



FREE Prison Ministry Inc

Faith Resources Empowering & Encouraging
the incarcerated

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Dear friends,

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who “has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Col 1:13-14 NIV). “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8 NIV). Dwell on that for a moment! ...

How great is His love for us!!

We hope and pray this letter finds you well and dwelling in the Son as He dwells in you. Please take a moment to read through the instructions and be aware of your institution’s restrictions when you order. Email orders are now being accepted (see below). IL DOC presents some unique challenges which we are working on. If a loved one will be ordering for you, provide their email to us with your authorization in writing. Now, enjoy the message from my brother Mike! Blessings on you!!

From Mike:

One day, an old man early in the morning was walking along the beach. He noticed the incoming tide had washed thousands of starfish up onto the sandy beach. He spotted a young boy ahead gathering up the starfish and tossing them one by one back into the ocean — bending, scooping, tossing.

As the man approached the boy, he asked why he was spending so much energy doing what seemed like a waste of time. The boy replied, “The starfish cannot live if they are left out in the sun.” Then the old man gazed out as far as he could see ... responded, “But the beach stretches on for miles and miles and there must be thousands of starfish out here. You can’t possibly rescue all of them. What difference is throwing a few back in really going to make?” The boy bent, scooped... one more starfish; looked then smiled and said, “It makes a difference to this one!” — and with that he tossed it back into the sea.

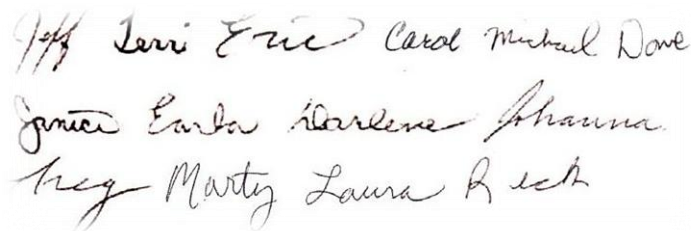
~paraphrase of story by Loren Easley

That boy, just like our God, does not see us as a group but as individuals that he came to love, help and redeem. **For a moment—just reflect on God the Father’s individual attention and focus on you, JUST YOU ...**

- He knows your name (Gen 16:8; 1 Sam 3:10; Isa 43:1, 45:3; John 10:3)
- He sees you (Gen 16:13; Ps 33:18-19)
- He knows you (Ps 139)
- He hears you (Ps 116:2; 1 John 5:14)
- He thinks about you (Ps 139:17, 40:17)
- He numbers your hairs (Matt 10:30)
- He knows your way (Job 23:10)
- He notices your sighs (Ps 38:9)
- He collects your tears (Ps 56:3)
- He saves your soul (Rom 10:13; John 6:37, 3:16)

TRULY, OUR God IS A God of the individual!!

The FREE Prison Ministry team,



Placing an Order

- Please provide the book number and a portion of the book title when ordering.
- You can receive up to five books per month subject to your institutional rules. Please provide alternate selections.
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