



DAUGHTERS FREE



Maria
shares her testimony to encourage women who are struggling



Teresa
works directly under Governor Parkinson for the state of Kansas

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

- Romans 8:28

...we are ALL God's favorite daughters!

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.”

- Psalm 40:1, 3a

SOMETHING TO SHARE



When I was a little girl I always wanted a sister, but all I had were brothers. I missed sharing the special bond with someone that only women who are sisters know. This was a hole in my life that I prayed God would someday fill. At that time I could not in my wildest imagination have predicted the way He would answer this prayer.

That was many years ago. Today I am married with kids. That's right, just an ordinary wife and mom. I am not a professional speaker, teacher or counselor. I have never been sentenced to prison. Nevertheless when God called me to reach out to women inside I knew it was real and I knew it was for me. I will forever remember the first time I went into a prison. I sat outside the gates praying and reading His word; Mathew 18 to be exact. I

was so nervous. Not because of any fear of the women but a fear of my own incapability. What if they asked me a question I didn't know the answer to? I actually drove around the prison three times before I had the courage to go in.

When I finally took a deep breath and walked through the doors the very first woman I spoke to asked, “Do you know where it says in here (pointing to her frazzled paperback bible) what you are to do when your brother sins against you?” I smiled; I had just read His truth outside the gates, “Read Matthew 18:15-20” I told her. In that very moment I realized that He is the one who prepares us and gives us His power and just what we need to share; His truth. When He calls He equips!

I am married to my best friend and greatest support ever. We have been blessed with six children; five boys and one girl. Our oldest is in college and I keep busy home schooling and taking the other five to their activities. It is amazing how God provides the time for me to care for them and still be a sister in Christ to His broken Daughters inside.

My kids help pray for the ladies and have learned not to fear people from other walks of life. They understand that because of Jesus in us we show acceptance and love to those who are struggling. Something I never even thought about at their age. They know we are all on a path and that some of us have rougher roads to travel, but that Jesus died for us all.

Finding something to share is not hard. As I sit in my quiet time and drink in the Word I have all that I need to share with my sisters inside. That's right sisters! One day I was on my way to see the ladies in the prison when God reminded me of the many, many times I had prayed asking Him for a sister. Now I see how He has answered my prayer in ABUNDANCE!!!

Jodi ✨

Daughters of Destiny equips, trains, and empowers volunteers to reach incarcerated women for Christ and to disciple them while in prison and after release.

2010 EVENTS

Date	# of Prisons & Location
October	
3	1 - Geneva Nebraska
9	1 - Colorado LWML Rally
10	1 - Colorado Women's
November	
5-6	1 - Georgia Women's
6	1 - Texas Women's
December	
4	1 - Texas Women's
10	1 - Wyoming Women's
17-18	2 - New Mexico Women's
17-18	2 - Kansas Women's
January	
5-6	2 - Florida Women's
28-29	1 - Virginia Women's
February	
3-4	2 - Washington Women's
5-6	3 - Illinois Women's

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"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because He has annointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

- Luke 4:18

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and Feet of Christ!

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Daughters FREE

Maria felt she had no value, no one could love her. "It seemed like I always had to do something for anyone to care." When her sister accepted Jesus she followed, but never dealt with the lie still deeply embedded in her soul. "I still made choices based on the idea I was unlovable. I allowed physical abuse in my relationships and covered the pain with drugs and alcohol." When Maria's husband was arrested and charged with murder she was desperate for help. "I was selling drugs to support my children and pay for a lawyer in hopes my husband would be found innocent." When he received a life sentence Maria again fell prey to the lies and spiraled downward. She lost her job, home and even her children as she went back and forth from homelessness and jail struggling with emotional and spiritual warfare.



Finally while spending 76 days in jail she cried out to God in her cell. "He heard my cry and sent wonderful women into the facility to share His love with me." After four years of walking with the Lord Maria has regained custody of her children, is working and shares her testimony to encourage women who are struggling. "Today my main ministry is my kids as I continue to trust God with my Destiny."

Teresa was the only black girl in a white school. "My mom was a prostitute and victim of domestic violence and I had paternal grandparents that were also living a life of crime. Everywhere I looked there was brokenness. I had no idea what the word LOVE meant." Along with this lifestyle came overwhelming shame and guilt of which Teresa could not escape. "I eventually used crack cocaine to cover these feelings and quickly became addicted making my life even worse than it was already." Years later as she sat in the Topeka Women's Prison doing five years for burglary God reminded her of a childhood memory that was good; her maternal grandmother had told her about Jesus. "I turned my life totally over to Him and took the time in prison to study God's Word. Christian women came in to love me and hold me accountable which I truly needed and appreciated."

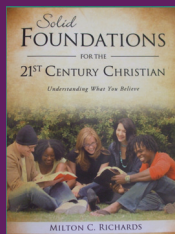


Today Teresa is employed by the state of Kansas working directly under Governor Parkinson and leads a ministry to disciple women under the Word of God in the very prison in which she was incarcerated. She has been transformed and is giving back as a Daughter of Destiny.

GET INVOLVED

Where are you? What has God given you to share with hurting women? A word, your time, or resources? Please contact us here at Daughters of Destiny to see how you may join with the women across the country that are reaching His Daughters inside.

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Milton served twenty years as an Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. It was while serving as Captain of a Coast Guard buoy tender that Milton accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. This experience changed his life. Upon retirement he served in various pastoral staff positions and co-founded Prison Fellowship Guam. During this time he observed that many Christians were lukewarm in their walk with Jesus because they lacked an understanding of the foundational truths of Christianity. This book is highly recommended for every believer who truly desires to build a "Solid Foundation" towards future spiritual growth. Milton and his wife Olivia also serve as Daughters of Destiny volunteers in the state of Texas. To order email: dnorichards@embarqmail.com.

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