

# CORR Ministries



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Dear Family & Friends,



Jesus and Peter met by the lake after breakfast. Remember that meeting in John 21:14-23? This was the third time Jesus had showed Himself to the disciples after the resurrection. It was one of those hard conversations we sometimes have to face. Peter found out that His love for the Lord was weak & in some need of serious growth.

I am glad you and I can meet with the Lord; I am glad it's personal; I am glad He listens. I am in a wrestling match between thanking the Lord and complaining about the incompetence and evil around me. **LIZ HAS THIS CROSS STITCH = GOD IS THE BLESSED CONTROLLER OF ALL THINGS.**

In our lives, He is in control of the health issues Liz is enduring (from a car accident). He is in control of our finances and the rising costs of everything. He is in control of the delay getting back into the prisons due to COVID uncertainties. He is in control of the grief we feel at the deaths of several friends.

**We pray for you that God will hug you tight in the middle of whatever losses, disappointments, and struggles bombarding you.** Thank you for following our ministry in whatever way you are able. Thank you for your prayer support; remember us every day. Thank you for your finances; hopefully, you can include this prison ministry in your giving.

We feel blessed and useful during this break in the on-site prison action:

1. We are in contact with prison chaplains to **provide them Bible lessons**. The availability of lesson materials has been interrupted; we are told our lessons are greatly appreciated.
2. We enjoy talking to former **inmates on the phone** as they face their challenges.
3. We are creating **Bible lessons** weekly; it is an honor writing lessons that attempt to simplify Biblical concepts or apply God's Word to our every day journey.
4. We are **building a website** that will provide our chaplains, our donors, our parolees, and other interested folks with resources to encourage, teach, and excite.

Gifts can be mailed: Missionary Gospel Fellowship, PO Box 1535, Turlock, CA 95381 (Project 89)

You can use the internet: (CTRL + click) [https://www.continuetogive.com/4826389/donation\\_prompt](https://www.continuetogive.com/4826389/donation_prompt)

We love you,

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# A Look in the Mirror – 1

## "Coming" in this World

WITH ALL THE TURMOIL, DYSFUNCTION, & SICKNESS IN THIS WORLD, HOW ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU SICK OF IT? ARE YOU DEPRESSED? ARE YOU HANGING ON?

"Coming and going" is what we do in this world; If we are not "coming and going", then we are dead. If you are reading this, then you are not dead. THEN WE MUST "COME & GO" BECAUSE WE LIVE OUR LIVES HERE AND NOW. WE MUST DEAL WITH THAT WHICH SURROUNDS US.

Remember what Jesus said: You are not OF this world, but you live IN this world.

- Match the verse with the conditions we live in.
  - Matthew 2:16      \_\_\_ Society is full of **religious** people who are lost.
  - Matthew 22:17-21      \_\_\_ The **government** lies to us & casts blame & lies on others.
  - Matthew 19:16-22      \_\_\_ The **family** structure is failing & being rejected.
  - Matthew 19:9      \_\_\_ The gov't **leaders** make poor, self-serving decisions.
  - Acts 17:6-7      \_\_\_ The citizens struggle within the **income tax** structure.
  - Mark 12:42-44      \_\_\_ People face inflation & very **little money** to live on.
  - Matthew 19:3-10      \_\_\_ The society is full of sexual misconduct & **immorality**.
- Match the verse with the kinds of people we live around.
  - John 11:21      \_\_\_ People who are addicted to drugs, sex, booze, anything.
  - John 11:3      \_\_\_ People who have experienced personal failure.
  - Matthew 11:28-29      \_\_\_ People we know who have died or been killed.
  - Mark 5:1-20      \_\_\_ People suffering with mental illness or oppression.
  - John 18:26-27      \_\_\_ People we know who are sick.
  - John 6:71      \_\_\_ People we know who claim to be Christians but are fakes.
- Can we change:
  - The fact that there are poor people with no money & living on the streets? \_Y \_N
  - The incompetent leadership running our governments immediately? \_Y \_N
  - The moral values of people all around us who choose to live with no rules? \_Y \_N
  - The careless ways today's parents are failing to train the children? \_Y \_N
  - The arrogance of leaders who have no respect for the people they lead? \_Y \_N
- Can I change:
  - The way other people live their lives & obey the laws? \_Yes \_No
  - The way **I** live my life & obey the laws? \_Yes \_No
  - The methods that people use to earn money & cheat others? \_Yes \_No

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- d. The methods **I** use to earn money while **I** am honoring others? \_Yes \_No
- e. The moral values of sexual purity **I** openly practice or hide? \_Yes \_No
- f. The moral values of those around me publicly or privately? \_Yes \_No
- g. The attitudes of the leaders who deceive & exploit all of us? \_Yes \_No
- h. **My** attitude toward those leaders to love rather than condemn? \_Yes \_No

***I cannot change the behaviors of others; ONLY GOD CAN. I can pray for them.  
I cannot change my behavior; ONLY GOD CAN. I can pray & spent time with God.***

## **COME**

Matthew 11:28 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST.*

Matthew 11:29 *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find REST for your souls.  
For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

Mark 6:31 *And Jesus said to the disciples, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and REST a while".*

Mark 10:21 *...and come, take up your cross and follow Me.*

John 21:12 *Jesus said to the disciples, "Come and eat breakfast".*

### 5. Matthew 11:28 **(COME TO ME)**

a. What do you think "heavy laden" means? \_\_\_\_\_

*It could be sickness, grief, sick of people, sick of the government, sick of corruption, discontent, anger, etc.*

b. Whatever the problem is, what does Jesus say to us? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Whatever the problem is, did He ask me to fix it? \_Yes \_No

d. This "heavy laden" must be causing some serious & distracting grief. \_Yes \_No

e. What does Jesus offer if we come to him with the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Matthew 11:29

a. Isn't Jesus saying, "I've got lots on my shoulders too. It's overwhelming"? \_Yes \_No

b. Isn't Jesus says, "Let Me carry the load that has you overloaded"? \_Yes \_No

**C.** I will still have the load but what will He do?

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### 7. Mark 6:31 **(COME APART OR ASIDE)**

a. What word (CAPITALIZED) do you see in these first three verses? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is this verses (Jesus) telling us to do? \_\_\_\_\_

c. When dealing with the stresses & irritations around us, would you suggest that we start concentrating?  On the problems in the world first  On ourselves first

d. We are around people all the time. What does this verse suggest?

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*"A deserted place" could be a bedroom, the backyard, a cell, the dayroom, on the*

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track, while walking. Who cares - As long as you connect with the Lord in prayer.

8. Mark 10:21 (**COME TO A DECISION**)

- a. What does "take up your cross" mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Christians are not supposed to be weird people that are holier-than-everyone else. However, are we supposed to do things the way the evil world does it?    Yes No
- c. A "cross" is not a sweet little toy. IT WAS A STYLE OF EXECUTION.    Yes No
- d. Everybody else may send the politicians to hell. Should we?    Yes No
- e. Everybody else may spit on the homeless people. Should we?    Yes No
- f. Everybody might give up on the prisoners or other outcasts? Should we? Yes No
- g. Is my faith in Jesus Christ a secret? Should I keep mine a secret?    Yes No
- h. Should my public Christian life be the same as my secret life?   Yes No

9. John 21:12 (**COME AND EAT**)

***This verse talks about Jesus cooking fish on the beach. He rose from the dead and then appeared to them some days later.***

- a. The disciples saw their leader (Jesus) die. Is this the time to give up?    Yes No
- b. Wouldn't this be a good time to stay away from people & grieve?    Yes No
- c. The times are tough; the leaders are corrupt; I am mad. Give up?   Yes No
- d. My future has been taken from me; it's unfair; I feel hate. Give up?   Yes No
- e. Jesus cooked breakfast; He called them to eat TOGETHER. Good idea?   Yes No

***THE WORLD IS EVIL; IT DOES NOT LOVE GOD; LAWS AND RULES ARE NOT RIGHTEOUS.***

***We are outnumbered. Now is the time to obey the Lord:    Come to Me.  
Come Apart.  
Come to a Decision.  
Come & Eat***