

From Terry Phillips, inmate at Riverbend Maximum Security Prison: To those of you out there who hurt, struggle, or wrestle to be free, there is no greater power than the power of Christ to set captives free.



Jesus is alive and his presence is able to transcend time, distance, and even prison bars. I know because he is inside of me. I've been in this place of darkness and despair for 21 years, but the joy of the Lord is my strength, and the Word of God is not bound and neither am I. Christ is real and alive in prison and I thank Him that He is no respecter of persons. He chose me and changed me by His strength and He made me whole. There is no situation, person, bondage or sin that He cannot change or break if you will only give Him a chance. May He do so for you today.

From Antonius Harris, inmate at Riverbend Maximum Security Prison: This is a testimony of Christians forgiving each other, and confessing their sins, one to another. I am in a worship band at Riverbend Prison. It consists of five members, and we had two members who were not glorifying God with their lifestyles. So, we disbanded and three of us started a new band, without the other two members. This went on for about seven months and the Lord started dealing with me about the situation. He said to me, "What if I would have left you in your sin, and not forgiven you? Now, go and bring your brothers out of their sin and forgive them, as I have forgiven you." So we had a meeting and called for our two brothers. I told them what God has said to me. I also let them know that I have things in my life that I'm battling to control. I explained to all the band members, that we have to be accountable to and for each other. If we see or hear one another missing the mark, we should pull that brother aside, in love, and get him back on track. Then God can receive the glory. Now, I'm happy to announce we are a band again, the "Unchained Souls." God has reconciled us, and we thank Him.



From Richard Gay: We have been leading a worship service at Riverbend Maximum Security Prison for the past five years on the first Tuesday of each month. The prisoners are now leading out in preaching and music. Antonius and Terry have shown a real commitment to Christ. I have seen such growth in both guys over the years. If you would like to go with us one night, just email or give us a call. I promise you will receive a special blessing.

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