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WITHIN AN HOUR BY JIMMY MASON

My God blessed me with peace. I found comfort in the Lord's peace and blessed to walk in the Lord's ways. But, "within an hour" pride and great confidence found rest upon my soul. The faith I gained was replaced with my will, and the desires of my heart was placed before the righteousness of God. I boasted with great wonder, "I will". Suddenly my soul was darkened, my heart was troubled, and my very being was struck with depression. Guided by confusion, I found myself stumbling down a broken path until I finally fell hard on a dark road full of blackness.

I closed my eyes to cover the tears caused by my emotional sorrows. I called upon my "Father", asking in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for guidance and understanding. I cried out, My God, why am I troubled? Why has my soul become clouded with darkness?

In my mind's eye I saw the

Lord's hands extend, his palms up. I heard the Lord's voice ask me, "What do you see?" I answered, Lord I see your hands. The Lord spoke a second time, "And in my hands what do you see?" In fear, and a troubled heart, I answered Lord, I see nothing. My God spoke again and said, "Do as I do." So I too, extended my hands, as my Lord did. The Lord asked, "What do you see in your hands?" When I looked down at my hands, behold I saw my own troubles, depressions, and sorrows. With tears in my eyes I looked at the Lord and cried out to my God. Why has my troubles returned to me? And my God said to me, "within an hour that you gave to me your troubles, you took them back. You said 'I will'."

Through prayer and supplication my face pressed on the ground I cried out Jesus, my Lord and Savior! Begging for God's mercy to lift the burdens, I asked Him to become the leading force in my life.

Without God I am lost,



trapped in darkness, and traveling no where. Because of "self - will", I turned from the Lord to take back the troubles that once lead me to sin.

"Within an hour" I heard the voice of the Lord call out to me. He said, "Extend your hands once more and tell me what do you see?" When I looked at my hands, "within and hour" I saw nothing! Thank you Jesus forever and ever. Amen

Jimmy has committed to a new life in Christ. He is learning what it means to live as Christ.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

On this day across the world millions commemorate the life of Jesus. How is it that after two thousand years a mere man can have such an effect on so many?

On this day across the world millions celebrate Jesus' triumphant victory over death! How can it be that so many people remember?

Could it be because he is more than mere man?



LORD I GIVE YOU MY HEART

Lord, I give you my heart, but please don't ask me to be nice to my neighbor that talks about me behind my back.

Lord, I give you my heart, but those black people are ignorant and I don't want anything to do with them.

Lord, I give you my heart, but

white people just want to lord over other races of people and I don't like them.

Lord, I give you my heart, but those Mexicans need to learn English, and I don't want to learn Spanish even if it would mean leading them to you.

Lord, I give you my heart, but

my church is the only true church, so I won't associate with other churches.

Lord, I give you my heart, but don't ask me to love as you love. people have to fit the right profile, fit my criteria. Is it alright Lord if I give you a piece of my heart instead?

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Jesus lived and died for you!

We are totally, completely, and wholly committed to a Christ centered life. We are wholly committed to submitting to the will of God, to serving and leading others to Jesus and to working with other believers to reach out to the hurting and the lost.

JESUS' PRAYER BEFORE BEING ARRESTED

"...Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began..."

I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I

have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in

us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:1-5, 13-23 NIV

A DETERMINED LIFE

Three special people have committed to the hard work of experiencing positive changes in their lives. We ask that you join us in celebrating their accomplishments.

Catherine, after spending three years on the streets suffering from drug abuse and mental illness, spending months in jail, not seeing her six children for three years, and after relapsing twice has been clean for **nine months**. She has been reunited with her children.

Deborah, after relapsing has been clean for **90 days**. She is working to regain custody of her children in CPS custody.

Albert started using drugs at the age of 15, at 38 he sees what his addiction has done to him and to his family. He is now ready to change his life forever. He is in a residential treatment facility with **20 days** clean.

Wholly Committed Ministries is committed to helping everyone inter-

ested in experiencing positive changes reach their goals. Through offering Bible studies, training, workshops, mentoring and specialized programs, in a supportive environment, we want to be a catalyst for dramatic new beginnings. Our hope is that each person will take advantage of every opportunity to develop in godly character to become an important part of the community.

DON'T DISAPPEAR
INTO THE
DARKNESS!

THERE IS HOPE FOR
YOUR LIFE!

THIS IS YOUR DAY
TO CHOOSE A NEW
LIFE!

CHOOSE JESUS!



A good man obtains favor
from the Lord...
Proverbs 12:2a NIV

WHO DO YOU SAY YOU ARE?

Recently I learned a little more about gangs. I learned how exclusive they are. How territorial and controlling these organizations are. Schools have to ban many of the colors of the rainbow including, in some cases, the color black because it identifies a person to a particular gang. Being affiliated with a gang could prove to be deadly, and yet people of all ages continue to join. There is seldom any hesitation for a gang member to proclaim

his allegiance to his particular gang.

Many Christians today live as gang members. If someone asks you what you are, what is the first thing that you say? Do you say, "I am a Presbyterian," or "I am a member of Mount Baptist Church"? Does being a member of a particular denomination or church keep you from interacting with other churches? Does the colors or garments you, or another group, wear make you

want to separate yourself from the "others"? Is your reaction, to people outside your group, affirming, or are you aloof? Is your allegiance to your particular group greater than it is to God?

Who do you say you are? The very first description of ourselves should be that we are followers of Christ. If this is true, we are members of one family, the family of God.

VOICES FROM PRISON

*Wholly Committed ministries mails out newsletters to over 80 men and women incarcerated in Texas and Michigan and to their families. We delight in sharing the words from many of the letters received from these inmates to let **them** know their words have great value.*

"I don't have nobody right now and I need some help and someone to write me." Monica

"I would like to re-unite with my family...and since I burned

bridges with my loved ones my life has been in shambles due to my stupidity...I need to make a change in my life." Rod

"Thank the Lord I've been accepted into a transitional house as of today. I put it in God's hands, now I've got to put the funding into God's hands...God is working in my life now and I want to keep that going." Dennis

"My release is now only 85 days away. I'm waiting for the day

that I can be with my kids and family. Especially the first day that I can take (my kids) to your church. I'm more than ready for that." Joy

"Dear God, why is it so hard for me to be obedient and to do your will? My life is a mess and I don't know how to truly surrender my life over to you." Catina



*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief...
2 Peter 3:9, 10a*

WALKING IT OUT

As a Discipleship Training organization our goal is to inspire people to find positive solutions to their overwhelming problems as we pattern a life of Christ before them. We make ourselves available to people who are in crisis to share the hope found only in a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father.

As a Community Outreach organization we collaborate with other organizations, businesses and the local government to reach out to the community. We believe to have a positive impact on a person's life we must be ready and able to touch the vari-

ous areas of his life. We minister to the whole person, and that includes his basic and spiritual needs, and the needs of the family as a whole.

As a Christian organization we attempt to walk and work with other Christian organizations, remembering - "...we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the

promise." Galatians 3:26-29

We endeavor to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Knowing that "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye [we] are called in one hope of your [our] calling." Ephesians 4:3-4

We visit other churches to celebrate the special bond we have as Christians. Our desire is to have, and to pattern the same love for others as Jesus has for us.

Let us all walk out our faith as one body. Practice helps us get it right.

BE IMITATORS OF GOD, THEREFORE, AS DEARLY LOVED CHILDREN AND LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE, JUST AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US AS A FRAGRANT OFFERING AND SACRIFICE TO GOD.

EPHESIANS 5:1,2
NIV

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UNCOMMON LOVE

For many months Denise, a single mother with a troubled teen age boy, has had problems with a car she bought from a corner lot. A week after purchasing the car she experienced severe mechanical problems with the assurance from the dealer that they would take care of it.

Denise was struggling to pay her rent, pay for food and now the added cost of paying for repairs

and public transportation. Living north of the city, once a week, she had to go south for work related mandatory early morning meetings that lasted only 15 - 30 minutes. To get there she had to call a cab, the cost \$45 one way.

There was no where for this mother to go for help and now she was told that she would need to pay \$2000 to get her car fixed. Then along came a man

name Wayne, a mechanic. He showed great love and compassion to someone he did not even know. Denise did not live in his neighborhood and did not attend his church. He heard of her plight and knew that he was the hands and feet of God, and blessed with the skills to help.

In an act of uncommon love, a struggling family has hope once again, thanks to a man of God.



What do I do now?



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Jesus Lives For Evermore!



Two men had a great opportunity to die along side Jesus, but only one could appreciate the significance. Only one was willing to submit to Jesus' authority. Only one received the great reward.

Resurrection Sunday reminds us of the love and forgiveness given to all willing to receive what the cross gives.



Walking with people through the challenging times of life