

SO THIS IS PRISON THEN

Well what a shock to the system, this thing they call incarceration, The introduction to it is like landing on another planet or something.

You are told to strip because we want to search you for anything you're not supposed to have. (drugs, weapons, alcohol etc.).

The actual list seems to never end.

Then of course suddenly, (after showering and a meal) you realize you gotta live in this very confined space with some total stranger. He may simply not like the look of your face or something and you gotta get around like you're walking on eggshells, just to keep the peace and adjust to the fact that this is simply how it is:

For Now!

After a period of time you get used to the regimentation of every day life on the inside. Plus the fact that at times you've gotta watch your back, and of course you can't just leave when you are fed up with this forced learning curve/adventure.

Then when you're getting closer to having done your time/sentence , you're moved to a considerably easier going place.

Still stuck being a prisoner of course, but a bit more **proactive, positive and constructive**.

So you learn to build plans for when you get out, to be sure you won't be coming back.

In the end YOU choose to be idle and gain nothing, or gain any education you can and qualifications to enhance your lot in life, to be at least an improved version of yourself.

Regardless, I would not recommend anyone becoming a prisoner!

It truly is a heavy burden and as I have personally witnessed:

For some it was too much to bear.

Article about prison life By Peter (AUS) 31/1/2013

TESTIMONIES RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY 2013

Michael WA: "..... the fact that after I've completed the lessons it will be goodbye to you, no more communication I am thinking of not completing the lessons for the very reason that I will not hear from you again my wonderful sister. I like the way you speak out your mind and the honesty you possess and for this communication to come to an abrupt end, I think I'd rather not complete my lessons." I wish all CBI volunteers and their families a rewarding time, enjoy His love and I thank them for their faithfulness."

Clarence AUS : "Dear Brothers and Sisters, who mark our lessons I thank you all in the Name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and in the name of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Many of you have written to me giving me words of encouragement. I thank you all most sincerely. I have been finding the lessons most helpful. Especially the essay questions, where I have the opportunity to give examples of my life and experiences. They give me a chance to share some of my testimonies with you. I pray that the Lord will be with all of you always in your various homes, jobs and ministries, Blessings "

Ben QLD: "Tomorrow is the 28th and the day of my release! I have enclosed my new address, I do look forward to further correspondence from you.. I have completed most of lesson 2 but I have been quite busy reading a lot of godly books in which God has really been speaking to my heart & dealing with things that I needed to learn prior to my release. I had to learn better forgiveness and releasing my anger, so this has been a quite in depth lesson & time was of essence. God is always Faithful& and always Good - All the time. I will endeavour to complete lesson 2 and return it as soon as possible. I do have a church to go to when the time does come – Praise God! I also have a lot of strong Christian friends to support me in my times of need – Also Praise God ! Thank you for your love, support, & prayers. I do appreciate it more than you know! Your brother in Christ. "

Yvonne Instructor: "Quote from her student's prayer request: " I know the road is tough. I know it's rough. But I can't turn back. My heart is fixed. My mind is made up. To life eternal with Christ my Lord as my pilot". Instructor : "These words give me goosebumps and make me stand in awe of God's powerful work in His children!"

Clarence AUS: ‘Thank you once again for this lesson and I would be grateful if you could pass my greetings and God’s love to those who have marked lessons 6 & 7. I have been really blessed by the messages that they had sent me and all the words of encouragements. It is really good sharing with you all and I am happy to say that through your encouragement, I have been sowing a lot of seeds here at the Centre. I also have encouraged a few brothers here to take up reading the Bible. I would be grateful if you could assist me in prayer for these brothers and also for this little ministry to explain God's will, to except Christ as their personal Saviour. Personally I have found that the Lord had done a lot of things in my life and I have also learnt many things over the last 6 months that I was in here. I have been able to take a new look at everything and also have been able to come to the Lord with many things that have been bothering my life and He has delivered me from them. So be happy with what you have, be happy with what you can spare for someone and always give thanks to your Father in Heaven and you will always be satisfied, happy and blessed. His Love and Blessings”

Craig NSW : “Praise the Lord Forever and Ever Amen. I thank Almighty God and Jesus Christ everyday for you all and for the work you do and for the great many blessings and gifts they bestow on us. Thank you for yet another very encouraging letter with lesson one of my next study, and I do and will continue to pray for all those around me and for all of you at CBI. May God Bless us All with Great Faith, Peace, Joy and unlimited Love for all. Your Brother In Christ.”

PS. Can anyone please tell me who or what the Nephilim were or are and where they came from. I know it says they were Heroes of Old , Men of Renown. I would like to know more if at all possible. Thank You . (Now that was a challenging question for the next Instructor! Anne)”

Paula Fiji : Thanks for allowing me to continue this Bible Course. Please support me and pray with me that I be given the green light from the authorities to transfer to another prison which is located in Lautoka so I stay closer to my family. Remember Me ! “(This lady was worried about getting her lessons on the other side of Fiji in Lautoka, she loves so much to continue, she is urging us to be diligent. How can you refuse a request like this, even if it does cost more money to send them to her... Anne)

Charbel AUS : “By going through this lesson it made me understand Esther, the book more. I knew the story but it revealed more because I went through it more slowly . Praise the Lord! A man recently had a heart attack here in jail – he is OK for now , though I pray the Lord will allow him to recover and that he may receive strength from the Lord. I pray he acknowledges the Lord, accepts Christ in his life – having the fear of the Lord in him. I thank the Lord He heard the prayer of an inmate (John) and me praying whilst he had the heart attack. Praise the Lord his family has still got him and he's alive, May the Lord open his eyes to the blessings he receives – removing all his stresses and giving good health to him once again. Amen”

Simon QLD : “ I hope you are all well. Sorry it's taken so long to get back to you. I’ve been busy with court matters (a lot of my charges have been dropped) and trying to rebuild relations with my step family. Both of my parents died when I was out of the country for 10 years. I've been back since February 2012 and still haven’t received any letters or visits from my step family, so I've been writing and calling a lot and I seem to be slowly making some progress. Don't worry I have been reading my Bible and praying every day and always count my blessings. Neither God nor my Christian brothers & sisters have deserted me. Thank you for the encouraging letters and thank you for the Birthday card, it's the only one I got! I wish you all the best. With Christian love !

Blessed is the man who preserves under trial,
because when he has stood the test,
he will receive the crown of life,
that God has promised to those who love him.
James 1:12”

Monique Instructor : “Ray has been my most inspiring student. He trusts the Lord; everything he does he does for the Lord; he is a very expressive person and he has inspired me very much. I have learned from him. His answers were very much as if he had the manual and not me. He has impressed me since the first time I got him as a student“

I published many requests for prayer in these testimonies. You may not be able to donate money, although that would be very welcome of course, but we always can and need to pray for those in prison. (Anne)