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Chaplain Ray,
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Dear Friends of IPM,

As the battles often rage heavy in our lives, the Lord promises to be ever present in the midst to fight for us. Jessee B., from a Kentucky prison recently wrote: "I want to be able and willing to call on Him in all my spiritual battles."

In the Old Testament, God promised to fight for His people, assuring them victory in battle as they entered the Promised Land. Israel faced many battles as ungodly nations persistently opposed them. Moses expressed the Lord's commitment to do battle for Israel. *"The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you"* (Deuteronomy 1:30). The Lord had done mighty things for Israel in bringing them out of Egypt. Now, Moses assures them that God will act again on their behalf *"according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes"* (Deut. 1:30).

Later, the Lord Himself reassured Joshua of a similar truth. *"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life"* (Joshua 1:5). Many would try to come against the people of God under Joshua's leadership. Yet, God pledged the same faithfulness to Joshua that Moses had enjoyed. *"As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee"* (Joshua 1:5). Then, the Lord added the ultimate words of reassurance. *"I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee"* (Joshua 1:5). When facing the certainty of battles, there is nothing greater than having God committed to always be present to fight against the enemy.

We are also engaged in warfare, spiritual warfare. *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"* (2 Timothy 2:3). As spiritual soldiers we must use

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spiritual weapons. *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds"* (2 Corinthians 10:3-4). The promises of God are part of our spiritual weaponry. We can stand victorious in battle by the promises of God, just as the Apostle Paul did.

Like Jesse, in a Kentucky prison, may we be willing to call upon the Lord when facing spiritual battles. He is faithful to be our ever present help in time of need. *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"* (Hebrews 4:16). We thank the Lord for all who partner with us as we share God's love and truth with needy souls behind bars.

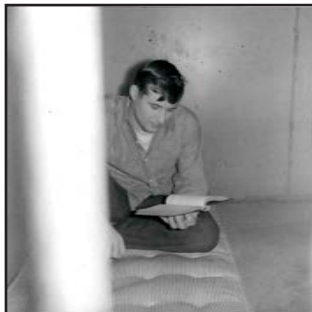
Looking to the Lord to Fight our Battles,

Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is EX 83, the story of Clyde Thompson.



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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'm Writing this Letter from Death Row

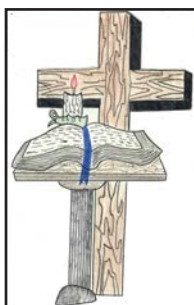
I'm writing this letter from a death row cell in Florida. I have been on death row for twenty-seven years. I have been receiving letters and books from you all of these years. I know the history of International Prison Ministry. I truly appreciate your ministry and what you have done for prisoners for many years. Please continue to send me more books. May God bless you!

- John H., Florida Prison

I'm in His Hands

I appreciate you guys in troubled times. But God is good all the time! I'm in His hands and have faith He will guide me through.

- Robert L., California Prison



Inmate Artwork

I Just Want to Know Jesus More

Thank you so much for the Bible materials. It's helping my spiritual growth. I just want to know Jesus more and have more spiritual knowledge.

- Israel T., Washington Prison

It is My Sole Desire Now to Live Every Day for God

It is my desire to grow in my faith in Jesus Christ. I trusted in Jesus Christ as my Savior in January of this year. I went to church most of my adult life, but never truly repented and surrendered to Jesus as my Savior and Lord. It wasn't until I was arrested that I finally surrendered. It is my sole desire now to live every day for God and to use my time on this earth to serve Him. I wish to study the word of God and learn as much as I can. Thank you for your generosity and kindness to prisoners!

- Harold S., Pennsylvania 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)

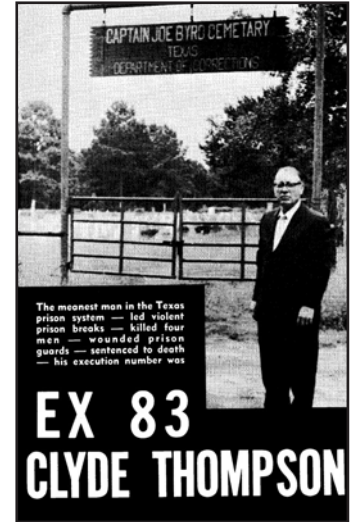
EX 83 Clyde Thompson

Clyde Thompson was the meanest man in the Texas prison system. He led violent prison breaks, killed four men, wounded prison guards, and was sentenced to death. Just hours before Clyde was scheduled to be executed as the 83rd condemned man to die in the electric chair at Huntsville, TX, the Texas Governor commuted Clyde's sentence to life in prison.

Later on, Chaplain Ray had Clyde as his guest on his nation-wide radio broadcast to prisoners. Many thousands of prisoners heard Clyde tell in his own words the story of his life, the change that came into his life as he read the Bible, and the new life that he received through Jesus Christ. Tens of thousands of these books have been distributed to prisoners throughout North America. Clyde's story has touched many hearts and lead hundreds of prisoners to turn to Jesus Christ—the best friend any prisoner ever had!

"I have shared with you the story of my life for one purpose only—that you may know assuredly that our God does care for each of us as individuals. As you have read the story of my life, many of you have felt you were reading chapters from your own life. But what of the next chapter in your life? Will God take first place? Will you find a place of peace in God? Will you find a place of useful service? The answer to these questions will depend upon what will you do with Jesus who came and died for your sins."

- Clyde Thompson



Our Gift to You

Clyde's testimony has touched the lives of many behind bars.

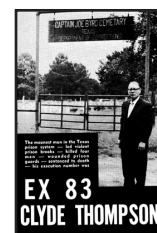
We praise the Lord for all who partner with IPM through their faithful prayers and generous giving which enable IPM to continue to share God's love and truth with those behind bars.

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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

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Yes, Please Send Gift



I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

EMAIL : _____

EX 83
the story of Clyde Thompson

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