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Dear Friends of IPM,

As we follow Christ in this fallen world, we often find ourselves crying out for the Lord's peace in the midst of turmoil and His strength in the midst of impossibilities. We recently received a prayer request from Donovan M., in an Ohio prison. Donovan wrote: *"Pray that I will find the peace that surpasses understanding and that God gives me the strength I need to press forward."*

How can we know the perfect peace of God within our hearts? *"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus...Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"* (Philippians 4:7; Isaiah 26:3). When we rely upon and trust in the Lord, His goodness brings forth peace in our lives. His peace is able to guard our hearts and minds and provide us with perfect inner rest. This peace can only be experienced as we fix our minds on Him, not on our circumstances. We must fix our eyes upon Jesus, hoping in Him, seeking Him, and trusting in Him.

Where can we find the strength needed to press forward? *"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint"* (Isaiah 40:31). If we are in need of spiritual strength, we shouldn't try to muster up our own strength, which is completely inadequate. This is God's reminder to seek His supply of strength. To receive this power, we must admit our own weaknesses. We must wait upon the Lord. This waiting involves hoping in Him and placing our expectations upon Him, not upon ourselves.

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Those who place their hope in God are strengthened by the Lord Himself. They are enabled by God to live above their circumstances, whatever they may be. Oh, how we need this strength—whether inside or outside prison walls!

In summary: *"The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace"* (Psalm 29:11). These are promises from our faithful, loving, all-powerful Lord and Savior. We can trust in Him to supply these needs in our lives. Like Donovan, may we continue to look to the Lord for what only He can provide.

We thank the Lord for all of our dear ministry partners. Through your faithful partnership and the Lord's enablement, we will continue to reach out to needy souls, pointing them to the One who is able to pour out His perfect peace and strength into their lives.

Relying on the Lord for His Perfect Peace and Strength,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [Big D](#) by Donald Garcia.



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LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES, EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM

(See reverse side where a sample resource is highlighted and is available to you as a free gift upon request)

I Repented and Now Jesus Lives in Me

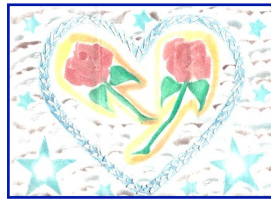
I accepted Jesus Christ in January of 2023. I am thankful for your ministry and your love and respect for us who are in exile from society right now. Without the blood of Jesus I'd be doomed. I repented and now Jesus lives in me. He is my all-in-all and my hope. I call Jesus's blood "Liquid Victory," the Living Water! God bless you!

- David S., New York Prison

It Makes a Big Difference

Thank you for everything you guys do for me and everyone else that's in prison. It makes a big difference in people's lives.

- Cody S., Tennessee Prison



Inmate Artwork

I Won't Forget It!

Thank you for having this ministry! I appreciate every book that is sent. Thank you! I won't forget it!

- Micah M., California Prison

A Big Inspiration and Encouragement

Thank you all so very much. I have been chewing away at the materials available and it's all been such a big inspiration and encouragement for me. I just want to thank you for your services and all that you provide. God bless you and all of the IPM team! In Christ,

- Ronnie M., Indiana Prison

I Thoroughly Enjoyed the Books I Received

I thoroughly enjoyed the books I received from you guys last month. I read them then donated them to the jail's library for other inmates to read. Thank you for what you do and God bless!

- Lakisha D., Oregon Prison

IPM prayerfully responds to every prisoner who writes to us. We bless them with an encouraging letter and a variety of biblical resources, such as: Bibles, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

"...to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound"
Isaiah 61:1

At the request of many, contributions to IPM can also be made online at www.chaplainray.com

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

Dear IPM, My gift to help share God's love and truth with inmates

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- "*Library of Life-Changing Books*" for Prisoners.....\$ _____
- Support for Prison Ministry in India.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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HERE IS ANOTHER BIBLICAL RESOURCE THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

Big D

Victorious Through God's Grace

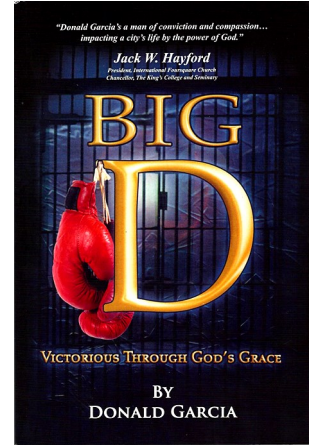
*"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ"*

- 1 Corinthians 15:57

At age two, Donald ("Big D") Garcia lost his father in a gangland slaying. Donald was forced to fight to protect himself. As a gang leader and middleweight champion, he was frequently imprisoned, but God wouldn't let him go.

Some believe miracles don't happen, but this real-life story conclusively proves otherwise. Donald Garcia was a gang leader who spent over a third of his life in prison. With each incarceration, he became harder and meaner. When out of prison, he was often charged with other crimes, including murder. Heroin and cocaine kept him in an angry fog. But when the God of awesome surprises transformed him, Donald ("Big D") became a life-changer to the gangs he once led.

Today Donald Garcia helps set gang members free through his own personal ministry—a powerful, faith-based outreach to both the streets and prisons.



Our Gift to You

This book has touched the hearts and lives of many behind bars. May this book be a blessing to you as well.

We praise the Lord for all who partner with IPM through their faithful prayers and generous giving which enable IPM to continue to share God's love and truth with those behind bars.

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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

Yes, Please Send Gift



Big D
by Donald Garcia

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