and from Cleveland TN. My whole life I went to church, I even went to TCA "Tennessee Christian Academy School", a christian school, I always knew that Christ died for my sins and accepted him as my savior but I never knew truly who I was in Christ and the true meaning of what he really truly did for me. I'm currently in Bradley County jail due to struggle with my drug addiction. I have tried and tried to stop on my own and keep failing, until I realized who I am in Christ and learn that apart from Christ, I can do nothing, I see that now. I would mess up and think, why even try again? Then I found out Roman's 8:1 "there is no condemnation for those in Christ "Jesus", I don't have to live as a drug addict, no more "I am a child of God" John 1:12, "I have been justified" Rom 5:1, "I m complete in Christ", Colossians 2:10, "I am a saint" Ephesians 1:1, "I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins" col 1:14, and there is so, so, so, many more that I know and base my life on now. Thank you for helping me see all that I am in Christ. It has changed my life

Your friend Christopher Adam Cantrell

Dear Stacy,

I want to say how much you've impacted (touched) my life and how you've helped me through "Jesus" Christ . ml have changed my ways and the utter thoughts of my mind. I feel like I'm a new creature in life! I have hope. I feel like my prayers are being answered, maybe not in my order, but for certain on God's time, that may His will be for my life. Zsll this time is not in vain like it was before. I have more hope then I've ever known because of your time and love for all of us. I have a future for my bible says

The Lord is with me Always, I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me! Amen  
Psalm 16:8

Thank you for ythe love you all have shown us inmates. God Bless You All

George Day

Thanks everyone who helped this happen

Beloved let us love one another, for love is of God: and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God, He who does not love does not know God. For God Is

Love

John 4:7

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The "In Him" scripture references card has not only opened my eyes but pricked my heart and opened my mind. These scriptures show many way's how "In Him" is love and Grace! Thank you Stacy for your time to help us men grow!!

Matthew Tyler



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The "In Him" scripture references have helped me realize WHO I am in Christ and have opened my eyes & shown me my worth in Christ Jesus. Thank you to Stacy Hayes!  
Dustin Duggan

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To Whom It May Concern  
I have been studying the In Him Scriptures from Stacy Hayes and it has helped me get to know who I am and helped me understand the Bible. I would suggest it to anyone that wants to know who they are.  
Joe Sherrill