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Insider's View

By Beecher Cameron

Selfishness Kills

None of what follows is written to lecture; it is a personal log. My criminal career spanned decades. I checked the definition of "crime" from several sources to make sure, and there is no doubt – it was decades. Though it was the ultimate manifestation of my selfishness, I was committing crimes long before my conviction for possession of child pornography in 2012. They may not be covered by statute, but foolish, reprehensible, and disgraceful acts are by definition crimes.

On the surface everything was fine. I was an attentive, helpful husband and friend, but far too often when that helpfulness conflicted with what I wanted to do or became inconvenient, my desires immediately became primary.

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From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

Coronation of Covenant is a milestone at New Name Ministries that takes place one a month, typically during our Team Advance Meetings. This decree and declaration of making covenant between brothers under the blood of Christ is more than just words, it's a bond. Recently, after the ceremony one of the brothers who just made covenant asked to share. This brother rocked my world as he shared from his heart what I know made the Father smile and exclaim "That's my boy!" The following was shared by [Allen Cardwell](#) with heartfelt and genuine love in his heart that rallied everyone's affirming applause:

My idea of what it was going to be like when I got here to NNM was exceeded after only being here for a short period of time. Patience has always been one of my biggest issues. I always want to hurry up and get to where I want to be, before I even taught myself how to get there. As I've come to learn, maturity comes through hard work and obedience to what GOD says. There are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity.

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Paul said "Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, and those who live according to the spirit, set their minds on the things of the spirit". Well, I do have a strong desire to live according to the spirit. I feel the Holy Spirit working in me, not only when I feel convicted after a misdeed or bad thought, but also guiding me in the right direction. Even in this short period of time, I have seen significant improvement.

There is no doubt in my mind that GOD placed me here at NNM for a reason. He has surrounded me with different people that I need and for me to make the transformation in my life to serve Him better. He knew I would need a highly educated person to help teach me. And someone that I would sometimes butt heads with, (of course all in a learning experience).

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I literally walked to the altar for my second marriage thinking of divorce. I had been divorced once already; it was no big deal. It's no surprise that the second marriage ended as the first did after a much shorter duration. To this day I cannot say specifically why those marriages ended, only that they became inconvenient. For years the pattern continued with romantic (if that word even applied) relationships and friendships. I was all in, provided it was convenient; any significant interference with my wants and the relationship had to get in line or go away.

My justification for this behavior was that I was an "individualist," but it is easy to dress up selfishness in high blown, childish, and difficult to define terms. Selfishness and indifference to others can become addictive and ominously easy to justify, the damage accumulating with an increasing number of victims. There is a price for this behavior. The damage also accumulates within the practitioner eventually creating a prison as confining as anything made of iron and stone.

Unidentified problems never get corrected. This is why treatment programs have an immediate goal of ruthless honesty for the process of self-examination. The program at New Name Ministries is designed to root out selfishness, and I was required to live differently than I had before

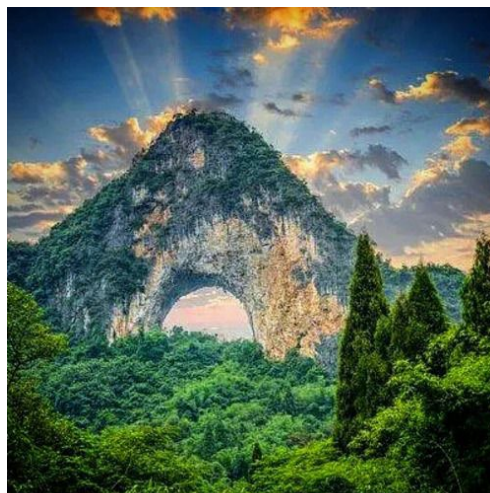
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Someone who has shown me nothing but love since even before day one. An individual without even saying much teaching me humility. Someone who has always been there whenever I asked for help. And my very own sister [guess you know who that is] who just lights me up with joy every time I see her. A recently new found brother who just cracks me up (with his self-proclaimed good looks) A very wise person who I can always count on for good solid advice. Then there's the brother who I can relate to and vent to about everybody else. And of course my very own Pastor, which I've never heard a more well-spoken person in my whole life. All this GOD knew I would need for my imperative transformation.

While I'm still not exactly sure of GODS will for me, I do feel this transformation is part of it. That I'm in the making, being molded for something big.

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I have never fully committed to anything in my whole life, not school, jobs, friends or even my marriage. And a couple of times even turned my back on the Dallas Cowboys. Probably the only thing that I haven't turned my back on is food.

Well, GOD gave me new life through NNM. A renewed hope, trust and love. How could I walk away from that? It's simple," I don't" but instead I run towards it-embrace it.

I want to be a part of NNM, not just for a year, but for life!

I would like to make a declaration, I am a son of GOD, I am a Christian, I am a part of NNM, and this is my family! I want to make a commitment to NNM, a life-time commitment, one that I will be a part of, one that I will respect, honor, serve and be loyal to.

Please allow me the precious opportunity to be a part of NNM .
FOR LIFE!



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At my age it was not easy to transform into a healthy adult, nor is it complete; likely it never will be. We live in a culture founded on the rights of the individual, but that essential characteristic can only exist and thrive within the framework of a stable and workable culture functioning through respect for others, cooperation, and shared responsibility. The law only works to assign penalty, but love covers a multitude of sin.

Unrestrained selfishness is not a characteristic of an "individualist" and certainly has no place in the Kingdom of God. A commitment to die to self so as to serve and love others rather than self is the only way anyone may realize their full potential this side of Heaven; and likely the surest way to put prison chains permanently in the past.



**Changes
By Mary Cardwell**

Throughout life's events, we all have the opportunity for changes to take place in our individual life, and for the better. On the daily, challenges arise that give the opportunity to make differences via the choices presented to us. Being willing to be in the process, and remain in the process, is critical as we take the necessary steps in this personal renovation.

Decisions we make today affect what our tomorrows will be like. It becomes more and more important to think through the actions we take today and the impact these actions will have on us and others as well. What is so reassuring, is that this does not have to be done alone, for we are truly unable to do this by our self. God, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, aids us in these significant steps.

Transformation, which we all need in our lives, happens first by asking for God's help and guidance. Coupled with God's assistance, it is also helpful to reach out to Godly-others who have been placed in our life to assist us in taking the steps to advance in positive directions. These pivotal choices make it easier not to eject from the transformation process when things are difficult. We are not trying to revamp our self alone. We have the strongest, greatest Power of the Universe to help us chose and continue in this process. We are on a reconstruction journey – in all aspects of our being.

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The building of a solid, firm foundation is the first key to a personal structure that will stand the tests of whatever circumstances come our way. With the proper foundation built firmly in Jesus Christ, we have more hope than we have ever had in the past. Our suitable foundation is indispensable to this voyage of rebuilding. As we are continuing on a step-by-step process of change, built upon change, built further on change, we will one day notice that we are no longer the person we used to be. It may be that even before we notice, others may notice first and point it out.

Not every choice we make will be for the best. Sometimes, in our humanness, we will fail. When this happens, we get back up, dust ourselves off and get back in the process of transformation and begin anew. Choosing to continue in the positive development of ourselves, to move forward regardless of times when we make choices that trip us up, will keep us making progress in our transformation.

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It is with gratitude that this process is even available for all of us to partake in. It is with heartfelt thanks that not a single one of us is without solutions to be a part of this daily, transforming process in our life. Hope arises as each step is successfully taken and the transformation happens, like a cocoon into a butterfly. Such hope for us all!

Mary has recently joined New Name Ministries to assist with administration. She helps with the vital work of tracking finances and processing applications to smooth the process of bringing men out of prison into a new and productive life.



A Path to Peace

By Joe Dale Holleman

Hello, my name is Joe Dale Holleman with New Name Ministries. I started out as a child pretty good; at least until I became aware of being raised in a beer joint on old Route 66 in Amarillo. My mom loved to drink so much she bought two bars and we always had lots of drinking friends. I did not grow up in a Christian home. By the time I was fifteen, the state asked me to sign-up for Job Corps in San Marcos, Texas. After two years of that I came home and got mom to sign me up in the Marines, and that day I turned 18 and was shipped out for Da Nang, Vietnam. Little did I know that didn't make me into the man I wanted to be. Instead it turned me, or I let it make me into a very serious drug addict.

For the rest of the next forty some years I was in and out of prison since 1972. I have four prison numbers. The one I have now will never come off because it is for life. At 41 years old I was given a life sentence for being a habitual criminal. For so many of these years I never knew what love was, never loved anyone or anything but drugs, fast women, and faster cars. At the age of 56 the Lord Jesus opened my heart. I cried for joy that the hardness was gone, and yes, Jesus has changed my heart. . I am now 68 years old, and our Lord paroled me to New Name Ministries in Ft Worth, Texas this year.

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I have truly been transformed in prison at the Telford Unit, 23 of 28 years in straight. I am learning how to be a man of God in the free world. It is good place for me here at New Name Ministries. Yes it's been one big step for a man who did 28 years.

Everyone in this ministry loves and has taken me in like I am one of their own. I enjoy the accountability standard of this program. I have made wonderful friends and brothers here. I now am starting a regular job and it's going to be fun. I'm learning to go the extra mile, and the second mile is my smile mile-Its all good and for the Lord Jesus. Blessed be the name of our Lord, and great peace to the brotherhood.

Please welcome and congratulate our new arrivals and graduations.

Arrivals

Brent Hardin December 17, 2020

Graduations

Israel Charles November 7, 2020

Kenneth Tuttle November 7, 2020

Cultivate a Servant's Heart