

LIBERTY BEHIND BARS

MINISTRY

*Out with the summer and in with fall...
we give glory to God for it all!*

Psalm 50: 23

*Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and
to him that ordereth his conversation
aright will I shew the salvation of God*

REACHING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We continue to hold the Monday night Bible study in Olean, NY. We have had several visitors and some regulars. A few also have attended the Sunday services at Black Creek Baptist Church. We thank all the volunteers who selflessly walk the streets each week, handing out flyers inviting people to come and learn of Jesus and His Word! As the weather gets colder and less people out, please pray that people will come. We are planning on mailing out invitations to local residents by the end of November.

A PLACE OF REFUGE

We did have an individual stay at the home, unfortunately he only stayed for about a week. We do run into him on the streets of Olean, and pray the Lord's protection for him. I met him when he was in the Cattaraugus County Jail and he left a strong impression on me. My heart is grieved that he returned to the streets.

“SHEILA”

Approximately in December, 2022 a man that I worked with in prison reached out and asked me if I would contact his daughter who was in need. I sent a text, and low and behold, the next week we were picking her up for church. She lives about an hour away and we, and volunteers from our church, have consistently gave her a ride to and from church. Sheila has struggled with true salvation and being born again. She has made countless professions but had zero repentance and no assurance. She has been so faithful by coming to church, watching online, coming to special meetings, and attending by Zoom (the weekly Olean bible study). Through the increase of the God and the watering and planting from LBBM, Black Baptist Church (Pastor Tim McVey), Sheila came to be born again on July 22, 2026 and was baptized shortly after. She also is officially a church member at Black Creek Baptist Church.

Please pray for Miss Sheila as she has many health concerns and has some strongholds in her life that she desperately want out!

*Luke 15: 10
Likewise, I say unto
you, there is joy in
the presence of the
angels of God over
one sinner that
repenteth.*

Worth the Read...Romans 16:27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Dear Pastor Dale Morey,

I want to take the time to write you this letter because there are some things in life that deserve more than a simple “thank you.” I want you to know how much your ministry through Liberty Behind Bars has meant to me and how God used the messages you preached to reach me during one of the darkest and most important seasons of my life.

I spent years incarcerated in Pennsylvania serving a 7½-to-20-year prison sentence for aggravated assault, attempt, and gun-related charges. When I look back at that period of my life now, I can see things much differently than I did then. At the time, I was living with the consequences of my decisions, surrounded by prison walls and facing a future that I wasn’t sure would ever look different. But even in that place, God had not forgotten me.

One of the ways God reached me was through the sermons you preached and that were made available on the prison tablets. Those messages may have been heard by thousands of men, but I want you to know that one of those men was me. I was sitting behind prison walls, carrying my past, my mistakes, my consequences, and everything that came with them, and God used those sermons to get my attention.

You may never know exactly what it means to a man in prison to hear a message that speaks directly to his soul. In prison, there are plenty of voices. There are voices telling you to survive, voices telling you not to trust anybody, voices telling you that your past defines you, and voices telling you that this is all your life is ever going to be. But then there are voices that point you toward Jesus Christ. Your sermons were one of those voices for me.

I especially remember January 3rd, 2016. That date will always stand out in my life because I believe that was the day God began doing something in me that I could not undo. God saved my life through His Word. Two Scriptures that became especially meaningful to me were Luke 9:25 and Job 27:8. Luke 9:25 says, “For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?” That Scripture hit me in a way I cannot fully explain. I had to look at my life and ask myself what I was really gaining. What good would it do me to gain things, reputation, respect, or anything else this world could offer if I ended up losing my soul? What good would it do me to continue down the same road if the end of that road was destruction? Then there was Job 27:8: “For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?” Those words forced me to think about eternity. They forced me to think beyond my sentence, beyond the prison walls, beyond my circumstances, and beyond what other people thought about me. I began thinking about what God thought about me and where I stood before Him. Pastor, I want you to understand something: I don’t look back at January 3rd, 2016 as just another day in prison. I look back at it as a turning point. I believe God used His Word to wake me up. He could have allowed my life to continue going in the same direction, but instead He showed me that there was another way. There is no glory in the life I was living before Christ got hold of my heart. I have no desire to glorify the things that brought me to prison. My aggravated assault, attempt, and gun charges were serious, and I had to face the consequences of my actions. But I also learned that my worst day did not have to become the definition of my entire life. God can meet a man in a prison cell. God can meet a man at the bottom. God can meet a man when he has nothing left to hide behind. And God can take a life that was headed in the wrong direction and give that life a completely different purpose. That is what I believe He began doing with me.

Your ministry helped plant seeds in my heart during that season. Every sermon, every Scripture, every message that pointed me toward Christ was another reminder that God was still speaking. I might have been incarcerated, but the Word of God was not bound. There were probably times when you preached a sermon and had no idea who would hear it. You may never have known which man was listening from a prison table, what he had done, what he was struggling with, or what was going on inside his heart. But I want you to know that your labor was not in vain. I was one of those men listening. And God was listening too.

Today, I have been out of prison for three years. Three years may sound like a long time to some people, but when you have spent years incarcerated, freedom means something different. Walking outside, being able to make choices, being able to see family, being able to live a normal day—those things can become reminders of the mercy of God.

I don't take my freedom for granted. I don't take my life for granted. And I certainly don't take God's mercy for granted. When I think about where I could have ended up, I know that I am blessed to still be here. There were many ways my life could have gone. I could have died. I could have spent even more years behind bars. I could have continued making the same decisions that got me there in the first place. But God intervened.

He got my attention. He used His Word. And He gave me another chance.

Pastor Dale, thank you for allowing God to use you. Thank you for preaching the Gospel to men who are often forgotten by society. Thank you for taking the time to minister to prisoners. Thank you for preaching the truth when men need to hear the truth most.

Prisoners need more than encouragement. They need Jesus Christ. They need to know that their actions have consequences, but they also need to know that God's grace is greater than their past. They need somebody to tell them that repentance is real, forgiveness is real, salvation is real, and transformation is possible through Christ.

Your ministry helped bring that message behind prison walls. I hope you understand the eternal importance of that. You weren't simply preaching sermons. You were reaching men. You were reaching men who may have believed they were too far gone. You were reaching men who may have believed nobody cared. You were reaching men who may have been angry, bitter, ashamed, broken, or hopeless. And among those men was me.

I cannot go back and change the man I was when I entered prison. I cannot erase the damage caused by my decisions. I cannot change the years I lost. But by God's grace, I can live differently now.

I can honor God with the years He has given me. I can tell somebody else what He has done for me. I can warn other people about the road I traveled. And I can point people toward the same Savior who reached me when I was behind prison walls.

I want my life now to be evidence that God is not finished with a man simply because he has a criminal record or because he has made terrible mistakes. A person's past can explain where they came from, but it does not have to determine where they are going when they surrender their life to Christ.

Three years out, I am still walking forward. I am still learning. I am still growing. And I am still thankful. Every day I have outside those prison walls is another testimony to the mercy of God.

When I think about January 3rd, 2016, I think about the Scriptures that confronted me. I think about Luke 9:25. I think about Job 27:8. I think about the seriousness of eternity. And I think about how different my life could have been if God had not gotten my attention.

So Pastor Dale, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for preaching. Thank you for serving. Thank you for reaching behind prison walls. Thank you for allowing God to use your voice to reach men like me.

You may never know every story connected to the sermons you have preached. You may never meet every prisoner who heard your messages. But I wanted to make sure you knew at least one story.

I was there. I heard the messages. God used them. And I am still here.

Today, I am no longer sitting behind those prison walls. I have been free for three years, and I am grateful for every day God has allowed me to live. I know that freedom is more than simply walking out of a prison gate. True freedom is what happens when Christ changes a man's heart.

I pray that God continues to strengthen you, bless your ministry, and give you many more years of reaching men through Liberty Behind Bars. Keep preaching the Gospel. Keep putting the Word of God in front of prisoners. Keep reminding men that there is hope in Jesus Christ.

Because I am living proof that a man can hear the Word of God behind prison walls and have his life changed.

Thank you for being faithful. And most of all, thank God for Jesus Christ, who saved my life when I was headed in the wrong direction and gave me another opportunity to live for Him.

May God bless you, your family, and the entire Liberty Behind Bars ministry.

Praises

- This summer has been packed with traveling to various churches in giving updates of the ministry, preaching special meetings, pulpit filling, presented the ministry in a few churches, and participated in mission conferences! We thank the Lord for his safety and provision through all the travel.
- A few weeks ago my son Luke and I had the privilege to preach in a Kentucky Jail. I believe the Holy Ghost gave much liberty. I was able to learn of a new “app” that keeps me in contact with some of these men. I praise God the opportunity and hope that I would be able to visit again.
- We have a few churches that we will be presenting in the next couple of weeks
- Although we had the unfortunate “deer” run in with our woman’s home ministry van, the Lord provided all the money and help to fix it! (thank you Luke our diesel mechanic and Nate, a faithful friend).
- The Lord spared my friend and house director Ronnie Scolton after a medical emergency.

Prayer Requests

- Pray we have more opportunities to present the ministry to new churches and they would partner with LBBM and support "A Place of Refuge."
- Wisdom and guidance from the Lord for running the Place of Refuge.
- Wisdom on opening a Men’s home. If so, pray for finances to purchase a different building.
- Doors re-open at Allegany and Cattaraugus County Jails
- Additional funds for bibles - this part of the ministry still flourishes and God blesses!
- Monday night bible study held in Olean, NY
- Salvation for the lost souls in our family, churches, jails, prisons, rehabs, homeless, etc. (1 Tim 2:4)

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT LBBM:

PRAYERFULLY! Please keep us in prayer so we are sensitive to the Lord's leading for the ministry, safety in travel, and wisdom.

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