

Free Discipleship Tools for Prisoners

"We are very hungry for spiritual information and the more of the spiritual food we eat, the happier we become."

Petru Radu • Butte County Jail • Oroville, CA

# "Lifting the Lid" on More Bread and Fish

### **Loaves & Fishes Report**

February 8, 2012

Dear friend,

Praise the Lord! I have another milestone to report. We are finishing up editing and design on the next issue of *Loaves & Fishes* (volume 10, issue 1). The Lord is always faithful, and preparing this issue was no exception. Even when progress is slower

and more difficult than we wish, we can rest assured God has a plan and His plan is always best.

The previous issue was mailed out the end of November. To reach our goal of a quarterly schedule, this new issue would have to go out by the end of this month, which means we should start printing now.

We still lack around \$8,000 to move ahead with the printing. The total printing cost will be around \$17,000. The postage will be another \$9,000–10,000.

I am very grateful that you share the vision of publishing literature for those in prison. It is exciting to realize what has and *can be* done when we work together in the Kingdom of God.

In this newsletter I want to give you a preview of L&F 10/01. Our vision for this issue is to help prisoners treasure the Bible and maintain a healthy spiritual diet. We have included writings to help our readers love, study, and appreciate the Scriptures,

and realize that old Biblical principles, such as disciplining our children and forgiving our enemies, still work today.

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by setting up a monthly sponsorship on our website.

Please join us in prayer for good progress with the printing and mailing of this issue. With your support, this issue will soon become reality.

For the Kingdom, Lavern Gingerich Are You Hungry? Lavern Gingerich

Lam thrilled to present to you another issue of Loaves & Fishes. In this issue, our goal is to in-spire you to desire God's words and to maintain a healthy spiri-tual diet.

What better time to dig in and "eat" than in prison? You can spend hours at a time read-ing, studying, memorizing, and meditating on the Scriptures. Many professing Christians are

starving and don't know it. Before starving and don't knowlt. Before long such a person drifts away from God, the source of strength, and begins to desire the world and its passions. His relationship with God becomes fuzzy, and he loses his power to resist temptation He falls into increasingly gross sins, until he finds it impossible to make right decisions.

Drugs, alcohol, adultery, an-

coming to prison, to really get to the end of the rope and seek God again.

Perhaps there was a time in your life when you had good

> Lavern's opening article teaches the importance of maintaining a healthy spiritual diet in order to bear fruit for God.

Behold, a sower went out 4And as he sowed, some eed fell by the wayside: and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony place

thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. \*But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold,

some sixty, some thirty. The seed is the word of the Kingdom, the Bible or the message God has given us as subjects in His Kingdom. The soil is your

When you hear the word, but don't understand it, the devil comes and snatches it away s

make it unfruitful in our lives.

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inseparable part of you.

d and The fourth kind of soil is the fruitful soil. lesus care God ar

understanding it to the point of

making it a part of your life.

It's just like the food you eat.
You chew, swallow, and digest it. The nutrients are absorbed into your blood and eventually converted into the physical part of you. In the same way, as you hear, meditate, understand, and apply the word, it becomes an



This is a key secret in growing d bearing fruit for the Lord

Thank You

bey all God's command; had to be a better way or God each passing day; night while I tried to sleep mall voice with words to keep:

A Better Way

please hear the words I say; st attention to them pay. ceeds your deepest thought; blood your soul was bought ou take the worthwhile dare, nt with Me will not Prisoners encourage each other der's fruit is worth t t let go and you will

ng for Jesus is pleasin

Stephen Tetro ICI Annex • Jasper,

These Eyes Have See These eyes have seen the worst of life and a little

These eyes have seen gang wars that ended with p dying in the street, for what reason we'd taken ar

man's life.

These eyes have seen broken homes and sha dreams due to habitual drug use. Mom or Dad gettin

These eyes have seen prison cells from the inside le it, vowing never to return, but always ending up

jail somehow

These eyes have seen relationships broken with o

seen relationships broken with o ight into this world. There is no aby boy or girl, seen the world—the high and l e eyes have seen the work of Sa

with poetry from their hearts. these eyes have seen the grace His mercy and His unconditional love and power. I make the way if I keep these eyes on God above. No how much these eyes have seen, Someone somew seen more.

So keeping these eyes on Jesus is the only way to heaven.My eyes are on God Almighty.

Michael White Caddo Correctional Center • Shreveport,

love my walks with Jesus.

debt myself. Yet God sent sonly begotten Son into this wild to save my life at the cost His siniess blood. I am amazed how an invisible God came to rat has a visible man to do for amkind what we could never lo for ourselves.

As I sit here in His holy presence, I meditate in the deep living water of Scripture. The old, old story becomes reality, and by faith I can see the invisible. debt myself. Yet God sent

Bitter tears of rependance and onto the open pages of the old Bible hands. My falling Bible

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Bitter tears of repentance fall

study"—a journey with Jesus.
I've walked and talked with my
Lord. I've seen Scripture become
reality. I look down at my tearstained Bible and read the verse
that says. "Codi Spirit, and those
who worship Him must worship
in spirit and ruth." I question my
understanding and ask, "God is
Spirit?" Then what is Jesus?
I turn a few pages to my left
and read, "In the beginning was
the Word, and the Word, was
with

The history of the Bible is a miracle. Anthony explains how the preserved manuscripts are still being translated into the

to live in a country where I am allowed to study it and present myself approved unto God. Out here in the deep living water I get to walk and talk with my Lord Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. "There is no other name under heaven no other name under action yen among men by which we ust be saved." With eyes closed,

Treasure of the Ages How God Gave Us the Bible

The Bible has out-sold every other book in history. It has changed the lives of millions and shaped the growth of languages and nations. Today, over 90% of American households own at

languages of common people.

with a pen or paintbrush, letter by letter. The only way to get your own book was to borrow it from someone and spend long days copying it by hand, or pay a scribe to do it. A whole book shelf full of different titles was a privilege of the wealthiest.

The books of the Old Testamentweer originally hand-written mostly in Hebrew, probably on

skins, while the New Testament books were mostly written in Greek on parchament or papyrus. But parchament and papyrus flat apart after awhile, especially if they're handled and read thousands of times. It's unlikely that any of the original books written by the prophets or aposites survive today. Yetmillons of people read those books each day. That's because, from the start, some people treasured God's inspired words, and scribes worked diliagently to copy them. By the time the originals wore out, they were preserved in many fresh copies, which were re-copied until they were spread across the world.

Many people have tried to throw doubt on the Buile by suggesting that the scribes who copied it could have changed the

throw doubt on the Bible by suggesting that the scribes who copied it could have changed the ligious ideas. If this did happen, they say, we d have no way of knowing whether the authors of the Bible really wrote the words we read today or something completely different.

Itinerant Bible Study

neditation of him shall et: I will be glad in RD" (Psalm 104:34 KIV)

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Reading what God has written to me is always a nutritious meal. Hearing Him speak sweet peace to my heart is a delicious dessert.

Bible Art Mayse shares his personal

that often I don't want to return to my old house. How our early morning walks, but I love the evening walk better. I follow Jesus everywhere, and though I've never seen the Holy Land, I've been to Calvary! I look forward to those spe-cial evenings just after.

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when I can go on another long walk with my Lord. Perhaps someday while we are just walk-ing, talking, and fellowshipping together, He will say, "My child, the day is far spent, it's getting late, and we are much closer to My Father's house than we are to yours. So use that we are to yours. So use that we are with Me tonight."

Oh, I want to be ready, don't you? Read your Bible; it tells us how,

### The Journey

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testimony of time alone with God, immersing himself in a meaningful Bible study.

> come alive; I feel lifted by the Holy Spirit until I'm no longer conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of my mind. Out in the deep, I learn to follow Jesse learn to follow Jesus

In this deep serenity, away from it all, I sense the infinite, divine love that Jesus displays as He meets and greets the poor and needy. While walking in such tender silence, it seems poor and needy. Villae Walking in such tender silence, it seems I hear the lamenting voice of



I feel the warm embrace of Almighty God.

an unclean leper crying out in agony to Jesus. I carefully ob-serve the Lord's response and see Him freely put forth His hand and touch the diseased man. Im-mediately the

responses to the paddle. Some people don't even like to look at it, they kind of turn their head a bit. The children sit on the edge of their seat in rapt attention. They vant to hear what this preacher has to say about the paddle. Some-how they instinctively know it is going to affect their future.

One mother shared a testimony of her son's response to spanking. She had listened to the tape on discipline and was convinced that she must begin to spank her children. The fateful day came when her son needed day came when her son needed to be spanked. She had the little fellow over her knee and was ready to begin. He stopped her by crying out, "Wait mom! I'm not sure about this Brother Denny. He might be a false prophet."

What a clever little boy he was, but it didn't work. He received the spanking answay.

spanking anyway Many of people's negative feelings about the rod come from bad eriences. Maybe your father or your mother used it in a wrong way on you, and you don't think very highly of it. I hope, by God's grace, to change your mind. I want God to show you that using the rod to show you that using the rod is not a "mean" thing to do, but rather it is one of the loving ways God has ordained for you

We use the rod at our house It gets used more often on the younger ones than on the older We spank the children, and the children still love us They honor me and love me more than I deserve. I find my-self at times sitting in my house and weeping over the honor and the love they give to me. One of the reasons why my children love me and honor me so much is because I discipline them when they need it.

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learn why the children come and say thank you after they have received a spanking. This may seem hard to believe as you read it right now. However, by the time we come to the end of this subject, I believe you will feel different

The Devil's Lie

spanking is a negative form of discipline, when in fact it is one of the most positive forms you could be thrown in jail and lose than you realize. Acknowledge it in your heart and pray, "God, maybe I haven't looked at this

can use. There are other forms of discipline, which we will address later. How do you feel about later. How do you feel about using the rod? If you are feeling uncomfortable, even as you sit and read about discipline, you probably have swallowed more of the philosophies of the world

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to see why the enemy is working hard to convince many people against spanking their children. In fact, it's getting more and more that way in America. If God doesn't send revival

to our land and change the direction that we are going, we will see the day when it will be against the law to spank our children. There are countries



Correct use of the rod makes bright, happy children.

their children if anybody finds

out about it.

Many people react to the teaching and practice of biblical chastisement. The world says, "It is cruelty. It is oppression. The children will hate you. It will cause rebellion in their hearts." Even many of God's people are flirting with these statements and wondering if maybe spank-ing is too harsh. But nothing could be further from the truth. The correct use of the rod makes lord Search Puzzle Names of Jesus Christ

ords in the puzzle below, and then unscramble the over letters to form the mystery answer.

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Lord of All

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Man from Heaven Our Holiness Our Protection Our Redemption

Tommy inspires readers to slow down and wait on the Lord so He can speak.

With the rising of the sun all of creation was emerging. Birds were singing, chirping, and swooping through the air. Squirels came out of their nests to begin another day of harvesting and storing food for the coming winter. Across the valley I heard the cows bawling for their calves and the occasional braying of a donkey in the pasture with them. It was such a peaceful and tranqual time. I wasn't in a hurry and didn't have to be anywhere at any quil time. I wash that the didn't have to be anywhere at any certain time. I had time to wait.

Just before sunrise, opening day of bow season, I was in my tree stand on the wooded hill behind my house. The morning air was cool and crisp as the sun began to rise over the ridge of

Wait on the Lord

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