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Dear Friends of IPM,

God's word is powerful and able to change hearts and lives on either side of prison walls. We recently received a letter from Joseph S. in a Tennessee prison. Joseph wrote: *"Thank you for the books and literature you send me. It helps me study God's word. I'm going all in on God's word. I can feel a change in my life."*

Unlike man's word, God's word is alive. *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"* (Hebrews 4:12). Man's words are not life-changing nor life-giving. Only God's word is living, sharp, and powerful and able to discern the motives of the heart, whether they are fleshly-driven or spiritually-driven.

God's word is as relevant today as it was when it was written so many years ago. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"* (2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105). No matter what the circumstance, or what the need, the word of God is able to instruct, reprove, and correct. His word is able to shine a heavenly light unto our path to show us where we are and which direction He desires us to go.

God's word is to be our daily, life-giving spiritual sustenance. *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God...I am the vine, ye*

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are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (Matthew 4:4; John 15:5). We are to live by every word God has spoken. For our spiritual vitality and fruitfulness, we must consistently be taking in the living word of God.

If we are feeding upon His word, whether inside or outside prison walls, His word is able to radically change our lives. May we all be like the psalmist who found his delight in God's word. "But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2).

We give thanks to the Lord for all of our dear ministry partners. Your faithful praying and generous giving enable us to continue to reach prisoners with the life-giving, life-changing word of God.

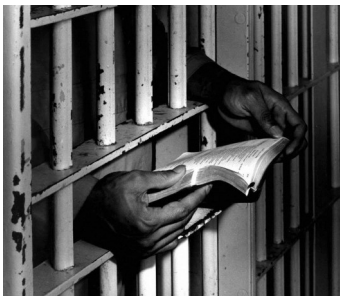
Proclaiming the Ability of God's Word,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [Women of the Bible](#) by Colleen Reece.



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and a light unto my path"
- Psalm 119:105*

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)

God is Always There With His Arms Wide Open Waiting for Us

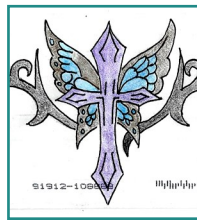
I would really like to thank each and every one of you guys for putting your time and effort into this ministry and actually making it possible for us men and women behind bars to feel God's love. With these acts of kindness that are shown to us, it shows all the love that's just waiting on us to accept God's word into our lives. I truly love to read these testimonials. By reading these it actually shows that no matter what crime you may have committed, God is always there with His arms wide open just waiting for us. May God keep blessing your ministry!

- Christopher O., Tennessee Prison

I Shed a Few Tears of Joy

I have read some of your literature and have shed a few tears of joy in doing so. I just want to say "Thank you."

- Michael R., Arkansas Prison



Inmate Artwork

Thank God for Sending You

I would like to thank God for sending you my way and helping me with my spiritual walk with the Lord.

- LaSandra S., Georgia Prison

I Thank God for Bringing IPM into My Life

I have read numerous books, pamphlets, and tracts published by your beloved ministry. I must admit that it was the stories I read, provided by IPM, that allowed me to open up my heart to Jesus Christ!! After reading and understanding the materials supplied by your gracious ministry, I have been touched by the Holy Spirit, turned my life over to God, and rightfully surrendered my will and thoughts over to Jesus Christ!! Praise God!! I have been amazed by the stories of transformation by guys that were just like me, and even worse. I am truly at peace now and it feels 500% better than when I was living by man's will alone. I thank and praise God and His Son Jesus Christ for bringing IPM into my life!!

- Nicholas B., Missouri 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

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- "*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)

Women of the Bible

Fifty Biographical Sketches of Biblical Women

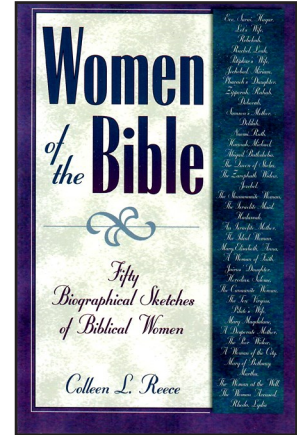
"...because she judged him faithful who had promised."

- Hebrews 11:11

Famous, not-so-famous, or infamous, the women of Bible times played an undeniable, significant role in the shaping of history. Mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, widows, and unmarried women—God gave them all a story to tell.

Some strove to serve as the Master commanded. Others chose disobedience and sin. They lived and loved, bore and raised children in a culture different from our ours, a long-ago, faraway land. But their stories are of incalculable importance. Stories that would be passed down through hundreds of generations for a purpose.

Were our sisters from the past really so different from we who live today? Women of the Bible is a simple tribute to those whose stories are forever captured between the covers of God's word, the Bible. From Eve to Esther, from Mary to the woman at the well, they all have a story to tell.



Our Gift to You

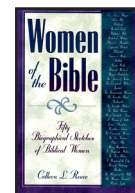
Incarcerated ladies are encouraged as they read the accounts of various women throughout the Bible who trusted in Jesus. They are able to relate to many of their stories.

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



Women of the Bible
by Colleen Reece

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

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