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The Word Of God Washes Us

My name is Johnny Chambers. About 4 or 5 months ago I gave my testimony in Titus House newsletter. I am writing today about a new chapter in my life. My life has been full of ups and downs. I have had to jump hurdles and search for ways around obstacles that have been placed either to protect, or to hinder me. Sometimes life has overwhelmed me so, that I just wanted to give up. I am happy to say I am glad that life has given me so many challenges.

Before being released from a Southwest Louisiana prison in 2016, I had started receiving Titus House newsletters. I found encouragement by reading articles from people in prison, out of prison and from people that had never been to prison. All of these people joined together by a love for God and helping people make it through this life's ups and downs. Most importantly finding the love and salvation that only comes through Jesus. Wow! What a

testimony.

My new chapter started in mid-February of this year. I had already planned on moving to New Mexico before I was released in 2016. I



just wanted to be sure on the timing. After much prayer I knew the time was getting close. I contacted Don and Alice, letting them know of the plan to move. Sometimes it is outright scary to take a leap of faith into the unknown. Well, all things will start coming into place with each FAITH step we take. We read throughout the Old Testament of rejects that God called to take these great leaps of faith with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Now it

is my turn.

After deciding what to bring with me and what to leave, I started on my 1000 mile journey. I knew I would try to start a soap making

soap that is in the curing stage.

Always remember John 16:33 Jesus said " These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Welcome the challenges and curve balls that this world will throw at you. James 1:2-3 says " My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

As soap cleanses our outward body, the Word of God washes and sanctifies our hearts. Ephesians 5:26

"That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word".

Romans 10:17 " So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR WALK BY FAITH?

business, but most importantly finding what God would have me do.

I have been here for almost 3 months now. I attend church at Foothills Church, attend the monthly Circle

of Concern (Titus House Ministries), and help with the Bible Study at La Pasada in Albuquerque. The guys at La Pasada house really are an encouragement. I always leave being energized and uplifted. I have been making a lot of

Walk By Faith



ID: SEX OFFENDERS ASK COURT TO REVIVE IDAHO REGISTRY LAWSUIT

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A group of 134 sex offenders have asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court to revive their lawsuit against the state of Idaho because they say they were denied their constitutional rights when they were forced to register as sex offenders.

The group, referred to only as John Does 1 through 134 in the lawsuit, notified U.S. District Judge David Nye on Sunday that

they would ask the appellate panel to review Nye's ruling dismissing the lawsuit.

The group originally filed the lawsuit in 2016, contending that Idaho laws requiring them to register as sex offenders for life violated their right to due process, subjected them to double jeopardy and amounted to cruel and unusual punishment among other problems.

Some plaintiffs said rules

requiring them to stay at least 500 feet from schools prevented them from exercising their religion because their preferred churches were near a school. Others said they were convicted of misdemeanors or lesser sex offenses but years later were forced to register as sex offenders when lawmakers decided to reclassify the crimes as felonies.



Imprisoned, on the registry for not revealing a medical condition

By Elizabeth Weil-Greenberg . . . Every five years, Mark Hunter has to pay around \$300 to have his picture displayed in the newspaper and notices mailed to his neighbors, informing them that he is a sex offender. While on parole, he said, he pays about \$60 a month in fees and has to attend a sex offender treatment class. His crime? In 2008, he was convicted of failing to tell two ex-girlfriends that he was HIV-positive.

Though neither partner contracted HIV, Hunter was still convicted under Arkansas's HIV exposure law, which requires those who know they are HIV-positive to disclose their status to sexual partners. Sentenced to a dozen years in prison, he was released in 2011 after serving almost three.

But now, he must register as a sex offender, incurring the same obstacles, humiliation, and costs many others on registries face.

In Louisiana, where he now lives, Hunter's driver's license has "sex of-

fender" written in capital letters under his photo, per the state's registry requirements.

"When I saw it on my license, that was one of the most hardest things ever," said Hunter, now 44. "Those two words on my license are still a hindrance to the life I want to live."

Louisiana, Arkansas, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Washington State require, or authorize courts to require, those convicted under HIV criminalization laws to be on the sex offender registry, according to the Center for HIV Law and Policy. Advocates, who condemn the statutes as ineffective, stigmatizing, and unscientific, are working to modernize the laws in the courts and state legislatures.

But even some of the fixes fall short, they say, including an amendment to Louisiana's law that was enacted last year that removed biting and spitting as



specifically identified means of transmission. Disclosure of HIV status is still required.

"We do not need to be punishing people through the criminal law," said Robert Suttle, assistant director of the Sero Project, which advocates HIV criminalization law reforms. "This is a public health issue."

Hunter, a hemophiliac, was diagnosed with HIV in 1981, at age 7. He said he and his family largely kept his status a secret.

"People were treated harshly who had this disease," said Hunter. "They were treated like outcasts."



Cleaning Up Your Mess

Hope of the World by Jonathan Cahn



When you were a little child, your parents probably gave you this rule: “If you make a mess, clean it up” If you messed up your room, you had to clean it up. Why is it that we knew this rule as children, but as adults, we often forget it? It’s Biblical. When Zacchaeus, the corrupt tax collector got saved, he was led by the Spirit to go back to the people he cheated and make it up to them, and even more than make it up to them. He made a mess, and the grace of God led him to clean it up. God’s grace doesn’t exempt you from cleaning up your messes – Rather, it gives you the power to clean them up. Are there messes in your life? Have you hurt someone, failed someone, cheated someone, or mistreated another? Have you not served the Lord as should, not been the husband, wife, parent or child you should have been? Those are your messes. By God’s grace and power, clean them up, make them right, and redeem them. For if you make a

7th Circuit rules DOC sex offender program violates Constitution

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Finding the disclosures provide information that any law enforcement agent “would love to have,” the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled Indiana’s requirement that sex offender inmates give detailed accounts of their past actions violates the Constitution’s protections against self-incrimination.

Donald Lacy, a sex offender inmate in the Indiana Department of Correction, filed a class action on behalf of all inmates who lost good-time credits and a demotion in credit class because they failed to meet the requirements of the Indiana Sex Offender Management and Monitoring program. Lacy argued the disclosures required and the penalties imposed for non-participation constituted a violation of his Fifth Amendment right to be free from compelled self-incrimination.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana [agreed](#). It ordered the inmates’ lost good-time credits to be restored and vacated all disciplinary actions and sanctions for failure to participate in INSOMM.

On appeal, Indiana countered that the INSOMM program does not carry any sufficiently serious risk of incrimination to trigger the protec-

tions of the Fifth Amendment. Moreover, even if it did, the state continued, the revocation of credit time and the demotion of credit class do not add up to unconstitutional compulsion.

The 7th Circuit found the INSOMM workbooks asked for detailed and specific information. Offenders are required to reveal the names and ages of their victims, what parts of the body were touched, where and when the abuse occurred, and how the victims were selected and groomed.

Based on their answers, the offenders may then be given a polygraph examination. There, they will be asked such things as how many children they have molested and how many times they made child pornography.

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Indiana’s contention that the answers are so general they are not able to be used in an investigation or count as an admission at trial did not convince the circuit panel.

“Saying so does not make it so,” Chief Judge Diane Wood wrote for the court. “This *ipse dixit* does not

explain why granular descriptions of the circumstances surrounding specific sex crimes and patterns of criminal sexual behavior would prove useless to investigators or prosecutors. ... The questions posed to an INSOMM participant would yield answers that any competent sex-crimes investigator or prosecutor would love to have.”

Citing *McKune v. Lile*, 536 U.S. 24 (2002), the 7th Circuit ruled Indiana’s denial of good-time credit as a means of inducing offenders to furnish information is an impermissible compulsion to self-incriminate.

“The decision to decline participation in INSOMM is not merely a trigger for a later stage in which the state takes a more holistic view of an inmate’s progress toward rehabilitation,” Wood wrote. “Instead, a prisoner’s choice to invoke his privilege against self-incrimination is the direct cause of his loss of credits – credits that otherwise would be statutorily guaranteed... .”

The case is [Donald Lacy v. Keith Butts](#), 17-3256.



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Hebrew 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Remember if you change your address you need to let us know if you want to continue to receive this newsletter



Alice Achieved 90

When I was a teenager I chose a "life verse". I thought as a pastor's daughter that was the spiritual thing to do. Here is the verse I chose: Deuteronomy 31:6 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." As a teenager did I have a clue about what life had in store for me? Of course not. Did I visualize being called as a missionary to the Philippines, living with people who didn't speak my language, whose food and life style seemed peculiar to me? Did I anticipate violent tropical storms, flooding, taking three showers a day and still hot and uncomfortable? What about life-long friendships resulting from planting a church in downtown Manila and seeing people come to Christ in spite of minimal living conditions? What about the present joy of communicating even now with

those same people on Facebook?

What about eventually being a pastor's wife in New Mexico, losing my husband to death, feeling for a while discarded? God picked me up at that point and said, "you're not done yet. I have more for you to do." Most of you know the rest of the story.

What is life? Does it matter that it is 25, 55 or 90 years or more? God promised to be with me, to make me strong, unafraid, and confident in His strength. He has done that and will do that for each of you. I have friends who are sailing through their 90s and I know God has a plan for me and for each of you until He calls us home. As I write this I will be 90 in two days anticipating more exciting days to come.

Prison Sex Offender Treatment vs. The Fifth

Remember the Inquisition where you could either deny your guilt and get burned at the stake, or confess and get burned at the stake? The idea was that since confessing saves you from eternal damnation, the Inquisition was simply a strict and intensive rehabilitation program, enforcing "acceptance of responsibility" for the offender's own good. The notion that confessing is necessary to rehabilitation, and conversely, that not confessing equals incorrigibility remains an unquestioned article of faith in the criminal justice system. So we have these prison "treatment programs" where, if a sex offender refuses to confess to uncharged, unknown, or possibly imaginary crimes, he faces a longer sentence, denial of parole and/or other unpleasant consequences. And if he *does* confess, he risks prosecution,

civil commitment and/or a higher SORA classification.



Circle of Concern

Circle of Concern is aimed at breaking down isolation and fear by providing a safe place for registrants and their loved ones to get together, build community, and learn ways to step out and take charge of their lives and overcome the stigma

they face. The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered citizens, family and friends that meet together on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on June 16, 2019 at 4 pm—6 pm. We will be having a potluck. We meet at Foothills Fellowship

Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria on the far east side of Albuquerque. We encourage and try to help each other. It is a safe place to share our strengths and struggles. We hope you will join us. If you are planning to attend call Don at (505) 315-7940.

