



Freedom in the Word

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HUMILITY

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According to the dictionary humility means the quality or condition of being humble; modest opinion or estimate of one's own importance, rank, etc. The opposite of humility of course is pride. I think of pride as being independent, relying upon self. I think of humility in God's Kingdom as being very dependent upon God's grace which is His ability in us to accomplish His purpose.

The greatness of God and the brevity of man made dependence essential to God's plan. Humility and the fear of the Lord go hand in hand. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor, and life. (Proverbs 22:4) The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom and before honor is humility. (Proverbs 15:33) Humility knows who we are in relationship to God. It's been said, "There are two immutable truths: 1. There is a God. 2. You're not Him."

Genesis 1:1 sums up the sovereignty of God. "In the beginning God..." Revelation 1:8 says that He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending and we are just vapors that appear for a little while and then vanish away. (James 4:14) King David says that it is all about God and not about man when he stated in Psalm 8:4, "What is man that thou art mindful of him and the son of man that you would visit him?" We are promised 80 years if we are strong, but can't boast of tomorrow since we know not what a day may bring forth. (Psalm 90:10; Proverbs 27:1)

God created man for fellowship and to be dependent upon Him as Father God. (Romans 8:15) Jeremiah describes his need to be dependent in Jeremiah 10:23, "O Lord I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walks to direct his steps." Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way? (Proverbs 20:24) The truly humble man that fears God will take God at His Word when He says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shall go; I will guide thee with my eye." (Psalm 32:8)

What proves to God that we are humble? When we say, "Have thine own way Lord.....I need thee Oh I need thee.....I can do all things THROUGH YOU FATHER! (Philippians 4:13) In all thy ways acknowledge Him first, and that will exude humility which leads to victory! (Proverbs 3:5-6)

IT'S OUR DESIRE

Katie Brigmon

In many ways, it's like pep talks and locker room speeches given by coaches across the land. Each week, we try to motivate inmates to live right and to obey the law. "Let this be your last time in prison." We love these brothers and sisters and want to give them all the tools needed to reach their goals. However, they've got to have some goals. They've got to see themselves making it on the outside.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for..." Goals = Hope + A Plan.

We just went to a man's new home this week who has been out just over two years. He had goals. He wanted to start a janitorial business. Even while he was in the half-way house he was going to garage sales and buying equipment. His first contract was for 21 businesses. He didn't even have transportation. He knew that God wouldn't give him the contract if he wouldn't also provide transportation. Someone from his church gave him a car to pay for as he could. God has steadily been adding to his business and he's now moved from renting an apartment to renting a house. One step at a time.

There are many of us who desire to help people get started on the right path. There are a lot of coaches on the sidelines of life pointing toward a better goal. Thank you for your part.

MINISTRY FOR JULY:

- Kyle Unit..... July 5
- Bartlett Unit..... July 6, 10, 11, 13, 16, 20, 27
- Travis Unit..... July 6, 13, 20, 27
- Lockhart Unit (Women)..... July 12
- FCI Bastrop..... July 19
- Holliday Unit..... July 26
- FPC Bryan..... July 26
- Hughes Unit..... July 29

One on One county jail visits

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful .

Pray the Word

Prison Ministry Diaries

We love to see God continue to use the talent He has given His children that are incarcerated. At the Travis Unit there is an inmate that has a beautiful baritone voice. His voice is truly a gift from God to the body of Christ. We are all blessed when we hear him sing. We have been totally blown away by the praise & worship services at FCI-Bastrop as well as Eastham Unit. The musicians at the Ware Unit are of recording studio quality. We feel blessed to get to experience these beautiful praises to God.

Psams 150:4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

From a 2007-2008 UN Report: Prison population (per 100,000 people)

US	738	Singapore	350
Russia	611	Canada	107
Cuba	487	Australia	126

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, FCI & FPC Bastrop, Travis Unit, Hughes Unit, and Halbert Unit in Gatesville as well as county jail visits.

Mail Bag

Brother Ron: I am humbled by your kind words. The truth is: I was in darkness before I heard the Word of Truth. And even though I had been to a building called a church and participated in (mental assent) religious activities, the first time I heard the Word of Truth was from you. It is all about the Word of God, and to "Pray the Word". H.B. (now released and living for God)

Ron & Katie, I just wanted you to know how much your ministry inspires me at my moment of "give-ups". That's an understatement – it inspires me to change. As husband and wife you two show a clearer picture of who Christ is. I thank God for your testimonies of being faithful and submission to the ministry God has given to you. Love, R.H. (female inmate)

Dear Ron, I am writing to tell you how very much of an impact you have on my life although we've never met. You are my husband's mentor on the Bartlett Unit. He really loves you and that makes me really love you. The impact you have had on his life reaches all the way here to me. He has grown so much. I thank you for the time you spend with him and I thank God for the man he is today. I thank God for you everyday. When you help the men there, it doesn't stop there. You're helping families. D. S.
Hello Ron & Katie: I want to say how much I appreciate that you bring the Word of God into our unit. It was a great day as I sat & worshipped with you in our Sunday Service. A lot of us are hungry for His Word. I also want to thank you for the Daily Devotional. You are appreciated. P.J. (Lane Murray Unit)

**MATTHEW 25:36
TEAM MEMBER**

...I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME...