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Dear Friends of IPM,

The Lord wants us to have a godly perspective, to think as He thinks, to set our minds on things above. We recently received a letter from Zachary M., in a Missouri prison. Zachary wrote: "Thank you for all you're doing for me with the books you provide. They help me so very much to keep my mind on things above."

It is the Lord's will that we set our minds on things above. "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*" (Colossians 3:1,2). We are to be seeking things which are spiritual and eternal, setting our affections on things above, not on the things of this earth. We are not to be pursuing a life of fleshly living or fleshly indulgence.

How is it possible to set our minds on things above more and more? The Lord does this work in us by renewing our minds. "*And be renewed in the spirit of your mind...And do not be conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...*" (Ephesians 4:23; Romans 12:2). We need to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. Further, we need every aspect of our minds renewed. This involves learning to think God's way. It is the opposite of being conformed to this world. When we become a Christian, Jesus is not just added to our life, He becomes our life. The more we get to know Him, the more we will find ourselves seeking what pleases Him and honors Him.

The word of the Lord is the basic means He uses to transform us and renew our minds. God calls us to feed upon His

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word so that His word may go to work transforming our hearts and minds. *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..."* (Matthew 6:33). In everything we do, we are to seek Him first, in His word and in prayer. In every day, in every situation, our hearts and minds are to be anchored in Him, seeking Him, and looking to Him.

As we grow in this transforming work of God, and as our minds become renewed by feeding upon His word, we will find ourselves, like Zachary, setting our minds on things above. May the Lord continue to renew hearts and minds, both inside and outside prison walls. We praise the Lord for all who partner with us in sharing God's love and truth to countless hungry souls behind bars.

Setting Our Minds on Things Above,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [I'm Not Coming Back!](#)
[The John Sala Story.](#)



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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)

People Like You Give Us Hope

It's nice to know that we have good people in this world still today—especially like you all. You truly don't understand how hard it is to be in a place like this. But people like you give most of us hope and faith, and that's what keeps us going. You show us you care, and not many people do. With God on my side, I've changed my ways. With God beside me, I know I'm not alone. He's given me a new perspective. Thank you all so much!

- Ashley K., Tennessee Prison

I Treasure the Books

I just want to thank you for all that you do for us. God bless you all. We are locked down at the moment and I treasure the books that you provide.

- James H., Illinois Prison



Inmate Artwork

A Great Blessing in My Life

You guys have been such good help and a great blessing in my life while incarcerated. I will cherish all the great teachings and lessons from all the books you have sent to me.

James P., California Prison

The Lord has Turned Me into a New Creature

Thank you for all you're doing for me with the books you provide. They help me so very much to keep my mind on things above. I read the Monty Lewis story and I cried—God was touching me. These books are so amazing, the smiles they give me as I read them! The Lord has turned me into a new creature. I love Him with all my heart, mind, strength, and soul. I don't know how I've lived this long without Him. Thank you so much for the King James Bible. It is the best. It will help me in my Bible study and to share the word with others. Keep the books coming! Thank You!

- Zachary M., 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

- 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)

I'm Not Coming Back!

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a
new creature: old things are passed away; behold,
all things are become new”*

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

John Sala’s world consisted of drugs, alcohol and crime from the age of 14 until 40. He seemed destined to be a loser the rest of his life. But then he met Jesus and everything changed. John’s story is a dramatic example of a loser becoming a winner. This book is for every prisoner and anyone else who has been touched by a drug or alcohol problem.

John’s life before and after Calvary is a magnificent testimony to God’s transforming love and power. What seemed hopeless and futile to man became a marvelous opportunity for God to display His glorious purpose in grace. John’s story illustrates so vividly what God is doing in the lives of many men and women who are incarcerated.

After his release, John and his wife were used mightily of the Lord over the years to provide much needed discipleship training for men and women upon release from prison. John’s life and testimony have been used to lead many to Christ.



“I'M NOT COMING BACK!”

John Sala Story

*As told to
Joanne Jacquart*

Our Gift to You

John’s testimony has touched many hearts and lives behind prison bars. Many inmates have been encouraged in reading this book.

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.

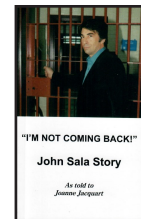
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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

EMAIL : _____

Yes, Please Send Gift



**I'm Not Coming Back!
the John Sala Story**