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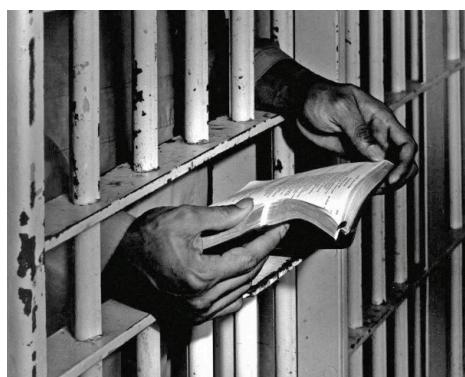
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“There’s a Reason You Are Here...”

More of us need to consider that sentiment

Trouble comes in many forms, and one trouble is not the same as another; neither is the intensity the same for each of us. Some people are happier in jail than on the outside. To them confinement is not an inconvenience.

But to most people behind bars, the moment of their release is an agonizingly-slow-approaching



climax that keeps them alive through every moment of every day. Their life, albeit a construction of their own mistakes, is one never-ending stroll through the Valley of Hell. To these people confinement is not welcomed.

Many people who do time for crime return again and again; but not all. For many, a short, sharp shock is all it takes to snap them out of their foolishness, and they walk out the gates never to return.

It is no surprise that many people in prison turn their lives over to God. Once introduced to a Being Who cannot be confined by wall, or gate, or anything else seen or unseen, it is no surprise that they (surrounded by concrete and steel) want to have this Person and His comfort in their lives. They go on to share that Person with still others, both on the inside and on the out.

Many men and women recognize more meaning in their lives while they are locked up; they find a ministry to others that they would never appreciate or indulge in the outside world. “There’s a reason you are here” are comforting words spoken many times on a daily basis to many a ministering inmate. It’s possible that someone reading this Communicator has had an experience where you were ministered to by a cellmate or a workmate in a prison facility. But these words can have meaning in your life wherever you are. Despite circumstances which suggest otherwise, God has not lost your address. He can use you where you are. From our perspective, He’s using you right now. Your support has made our Prison Ministry an extension of the Arm of God. Thank You.

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“QUOTABLE”

“It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; **but this is not true of the crisis before us.** The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal.”

—EGW (*The Great Controversy*, p. 622).

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I work at a prison. I have seen some of your materials and books that inmates have inquired about. Your books look very inspirational. I’d like to order. —Tennessee

I just wanted to write a quick note to thank you for the books and the Bible Study Lessons. I know God is working through you. Keep up the good fight! God bless! —Indiana

Thank you for all your help and support. I go home August 30th, 2011. Thanks and God bless you. —New York

I don’t know who had you send these books and lessons to me. I’m very thankful and give all glory to God. God bless you. —Indiana

Today I got two books from you. Thanks. God bless your work. —Illinois

