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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

I've never seen Jesus set a captive free until our friend Josh\* went to prison. He had previously been uninterested in talking about Christ. Since Josh was incarcerated, I prayed Jesus would free him. God answered. Josh went from being indifferent to passionate, from trying to earn salvation to accepting it through faith as a gift of grace, from selfishness to sanctification, and from silence to sharing his faith.

Despite the prisons in which we find ourselves, literal or figurative, if we are surrendered to Christ, we will grow in our faith. Even so, discouragement sometimes overwhelms us. Wouldn't it be great to receive a letter in the mail with words like the one Paul wrote to the Thessalonians?

Whether we see clear evidence of God's faithfulness in our lives or we're struggling through a period where He seems to be silent, we can take comfort in knowing He is present. More than that, He has the power to help us fulfill the calling He has placed on our lives.

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