



Abilene, TX

My name is Jerry Radford. I'm 44 years old and an inmate in the Texas prison system. I'm down on my fourth felony conviction yet this is not and will not be my identity. I am a redeemed child of God. The path to that identity has been a long one. I have spent the last 19 years homeless on the streets in and out of prison. This was after leaving a term of service in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman and a battlefield medic for the Marine Corps. When I was discharged from the Navy, I struggled with issues of anger and drug use, mainly meth. I sunk to using needles, and my life became nothing but a jumble of events in a drug haze that included every immoral act that the Bible speaks against, period. Specifically, sexual sin. Because of my immoral lifestyle and my issues with drugs and anger, I have contracted several diseases that have endangered my health and have affected even my ability to have relational relationships with others. As I have said, I am a four-time convicted felon, and it was during my third incarceration that God found me and I accepted what for my whole life I knew was true and right, but didn't want to acknowledge. All because I wanted to be in control and thought I could handle my life. When I accepted Christ on November 26, 2021, I had been facing a possible life sentence for domestic violence impending which occurred during a period of high meth use, and a sexual encounter with a woman that I knew was not good for me to be around alone to be physically involved with. During that incarceration, I immersed myself in the Word of God and even

had a mentor from my church, my mom's Church, that worked with me for 27 months and even when I was released. I can say that I came out knowing God's Word better than I ever have in my life. Yet I still ended up falling back into using drugs and living on the streets. But since this incarceration started in July, I have come to realize many truths that I hadn't even acknowledged before and the most important one is that to truly have change you can't just accept Christ as your Savior. He must also be your Lord, and that is what I had failed to do. I had tried to be my own lord of my life and depend on myself alone. **J. R.**

Punta Gorda, FL

My name is Michael and I am recently baptized in the name of Jesus. I am doing 18 years in Florida DOC. Of these 41 years of my life, I've been a gang member and drug addict for 28 years. Well, like I said earlier, I am recently baptized and it is funny because me and a fellow in here got baptized together in a trashcan. We left our trash in the trash and it was beautiful! I came out of that cold water and haven't been the same since! I am out of the gang and that took some bumps and bruises. I stopped the drugs, cold turkey and now I got a song in my heart and it's all about our Lord. I am far from perfect, but I am bearing fruit and shedding light!

M. B.

Beeville, TX

So to start this testimony, I would like to say praise God for His grace and mercy on us. God is great in all He does for us even as sinners we are adopted by believing in Jesus Christ. My story begins year 2026

while out on bond for family violence and me struggling with an addiction of cocaine and alcohol. That year was a year full of rebellion against my Creator and a lot of moments where I really was thinking of hurting myself. Thank God that I was too much of a coward! My cocaine addiction led me to be low on my self-esteem and high on my perverse mind where I cheated a couple times on my current wife or often found any excuse to leave my home where my wife and daughter lived. I was on probation at the time, 6 for 8 deferred probation and with no hope whatsoever of my future and what would later be a three-year sentence in TDCJ, thanks to God's mercy. While in county jail, the same woman I had treated poorly showed me grace and mercy by deciding to be there for me every step of the way. Some may think she is dumb, but I know that God has a purpose for her in my life. One call that day in county changed my perspective of my now incarceration time. After a short argument with her, she told me these words, "What you need Jose is to have God in your heart again." See, I not only took these words in and pondered them, I did exactly what I knew. The Lord was reaching out to tell me through the one person that I was really only receptive to at that point in time. She could have not said anything better than that since my walk with the Lord as a Christian had been rocky prior to this. I used to think being a weekend church warrior was enough, but man I was gravely mistaken! I signed back in September 30, 2024 a three-year sentence and January 9, 2025 while

attending Church at the Garza West gym. I made a full commitment to the Lord and asked our Father to come and take a hold of my life, which was and is already His to begin with. It has not been easy, but it has been life altering for sure and much needed. Since I can remember, I have not put much effort into change as I have now and this is all God's doing and the sanctification process He has begun and will finish. Every step of the way He has been my provider, strength, joy, peace, and comfort. As a father of three children (eleven, nine, and four) I am grateful to God. He has always been there for my children while I go through the refining process. I remain strong, knowing He never left me or forsook me, and I know my turnaround is for His sake, glory, and honor!

J. M.

Bowling Green, FL

I was a kid when I was adopted by my grandma, but I always wanted to be with my mom. Again, my father's mom is the one who adopted me, but I say all that because as a child, all I had was my grandma and father and they loved me always and wanted good things for me and wanted what was best. I was just ungrateful and misunderstood. So I battled with mixed emotions that led me to the streets and with poor judgment and poor decision-making I was all in when it came to my friends and neighborhood shootings, robberies, drug dealings, etc. I was stuck in a situation and something happened in the process which led me to having a life sentence in prison and my gun wasn't even the gun that did it. Months later I was shot and after that situation, I went to prison. This is one of my testimonies. It was one early Sunday morning and I was so happy that morning that I just couldn't sit down. As I got dropped

off by my girl at the time, she dropped me off at my cousin's house. From there, I begged her to take me to the neighborhood. Once I got to the neighborhood, not knowing my friends just got in a shootout and shot someone's sister. There was a lot going on that I didn't know about. I got to the neighborhood and hours later a car pulls up and starts shooting. I got hit in the chest two times under the collarbone and one time in the neck and one time in the foot. Badly shot, they took me to the hospital. God is so good! After I got shot, a friend pulled up right after and took me to the hospital. I was in a coma for three months fighting. Prayers from a family friend kept me alive and I opened my eyes and that was a big blessing and a testimony to me because I got shot five times and was really on the edge of leaving the earth. God gave me another chance! Please pray for me as I cannot be there for my kids or family. It's hard in here and I hurt and want to break and cry, but God keeps me with strength to make it through!

D. W.

Coleman, FL

This past April, by the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the judge in my case vacated my sentence of 140 years and has re-sentenced to me to a significantly lower sentence that by the will of our God will result in me being released in the coming days or months after serving nearly 26 years in prison. As I traveled from Florida to Pennsylvania for the recent sentencing hearing, I spent time in three different holdover prisons. For years now, I have become used to nightly prayer calls, but there were none at these prisons. After mustering up the courage and getting over severe nervousness, I stood in the middle of the housing unit and yelled prayer call! All are

welcome, I want to pray for you and with you, it does not matter if for your family, your case, your health, God loves us. Let's give Him the praise He deserves. I repeated this in English and Spanish many times and became amazed as Christian brothers of all colors and cultures joined me in prayer. This happened at each of the three prisons. God's love and power was palpable each time and continues to be. What a great Lord, we serve! **M. G.**

Matthew 14:23-27

²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

²⁴ He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

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