

*Pastor Joel and
Friends at CIP,*



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Greetings from Solid Rock Ministries,

We are at a time in our culture where several events are looming, which some might call a "perfect storm" of events. The 2020 Pandemic, Economic Instability, and a Presidential Election are all about to converge. If you recall the film, *The Perfect Storm*, a fishing boat out of Gloucester, MA decided to risk it all, and face the North Atlantic in October of 1991. Long story short, three storms were converging on the Grand Banks, and this fishing boat and it's entire crew was lost.

The future is uncertain in our world, but let me remind everyone that this is not our world. This is God's world, His Kingdom, and nothing is beyond His control. Regardless of pandemics or economics, or elections, will we risk it all for God's Kingdom, and for His glory, because that is what every Believer in Jesus Christ has been called to. The word is "DISCIPLESHIP". "Going, Baptizing, and Teaching" as Jesus commanded in Matthew 28. It's very costly. Salvation is absolutely free, we understand that. But to be fully committed to the Lordship and Authority of Jesus, this is the responsibility of every Christian, which means commitment. Will we stand up and be counted, in a world that doesn't want God interrupting what's going on?

Here at the Barnstable County Jail, God's name is being proclaimed, and inmates are changing, as the Spirit of God works in each heart. Jesus is the answer to all the issues we face in our culture, and we can find peace in knowing that.

One of our guys had the following to share: (One of our more solid Believers)

"My life and my family, in His hands I must leave, as tight to His promise, my longing soul cleaves. Oh God, in your mercy my broken heart pleads, bind up all their wounds, and meet all their needs. And one day our hearts, together restore, in my deepest prayers, Lord to you I implore. At a difficult time in this unlikely place, I find freedom and joy, as Christ meets me with grace. He fills me with love from His infinite stores, and I set all my hopes on His eternal shores."



And here is a picture of Kevin, who I've worked with for several years now. He's at 4 years clean and sober, having been one of our house managers when we were running a sober house in falmouth. He continues to grow in his faith and is involved with a new church plant with us, (7 Mile Road, Hyannis), and really finding a meaningful place to fit in. God's power in people's lives is an awesome thing to see. Thanks for praying and supporting all that we are attempting to accomplish through Solid Rock Ministries.

God's best to you and yours in the days ahead

Chaplain Dave

*Thank you for partnering
ministering with this*

Dave