FREE DISCIPLESHIP TOOLS FOR PRISONERS



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The beautiful world God fashioned for His glory is never more beautiful than in the summertime. We hope you are truly blessed and are experiencing the peace, joy, and power of God.

Issue #44 Update

The theme of this issue is The Creation. Articles that will feature this theme include "Why Creation Makes Sense" and "Creation's Purpose." Puzzles include a "God Created You" word search and "Created by God" crossword puzzle.

We have been featuring a new column in the Free on the Inside section titled "Persevering in Prison." It is written by an inmate with a goal of helping fellow believers successfully navigate their prison experience. In this issue, the column is titled "Communing With the Creator" and features helpful tips on meaningful personal devotional life behind bars.

By the time you receive this newsletter, *Loaves & Fishes* issue #44 will have arrived in our warehouse. We are close to having the postage funded as well, so it may also have shipped out to our readers. It has been a blessing to see this issue move along quickly, thanks in part to your support.

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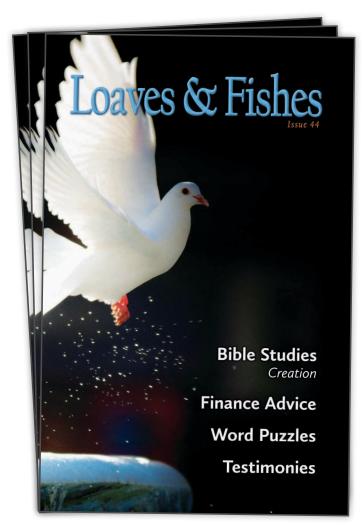
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Loaves & Fishes #44 Cover

Our supporters care about reaching out to prison inmates who desire to grow in their faith in God. Distributors, we deeply appreciate your partnership, without which our mission would be much harder to accomplish.

—Mike Fisher, board chairman



In the beginning God... הישארב (b'-ray-SHEET) This was the beginning of time. God always

in Genesis 1:1.

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will exist. We cannot grasp the concept of a time without time. But the Bible says there was a be-

SCIENCE IN CREATION

you shall say to the children of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you" (Exodus 3:14). You and I didn't yet exist, but God knew about us before the beginning. "Just as He chose us



such a schedule. Guard these

In some situations, the cell is just not a good place for our time with the Lord. I have experienced times where the dayroom or yard worked better. When this is the case, a little creativity

helps. For instance, I have used headphones to block out back-ground noise in the dayroom.

moments for the Lord!

On the sixth day, after God had created everything but humans, He looked over His work and saw it was "good" (Genesis 1:25). Later that day, God finished His creative work with a masteriora in Life. since quietness is perhaps our most limited resource, it is a good place to start. Quietness is also key to maximizing our other resources because a quiet place to have a conversation is useful with a masterpiece in His own image with whom He could ento have a conversation is useful in getting to know anyone, in-cluding our Creator. First, take advantage of any consistent alone time in your cell. You are blessed if you have

image with whom He could enjoy intimate fellowship: Man.
After that final creation, God saw His work was not just good, but "very good" (Genesis 131).
What a privilege Adam and beve enjoyed, walking with God in the most beautiful place of His creation, the Garden of Edent Though prison is about as different from Eden as possible, we can still have that sweet communion with our Creator. communion with our Creator.

As inmates, the question is how we can walk and talk with God in this ugly environment. However, the basics of com-muning with God are the same: We need a quiet place to study,

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Pages From Loaves & Fishes #44

"GOD CREATED YOU"
Word Search Puzzle

Magazine Feedback

"The information in these books is some of the best I've ever read. I thank God He has pointed me in your direction. God Bless."

Steven Larion

Colquitt Co Jail Moultrice, GA

"Great magazine I really enjoy its stories and word searches as well as the inspiring messages of so many people and testimonies. Keep up the good work. God bless *Loaves* and Fishes."

> **Randy Berry** Varner Unit, Grady, AR

"Hello, my name is Rebecca and I am incarcerated at the Lockhart Unit in Texas, I was reading issue 25 of your *Loaves and Fishes* magazine. I would like to receive those if I may. The poems and articles touched my heart and I am sending some of the poems to my children who are young adults and am hoping and believing they will encourage them to change their lives and not end up in prison as I did. I feel free inside these walls and am looking forward to being free and sharing my faith with others and living a Christian life myself... Thank you."

Rebecca Guajardo

Lockhart Facility, Lockhart, TX

"I am writing from the chapel of Reconciliation at the Ellis Unit of the TDCI on behalf of the Christian community... We have a growing community of believers returning to the church and to the lessons of their youth... and are in great need of devotional materials such as books, magazines, calendars, and Bible correspondence studies. If available we also need Spanish material.

"Please note, all items need to be donated because the chaplaincy does not have any funds to purchase these items."

> **Chaplain David Beaty** Ellis Unit, Huntsville, TX

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