

## ***Michael Carpenter's Testimony***

I have been in a relationship with God off and on since I was 6 years old. I have had a hard life ever since the State took my Dad in 1989 and shuffled me from foster care to foster care then from placement to placement ever since.

I sometimes was filled with so much hate and resentment it caused me to go into witchcraft and the occult when I felt God was playing games with my life, like he did with Job in the Bible. I have been in prison two times since 2003. This last time I came in 2007. I have done many things in life I am not proud of and many things I will never regret in life. It's hard sometimes when they mess with family and I get resentful of God but I ask for guidance and help.

Since 2010 I have had a hard time getting to talk to my Dad he is my Rock on this earth and like every other thing the state snatches him away and I get more resentful but ask for help through prayer and Jesus. I realized through Gods word and my Dad that we can't be resentful of life. We must make due with what God puts us through, as life is His way of testing us.

I was abused growing up and I did my share of the same towards others because I was resentful and spiteful. God wants us to live for Him and not for ourselves. I've seen some horrible things done to others and done some of those things myself and God has forgiven me just

like he will forgive us all, all we have to do is ask.

All we must do is walk with Jesus and live our life as he did. I can still remember a bracelet my friend once gave me it had WWJD on it. So now all I do is ask myself "What Would Jesus Do" before I act. God is Good!

I hope this testimony has been a blessing to you. If you would like to read how others in similar situations have experienced the life transforming power of God please write to me at the address below. We now have over 100 testimonies of those whose lives have been transformed by God's amazing Grace. We also have over 100 tracts created by con's; Con-tracts. Send us your testimony as well. We also would like artwork and poetry to share with others.

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## **Sometimes A Prisoner Wins**

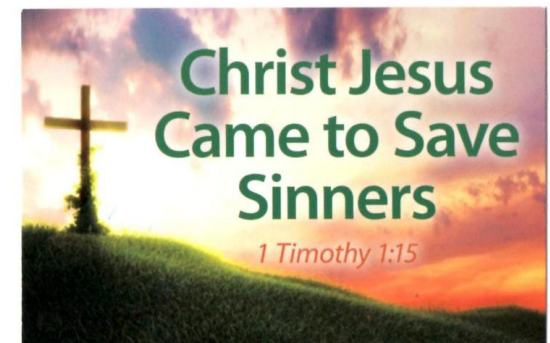
**By: Rick Carpenter**  
Michael's dad

When the cell door closed behind me  
and the reality set in  
My life was in total turmoil  
and for quite some time had fear

A life of sin had brought me here  
in that there was no doubt  
I must find my way back home  
was all I could think about

Then as I talked to a friend  
He led me to Christ and church I attend  
I got my life right with God  
and thou I wronged, I made amend.

The Lord helped me regain my faith  
and forgave me of my sins.  
Good times can come from prison bars  
and sometimes the prisoner wins.



# What To Do.....

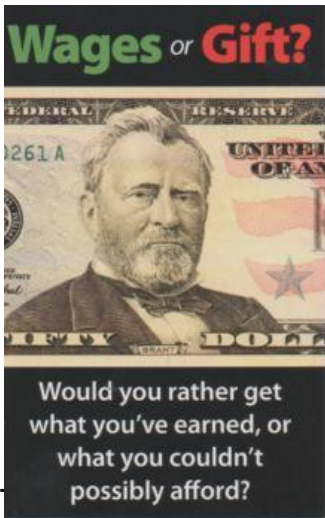
By: Debbie Carpenter  
(Michael's Aunt)

When you are troubled, tell the Lord  
When you are puzzled, read His word  
When you are downcast, start to praise  
Prove Him on your darkest days.

When you long to know His will  
Listen hard and keep quite still  
When you are lonely, seek His face  
And He will give sufficient grace.

When you feel you can't hold out  
Believe overcome the doubt  
When you are tempted don't give in.  
Pray for strength, then fight and win.

Remember, whenever you have a need  
Keel before the throne and plead  
Every word God says is true.  
Every promise is for you.



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I had a pretty good opinion of myself until a friend invited me to take a walk down the Roman Road. He used a single book in the Bible to open my eyes to my relationship with God, and I haven't been the same since.

He warned me that the trip might hurt, and he was right because he started by revealing my real status before God.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God ...

**Romans 3:23.**

Then I learned of sin's penalty.  
For the wages of sin is death ...**Romans 6:23a**

He went on to tell me that God loves me so much he offers an alternative called "Eternal Life" ...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ ... **Romans 6:23b.**

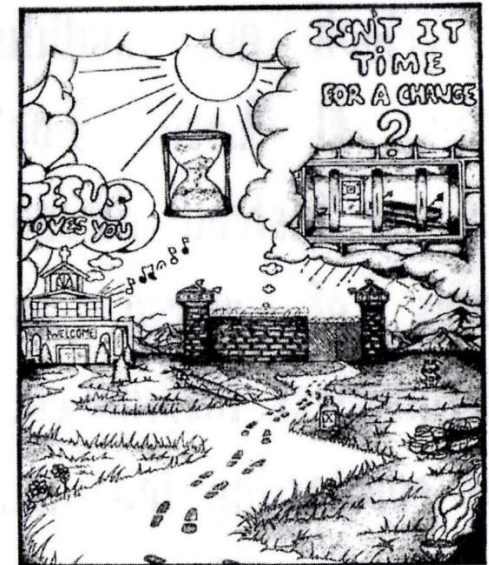
Then he showed me how God provided his son Jesus as a atoning Sacrifice for my sin. Jesus took my penalty! But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8.**

I wondered if God would accept me. He assured me with even more good news. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved... **Romans 10:13.**

My friend showed me what I should do to receive Eternal Life. That if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God raise him from the dead, thou shall be save ... **Romans 10:9**

We prayed together, and I gladly accepted God's gift of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ.

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