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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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Dear Friends of IPM,

When we minister to those inside and outside prison walls, we want to be proclaiming the name of the Lord, His truth, and His high character. As we proclaim the name of the Lord we are to praise God for who He is and what He does. We are to acknowledge His infinite greatness and give Him the glory for it.

As Moses was nearing the end of his life, he instructed the children of Israel: *"Because I will publish (proclaim) the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He"* (Deuteronomy 32:3,4). What a great proclamation this is!

God is our Rock. He is immovable and unchangeable. He is our shelter and our fortress. He is our everlasting foundation. In Psalm 18:2 David proclaimed, *"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."* As we face trials and impossibilities in our lives and the sinking sands of the world all around us, our hope is to be anchored in the Lord, our Rock.

God's ways are perfect. All that He accomplishes is done in perfect wisdom and knowledge. *"As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him...of Him which is perfect in knowledge"* (Psalm 18:30; Job 37:16). We can trust that He will do what He says and that He will work in our lives what is good and pleasing in His sight.

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God's ways are just and true. He is not like man who can be deceitful, unjust, lawless and evil. "...great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways...righteous art Thou, O LORD, and upright are Thy judgments" (Revelation 15:3; Psalm 119:137).

As we minister to those around us, and as many partner with us to minister to those behind prison bars, may we all proclaim these wonderful, biblical truths. May we continue to point people to the Lord and to His word and ascribe greatness to our God, our Rock, who is perfect, just, righteous and true.

Proclaiming the Name of the Lord With You,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM team)

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is I Escaped to Tell You by Roger Lavoie.

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