



# FREEDOM IN THE WORD

Matthew 25:36...I was in prison and you came...



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## START WITH THE HEART

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Fitness clubs will soon increase their enrollments and are sure to get their money up front. By March many enrollees will depart. Most of us are now considering our resolutions for 2012. We usually know what the goal is but we're not sure what the plan should be.

A sure fire plan that will always work---be led of the Holy Spirit. This puts us in a place of dependence and acknowledgement that we need Jesus for every decision whether large or small. I call Matthew 6:33 the "square one scripture." Everything always comes back to square one. Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God! Then all things are added after the first part.

I was studying Colossians 1:10 and the Holy Spirit bare witness that there are three components (plans) here to strive for in 2012:

**1. Walk worthy of the Lord** – Our example alone is our greatest witness. Ephesians 4:1 says, "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called." When you're known as a person of integrity and your standard of excellence is high you're walking worthy and bringing a good name (not shame) to Christianity.

**2. Be fruitful** – This is not just the fruit of the Spirit, (Galatians 5:22-23) it also means bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God in the form of changed lives. It's a word fitly spoken to those with a spirit of heaviness. (Proverbs 25:11) It's leaving a hand print on others that affects their destiny and enhances our legacy.

**3. Increase in the knowledge of God** – Jesus sums it all up in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures for they testify of me." We discover who He is and who we are in Him. We learn that we are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6) We discover that God has a plan and a purpose for our life.

To walk worthy of the Lord will open doors of favor and increase. Being fruitful will always give us a sense of accomplishment. Increasing in knowledge can motivate us to memorize scripture.

Make your new year's resolution short and sweet and you can even tweet. "As we enter the New Year, let's simply draw near." (James 4:8) A person after God's own heart has a great start!

## HAVING A GREAT IMAGINATION

Katie Brigmon

*Ephesians 3:20 - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. NIV*

I asked an inmate at a Federal Unit about his great tan. I commented that he looked like he'd been on a beach vacation. He responded, "I can close my eyes and be anywhere I choose."

I've been meditating on that for the last few days. I'm not talking about mind over matter but I've decided that's a part of hope. Without hope we can't have faith. *Hebrews 11:1 - Faith is the substance of things not seen, the evidence of things hoped for.*

I talked to an inmate that said prison is just something we do in our community, "We all know growing up that we'll eventually go to prison." Someone painted a picture for him in his mind of being in prison. Prison became part of his imagination.

I hear about people who are without hope. I believe they are also without a hopeful imagination. People have to be able to see themselves clean and sober. People have to be able to imagine their family together and walking in love. People have to see themselves like God sees them: Loved, Redeemed, having the mind of Christ.

One of the greatest things that ever happened to Ron & I outside of our salvation is allowing ourselves to see (imagine) ourselves as God sees us. That fills us with hope which builds our faith. Let's all imagine ourselves living a blessed life in 2012.

## MINISTRY FOR JANUARY 2012

Bartlett Unit.....	Jan. 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 30
Travis Unit.....	Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Lockhart Unit (Women).....	Jan. 8
TCCC Del Valle .....	Jan. 11, 18, 25, 29
Eastham Unit .....	Jan. 12
Bastrop FCI .....	Jan. 15
Shoreline PTW Class .....	Jan. 15
Crain Unit .....	Jan. 22

## One on One County Jail Visits

**Inmate's Poetic Wisdom**  
**Invisible Parents**  
 By Bryan Smith

It's easy to make a child and tell the woman you really care.  
 But when the child comes to this world will you be there?  
 Invisible parents give up too quick: Parents who run away.  
 Buying what your kid wants – ok, that's all good.  
 But time is of the essence, that's what kids' want when it  
 comes down to parenthood.  
 You can see your kids every day, work hard or do whatever.  
 But you'll still be invisible parents, if you do nothing together.

Every child needs guidance, (Shoot!) love and protection,  
 along with good parenting skills to go in the right direction.  
 The children are our future so be there for them every day.  
 And pay attention to the company they keep so they won't  
 be lead astray.

Don't be invisible parents, no matter what you got taught.  
 If you're not spending quality time with your kids then yes,  
 I'm talking to you. The same way the food you feed your  
 kids is nutritional: Make sure the love you have for your  
 child is unconditional.

# PRAY THE WORD

**Psalm 36:10 - Continue your love  
 to those who know you, your  
 righteousness to the upright in  
 heart. NIV**

**DoSomething.org**

**The US has less than 5% of the world's  
 population but about 25% of the  
 world's prison population. Seems like  
 we need to change something.**

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Kyle Unit, Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, Travis Unit, Bastrop FCI, Halbert Unit, and TCCC Del Valle.

## MAIL BAG

Katie & Ron, Y'all have been there for me. In the spring of 2007, I asked the Lord for help. He has provided for me through His people. I'm so very thankful for all He does and also what you, as His Ministers do. You really do, "Inspire to acquire, the Living Word of God". Thank You for bringing faith, hope & love. C.N.

Ron & Katie - Hey guys, I just wanted to write you a quick note and say what a blessing you have been to me over the past year and a half. I have truly learned what it means to become a servant of the Lord. Ron, I can't even begin to describe how much learning to "Pray the Word" has changed my life and my walk with our Lord and Saviour. I look forward to and I live each day to continue to grow and serve our risen Lord. Thank you for your dedication. R. G.

Hi There! – Well, what can I say? You two are fantastic! I understood your commitment but until recently I didn't understand your love for us. When you – Katie- were standing before us expressing y'all's desire for us to succeed with tears in your eyes...that really set me back! It opened up my eyes and heart to the level of desire the two of you have for us in Christ. That's pretty amazing. But then, the closer we draw to Him, the more amazing we realize He is! Well, I happen to see a lot of His amazingness in you. Thank you soooo much for all that you do for us! J.S.

Ron & Katie - You touched my heart in 2010 and continue to touch my heart in 2011. You will be forever a part of my life. Y'all's picture I will cherish always. J.D.



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