



## Henderson, TX

I was born in Jackson, Tennessee on October 31, 1983. I am the oldest of my mother's children. I have four siblings altogether, an older stepbrother, a half-brother who is nine years younger, and 2 half-sisters who are 10 years younger. I moved to Texas when I was four years of age and shortly after this is when I met my stepdad. I grew up half of my life with my grandparents and this is where I first went to church. My granny took me and my two cousins, Trampas and Corey, to church when we were very young. I first gave my life to Christ when I was seven years old, but it wasn't until church camp when I was 15 years old that I fully gave my life to Christ and was aware of what He fully did on the cross for me. When I got back from church camp, I got baptized by brother Balla. We had a very strong youth group and all of us were really close to one another. After I moved out of my parent's home, I started to fall away. I got married in 2006 and my marriage was one that wasn't founded on the right principles because she wasn't a Christian. In 2007, I joined the army and in AIT I started to drink rather heavily. I got out of the military in 2011 and was divorced by 2013. I stayed in the bottle until recently and have been sober for about 3 years now. I have almost died several times but God has greater plans for my life. I go to church every chance I get and plan on pursuing a degree in theology or divinity when I get out of prison.

J. L.

## Trenton, NJ

Being incarcerated at Trenton State prison will remain the worst

time period of my life. The transition from freedom to being caged is very difficult plus, I've never been locked up. But here I am with 48 years for my first offense. Being locked up hurts more when you've made all the adjustments to become a positive member of society and a good father and role model for your family. But in the end, none of those changes seem to matter because you are now in prison for what the "old you" did 12 years ago and the courts don't care about your achievements or how good of a man you've become. Nobody can see the boy of my youth lacking guidance while enduring mental abuse, neglect, physical abuse, and sexual abuse for years. Anybody can see the innocent mind of my youth being taught the corruption that made its way into my adulthood. My suffering provoked the desire to seek my Father in heaven, for answers, peace, forgiveness, comfort, and joy within my chaotic life. However, for every action in life, there is a reaction. The desire to acknowledge and build a relationship with your Father in heaven will label you as a threat and a marked target for Satan and his army. This spiritual journey for peace, love, purpose, and salvation will result in a spiritual warfare to capture your soul. You must remain focused on Jesus and the Word of God plus understanding that the suffering comes with the territory you seek. But in the end the reward will be worth the fight! You must recognize the three unique enemies that seek to dismantle the spiritual life of believers. The world, the flesh, and Satan, each of these have a particular role to play and each are relentlessly determined to destroy

you and/or hinder your spiritual growth. It's very important when being attacked to discern the type of weapon being used against you along with the knowledge to counter Satan's efforts to spiritually hinder you, which is the Word of God. So, for your own sake, become one with your Bible. The battle with the flesh, I believe, is the most difficult to counter because the fleshly battle is the cause of an inner war within yourself. Your own mind and body is against your will to please God. It's a battle of the fallen nature of man due to the sins of Adam within the garden of Eden, which is unavoidably against your spiritual nature that enters when we become believers and are born again through Jesus Christ. Stay focused on Jesus in God's Word no matter how difficult life gets, don't let prison break you and don't allow your heart of flesh to become one of stone. Always remember that reading your Bible is God's way of speaking to you and the very words you're reading once became flesh to save your soul. **G.S.**

## Tennessee Colony, TX

I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I am 28 years old and will be 29 years old this December 10. I have one beautiful son named Jaxson and have a loving father, mother, brother, and grandparents who support me in anything I do. Most importantly, I have a new addition to my family, I have all of you brothers in Christ Jesus. On March 30, 2019 I had a life-changing event occur. I was already an alcoholic, but my world turned upside down when the love of my life left me and took my son Jaxson with her. Shortly after that I turned

to more alcohol and then to snorting meth. Little did I know it, on that day of March 30, 2019, I had an accident that took the lives of a beautifully and happily married couple. I had a drunk driving accident and what messed me up about it all, was that they were my mom and dad's age. After some days past I realized that it could have been my little son or my brother or grandparents. On April 1, 2019 I was arrested and charged with two counts of intoxication manslaughter. I felt lost, empty, and I didn't know where I was going to go or what I was going to do. I had barely turned 23 years old and I had lost everything. I wouldn't say that I came from a broken home because I had everything as a kid. My mother was a nurse and my father was a General Motors dealership mechanic. The hard part was that my father was a bad alcoholic and kind of treated my mom badly from time to time. He treated me and my brother badly sometimes as well. I took my father's footsteps and became a bad alcoholic myself and treated my ex-fiancé like my dad used to treat my mother. I pretty much lived the blue-collar work life, and lived in a beer joint. I had my walls put up and separated myself from everything and everyone. Well after almost 5 1/2 years, on May 16, 2024, I got the best blessing of my life. I was able to do the KAIROS walk and was able to add the Kairos family, my brothers in Christ, and some of my fellow brothers in white to my family tree. I have never felt love and happiness and joy before in all my life. Most importantly, God found another one of his lost sheep, and I am proud to say it was me he found! You can have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Repent, get baptized and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and ask Him to come into your heart and live there

forever. I would like every one of my brothers to remember this, "With men, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 18:26.

I am a witness of God's loving grace and His mercy. He answered my prayer. I asked God to let me feel and experience the feelings of the Holy Spirit and to be able to feel real love, and He gave me that!

"And whatever things you ask in prayer believing you will receive." Matthew 21:22

Love your God, with all your heart, mind, and soul and love your neighbor as I have loved you. **S.S.**

#### **Wewahitchka, FL**

There was a man who knew the Lord but didn't serve Him as he should. He lived foolishly and lavishly, chasing and living for the things of this world. He served the creation rather than the creator. As a result of this man's foolish lifestyle, he ultimately ended up in jail, barely escaping death many times. There, he found himself alone, forsaken, and forgotten by everyone that he called friends. Left behind by the women that he believed adored him and ignored by his family that he thought loved him. There in those jail cells, he came to realize that God was all he had and all along God was all he needed. He drew closer to God through continuous study and prayer. He repented of his sins, and all of the years he had wasted living so foolishly. He surrendered his life to Jesus and devoted himself to serving Him, leading other men to Jesus as well, and becoming one of Christ's ambassadors. As time went on, the man began to ask God for more and more freedom. He stood on the promises that God sets the prisoners free. He did what was pleasing in the sight of God, and believed that one day soon he would surely be free. He prayed to

God," Please free me, Lord, please rescue me. I promise to serve you for the rest of my life. Wherever you may lead, I will follow. Whatever you want me to do for you, I will. Lord, just show me the way. I surrender my life to you. Please, Lord just rescue me and I will go wherever you want." The Lord eventually answered the man back, "My son, I have rescued you. I already have set you free. You don't remember the deep, dark prison of loneliness, and misery in which you once lived? The chains of addiction and perversion that once held you so tightly? The constant hopelessness that surrounded you? I have set you free, my son, and I am so proud of you and the work you are doing there. When you were saved, you surrendered your life to me and promised you would go wherever I lead. Remember, there is where I have led you, there is where I need you, my son. You are very effective in my kingdom, right where you are. You are now my ambassador, my servant. That is your mission field. Make me proud, my son and I will see you in glory."

**J.P.**

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