

Alaska Correctional Ministries

To Set the Captives Free

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*"For Such a Time as This" –
Trusting God Right Where You Are –*



For such a time as this. In the second half of Esther 4:14, Mordecai asks Esther **"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"**

Have you ever asked yourself how did I get here? How did I let things get this far out of control? On the one hand, we can often look at the choices we've made and see the trajectory of the path we chose. On occasion, that trajectory may have started by the bad choices of someone else in our lives.

God's word reminds us of many things:

- God gave us free will to choose Him or reject Him. He did this knowing that through our lifetime we will make some very poor choices, and despite His great love for us, we may reject him. But for those who Choose Him, who submit their will to His, it will be a beautiful relationship!

- God tells us in Jerimiah 29:11 that **He knows the plans He has for you ...**
- In Philippians 1:6, Paul states that he is "sure ... **that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**"
- Romans 8:28 reminds us that **"... we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."**

Sometimes (probably more often than we think), God will take our bad choices and through them, use us, to further His kingdom.

Consider, if you will, a man, prior to being arrested for his crimes, was an excellent teacher to children with learning disabilities. While in prison, he enters the TLC program and God begins to transform his life, as only He can.

Some many months later, enter a man into that same program who is illiterate and has learning disabilities.

Perhaps, God took the poor choices of the first man and through the natural consequences of his crimes, God now uses him to help the second man learn to read and understand God's Word and to also be transformed by God.

Coincidence? Happenstance? or Divine Intervention?

The next time you find yourself wondering why me? Reply to God, **"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."**

God has a plan for each of us ... and He will see His plans to completion! There may be some pruning and growth for you, and He may also be using you to be His hands and feet for others in the situation. **Be open to His leading.**



An Inmate's Testimony:

Mrs. S is a 31-year-old inmate. Mrs. S has a husband and 4 beautiful children that she misses dearly. Mrs. S doesn't want to spend a lot of time talking about her past ... she says that "standing here in yellow pants is enough of an explanation". **She is grateful that her past doesn't define who she is, the heart that she has, and it doesn't define her future.**

She grew up knowing about God and was brought up going to church; but thanks to the TLC program, she now knows God, not just about Him. In the TLC she is learning more about Him and His unfailing love for her every single day. She has completely surrendered to God and her heart and mind are being transformed. She says that **"God has now turned all my fears into faith and my sorrows and sadness into gladness."** Mrs. S is so thankful for the TLC program and how it is "forever changing [her] life for the better" that she recently declined being released to a treatment program because she wanted to continue building her relationship with God. Mrs. S hopes that her testimony can touch some hearts today. She wants everyone to know God. **"He has opened the eyes of my heart and flooded it with His love. I give all the glory to God."**



PDF Pick-Click-Give:

Heartfelt thanks to all those who supported ACM last year! You are an integral part of this ministry to those behind the razor wire!



As you complete your PFD applications, please remember that ACM is a qualified charity in the Pick-Click-Give campaign. You may select us when you apply (or even up until shortly before the dividends are paid out) as another way to support this ministry financially.

As always, your prayers and volunteer efforts are also greatly appreciated, not only by us here at ACM but also by the men and women you help!

God Bless you!



Prayers & Needs:

1. Prayer – Intercessory, continuous, fervent, intentional...never ceasing to storm heaven!
2. Media Volunteer – loves to play with the computer and rebuild FB, Web Site, Twitter etc.
3. Finances and/or almost new equipment/supplies for new PCC Faith House.
4. Part Time Cold Call ACM Representative....Call Karen – Office Manager at 907-339-0432.

From the Director:

As we begin a new year of ministry to those behind bars and those recently released, we are so very grateful for your on-going partnership with us! As we all submit to His will and direction, it will be an exciting year of watching the transformations He brings about in the lives of those we are privileged to minister to on His behalf!

Faithfully, His!

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