

The Most Excellent Way — Testimonies

Greetings in the Name of Jesus,

THROUGH a Pastor friend of mine, who lives in Mississippi, I received your brochure. WOW! I know that God works in mysterious ways, but the information I have about your organization, fits into what we are trying to do here at the California Men's Colony State Prison, in San Luis Obispo. I give Jesus all the glory and all the honor.

I have enclosed one of our handouts we use when we give our presentations on "change." We started from a class I taught of "Experiencing God" and the scripture Romans 12:1-3 — renewing the mind. We have done over 60 presentations this past year, and we have been received well from both the inmates and the administration. Glory! God has opened doors for us that most people would not believe. We have great favor with the warden. California's Men's Colony houses approximately 4,000 male inmates. So we do have a large captive (ha-ha) audience.

All the men who are part of the team are involved in the prison chapel. I am an inmate pastor and I will be ordained this summer by an outside prison ministry — giving God all the glory!

I have also enclosed my testimony, which will give you some background information on who I am. If you may have material that would help us, please let me know.

If you need additional information about our team, or about me (I understand that some inmates do lie!) please ask me and I will send you a list of references. The chaplain is our primary sponsor.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Keep sharing the Good News.

In His grip,
David Ewart
April 30, 2001



**Jesus said: "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."
John 8:36 NKJV**



David's Testimony

My incarceration is the direct result of my sin — a change of my behavior. It took Satan time to destroy my value system and my strong beliefs. My temptation — subsequently my fall from grace — was like the frog that is placed in cool water over a very low flame under the pot; as time goes by, the water heats up and the frog is cooked, never knowing what happened!

I am incarcerated in a California prison, with a sentence of 34 years to life. The first time that I will be eligible for parole in 2015 — I'll be 71 years old. I am a first time offender.

My heart feels concern for the individuals that are reading this testimony. Stop playing with sin! **God will not be mocked.** He will not be mocked now or tomorrow — there is always going to be a consequence for your sin. I do not care how smart you

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think you are — He is much smarter. I do not care how clever you think you are — He is more clever. I do not care what your IQ is — He created your IQ!

My crime of murder was committed in 1993, 17 years after I had given my heart to Jesus Christ. After my conversion, I sold my clothing business in Southern California, and went to Bible College and graduate school. I believed I had been “called” into the ministry.

I grew in human knowledge about the “Word of God” and the vocabulary that goes with being a Christian. There were times that I could hear His voice, and great signs and wonders happened around me. My family and I would pray and doors would open, people called us the “perfect” family. After my graduation from graduate school, I became a schoolteacher and a lay minister. For years I followed this path.

Then I let Satan rob my joy. Through some circum-stances that are not important now, I became bitter towards the church. I had taken my eyes off of Jesus and became very prideful in my accomplishments. I felt I could do it on my own. Why couldn't I? I was an educated man, who was a teacher and a minister. I even made it to the ranks of college professor, I was teaching in a graduate school at the time of my arrest.

My two beautiful children were both grown and married. My wife and I had just celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary. I had been faithful for all those years.

Then, while I was at a conference (the oldest story in the world happened to me), older man meets younger woman. It was infatuation from the first moment we laid eyes on each other. It seemed we had everything in common. We talked and talked for the duration of the week-long conference.

We were both married and not happy in our relationships with our spouses. My mind ran with the emotional and fulfilling attention that she poured out on me. I had in my mind made myself like a sponge for any type of attention. I had changed my

beliefs! I told myself that I owed myself a new relationship. What deception!

I never committed physical adultery with her, but my mind certainly did. We lived about 800 miles apart, so we only saw each other three times face to face in the next eight months. However, we did communicate almost every day via phone or fax. My thought patterns were being readjusted as the time went on. I had considered divorce, but then my Christian values would kick in. This was a time of extreme anguish and I thought I had lost my mind. I was truly the double-minded man that James talks about in his letter. I had such an inner battle going on, I felt I was going to explode at any time.

Over time, I became more and more confused about who I was, the whole time thinking that I was on top of things. Talk about deception! Remember, I knew what the Word of God said about marriage, temptation, sin and adultery. Even though I never committed the physical act of adultery with this woman, it still resulted in my taking my wife's life.

My consciousness (the Holy Spirit) of the situation finally came to a point of decision. For the first time in months I prayed and I felt the Lord tell me to confess my sin to my wife and repent for my behavior. I did! We argued! She is dead!

I know my thought patterns are what controlled my behavior.¹ I left myself wide open for satanic attack. I did not resist.

There is no one to blame except myself. *I am not looking for sympathy.* I want to express how important it is to keep your eyes on the Lord. We are under attack at all times. Our society has become obsessed with sexual pleasure. It seems no matter where you turn, you are bombarded with individuals selling sexual pleasure.

If I were with you right now, I would have an altar call for men to come forth and repent. I would ask the Father to give us strength as man to stand with integrity. To make a commitment to our wives and

TMEW Reminder:

**“For as he
thinks in his
heart, so
is he.”
Proverbs 23:7**

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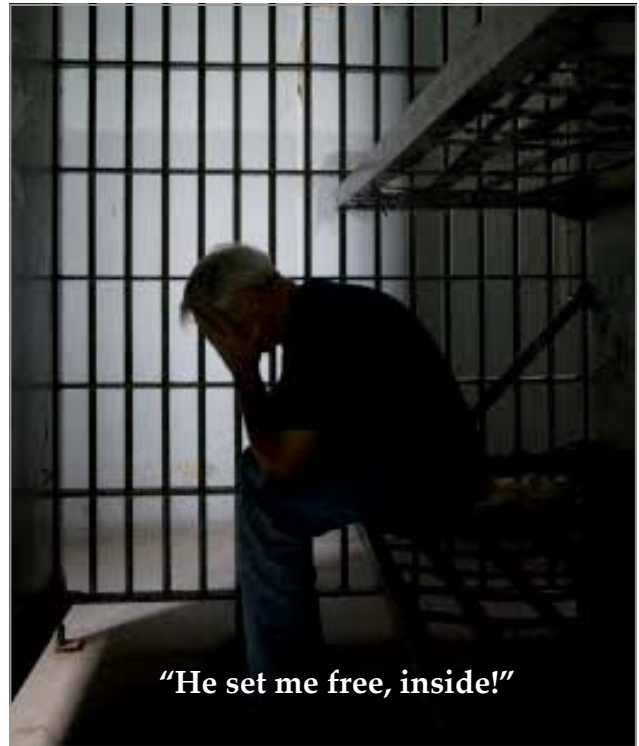
family. To be the priest of our homes. To study the Word of God and be convicted by the Holy Spirit.

Yes, I have lost everything that was dear to me. My two grown children do not communicate with me. I have never seen or touched any of my grandchildren — I have three with another on the way! I robbed my children of ever being kissed or hugged again by their mother. I robbed my grandchildren of ever knowing their grandmother. I have lost all my material wealth. I have lost almost every friend that I had. I have lost contact with almost all of my family.

But I know who Jesus Christ is! He came to my cell and forgave me of my sins. He set me free, inside!

He called me again to preach His mighty message. I now have a captive audience here in prison. He has called me twice now — He will not have to call me again. I have received the invitation into my heart.

I pray that my testimony will help just one person to not make the same choices I made — to think that your sins will not be found out. Remember, **God will not be mocked!**



If you do not believe me, read the Bible, it is full of God's judgment on disobedient people all through history. —DE

The Bible says:

Jesus said:

“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

These are the things which defile a man, ...”

Matthew 15:19-20 NKJV

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

⁹Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

¹⁰But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

¹¹To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:8-11 NKJV