



*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...For in it the righteousness of God is revealed." Romans 1:16-17*

The gospel is powerful because the Holy Spirit uses it to transform a person into a new creation! Whether people listen or do not listen is not our responsibility. We present the gospel because it is the power of God to those who believe. The gospel is simple enough for a child to understand by simple faith. Praise God for His great plan!

Good Friday and Easter services were well attended. On Easter morning several men were baptized! It was great to celebrate Jesus' resurrection with the men! After the service one of the men told me that he was feeling discouraged and depressed, but he appreciated the encouraging service. I visited with him later that week and he told me, "Ever since Sunday's church service I have not been depressed. I realized I needed to change my thoughts."

At the Tuesday Bible study we watched a Louie Giglio video, "Winning the Battle of the Mind." The men were very attentive. Many realized that the depressing thoughts they had about themselves were lies from Satan. Thoughts like, "You won't ever change or you're a mistake." One of the older men said with tears running down his face, "Fear is my biggest problem." The men started to understand that they are responsible for what they allow in their minds. I know many think of themselves as failures. Praise God, Jesus

overcame the lies of darkness at the cross and by His resurrection. We talked about not having to believe the lies that Satan tells us! Later in the week the man who said that fear was a problem for him, stopped by the office. We talked about what he was fearful about. He said, "I am afraid that God and others will not accept me." I told him God will not turn away anyone who wants to know Him. We talked about the gospel and what it meant to follow Jesus. He said he was ready to pray and tell the Lord that he was sorry for his sins and invite Jesus into his life! He prayed and again he had tears in his eyes. I asked him, "If you died tonight where would you go, heaven or hell? He said, "Heaven, because I trusted in Jesus as my Savior!" PTL!

Henry came back to prison about six months ago because of drug addiction. When Henry got out of prison I had high expectations for him. He had really changed his life a year before he was released. Henry knew the Bible well, but after being out of prison for three months he started to make some poor choices. The next thing he knew he ended back in prison. I had not visited with him for several months. While back in prison he got in with the wrong crowd. When we talked Henry told me that he had been making bad choices. I said to him, "I hope you are miserable in your sin!" Henry said, "Harlan, I am really miserable!" I said, "You know what you have to do right?" He said, "Repent and turn back to my first love." I pray for Henry to make that heartfelt choice before God.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! I know it is the power of prayer at work in men's lives! Have a great May!

Blessings, *Harlan*

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