

Moses – murderer

Peter - Betrayer

Jacob – Liar

David – Adultery

Paul - Terrorist

Matthew – Cheater/Thief

Rahab – Prostitute

**“What if you were defined by the worst thing you ever did?”**



*“So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me.” (Philemon 1)*

The question that could haunt us if we were **defined by the worst thing we every did** would paralyze our future or even our locations wherever we went.

Reentry of **“returning citizens”** back into society was the very mind set of Apostle Paul as he was appealing to Philemon. Onesimus had deserted Philemon dearly becoming useless. But Paul seeing him transformed in Christ, decides **“to send him—who is my very heart—back to you.”**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**, at our annual GGRA luncheon 295 attendees at **Georgia Gwinnett College Governor, Nathan Deal**, introduced the new **Criminal Justice Reform Legislation** that has helped significantly to reduce the recidivism in Georgia.



In simple terms, what was projected for future expansion of 2 prisons in Georgia, based on past history, has been cancelled. **No need for them. Dropping the inmate population from 56,000 to 51,822 with savings of 264 million dollars.**

Paul's letter to Philemon appealing for his **“returning citizen employee”** back to him is spreading throughout Georgia. **Our government is beginning to look beyond the criminal prisons and see them as “returning citizens”.** Understanding **“All we like sheep have strayed off”** helps us fully understand the power of the **CROSS** that gives us all a second chance. By God's grace, the world no longer **“defines us by the worst thing we ever did”**.



**TEAM work at the TOP**  
**needs your prayers**  
**GA State Senators of Gwinnett**

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# PARABLE OF THE FOUR SOILS IN NOVEMBER 2017

## PATH SOIL

Harden heart

1. Practiced witchcraft and evil things.

1. I received Christ and forgot Him. Wrong turn due to bad company.

1. I was shot multiple times. times in Iraq, once in America. But was never on hard stubborn soil. Slow learner.

1. I found myself hardened in my childhood filled with abuse with my life taken from me.

1. I just didn't know much of anything completely!

## ROCKY SOIL

Doubting heart

2. People tried talking to me about God and I would laugh at them.

2. My family desperately tried bringing me back to church but was too busy enjoying sin not realizing the harm ahead.

2. Through tribulations and triumphs, I have eluded the rocky path.

2. I doubted because it seemed God wasn't in my life. I felt seriously all alone for 41 years.

2. I was just learning through many doubts.

## THORNY SOIL

Greedy heart

3. I started worshipping God and my life wasn't doing so good so I lost faith.

3. Ended up losing everything including the love of my life. I was broken to nothing.

3. I have had scrapes and bruises through the thorns of life – lust, drug addition, money lover.

3. I was greedy when I didn't surrender to God, thinking that I knew what I needed and knew what was best.

3. I was just really learning more about myself when greedy.

## GOOD SOIL

Obedient heart

4. (not there yet.)

4. Here in incarceration God is making a mark on my life. Now I see his plans. I am so glad to be alive seeing his way – a warrior of God.

4. After incarceration, I have accepted my gift of salvation ready to reap a harvest in Christ to feed my children.

4. Here in this place, that has all changed – never alone with Him.

4. God answered all my prayers and is making a good man into a much better man while incarcerated.

Our mission: to reach the least, the last, and the lost in our generation.

The power of the cross transforming the worst of the worst to be the best of the best.

## THANK YOU

for your faithful support and prayers that keeps us on the front lines of spiritual warfare in the **trinity stages of the criminal system.**

**FRONT END** – court halls

**CENTER PLACE** –

detention center, diversion center, prison work camp

**BACK END** – reentry of returning citizens

## GOD'S AMAZING GRACE TO REJOICE IN OCTOBER 2017

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Alonzo Mosley

## AMAZING TRANSFER ?

Bibles removed from our public schools to be transferred to our Bible Colleges **HUNGRY** for the Truths of God's purpose.

