

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Being in enforcement for 26 years, I've worked with many police officers on all levels: so many are depressed, alcoholic, paranoid, cynical, involved in sexual immorality, or just unhappy, hating the job. Many suffer from job-related ailments, such as heart problems, ulcers and injuries. These are all signs of a broken heart

The Bible uses graphic words to describe what happens when a heart is broken. The picture is of a violent tearing and fracturing that shatters it into pieces. If you ever have seen a picture of a severely fractured bone, this is what a broken heart looks like spiritually!

Within the broken heart lies rejection, loneliness, anger, fear, anxiety, terror, hatred and bitterness, and these emotions are what lead to panic attacks, depression, and sometimes even the need for drugs

It is the broken heart that generates these emotions which are only symptoms. The real problem is a broken heart. The Bible states that "he sent me to heal the brokenhearted." Not only did God send Jesus to die for your sin, but he also sent him to heal your broken heart! This is how much God loves you.

God is on your side and wants to empower you with His Holy Spirit so you can do the job as his minister. Are you on God's side? God even wants fervent, constant prayer offered for your protection, so you can protect society:

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Don't reject the forgiveness of sin and peace through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Commander-in-Chief of all law enforcement states: and this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another as He gave us commandment., 1 John 3:23

Believing on Lord Jesus is not an option but a command from God. Faith in Christ is God's way to be reconciled to the Lawgiver. How can you be a true police officer without being under God's authority? He is the one who has raised you up to be his minister.

The ancient jailer obeyed the apostles' command: "and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house." You also will be able to rejoice like the jailer when you believe in Jesus as he did. Right now, you can turn from sin and confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior. My prayer is that the Lord Jesus will say to you, as He did to that Roman centurion nearly 2,000 years ago: "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in all of America."

The Prayer for the Brokenhearted

God I confess my sin to you and repent of it. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross and died for my sin. I now confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and realize that I now have eternal life with you as my Father God.

I ask you as Father God to heal my broken heart. I forgive all that broke my heart. Please heal it of fear, anxiety, terror, hate, depression, bitterness and rejection, and free me of all addictions. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to free me of sin and heal my broken heart."

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So Great Faith



Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Matthew 8:10

I vividly remember June 1972, when I was sworn in as a Federal agent and issued a badge and a gun. Being fresh out of college, this was a dream come true. However, that exciting feeling shortly wore off and my job became like any other. Most law enforcement officers feel the same; as they become experienced and established, work becomes routine.

Most police officers never have considered the spiritual implications of their job, but the Bible is clear that law officers have a special calling from God. In fact, the Bible refers to police as God's ministers, and awesome power has been granted to them by God. This includes the power to arrest, jail, and use deadly force when necessary.

The following verses show the authority that God has granted to law enforcement. Remember, 2000 years ago the sword was the weapon used to enforce the law. The sword was equivalent to our modern gun.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. (2) Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. (3) For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: (4) For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Romans 13:1-4

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 1 Peter 2:13-14

Police officer, whether you are aware of it or not, the Bible declares you are a minister of God. This is an awesome concept, that the Creator of the universe has chosen you to be His minister.

The original Greek word translated 'minister' literally means "to run errands; attendant; waiter," and the same word is used for a pastor. Just as ministers are called by God to lead a church, so the police are called of God to protect society.

This may shock you, but when you are lawfully performing your job, God is with you. In life threatening situations, you can call on God and have complete faith that He hears you.

Remember the high calling you have and the awesome responsibility that God has given to you through the state. When this realization hit me, I no longer took the job for granted, but I was humbled by how responsible I am before God.

The Bible is clear that God has no favorites. "God is no respecter of persons," and through faith in Jesus Christ, eternal life has been provided for everyone. However, a brief study of the Bible shows that God gave revelations of Himself and of eternal life to police officers that few others received. I believe this is because the police are His ministers and are close to God's heart. In Jesus' day, the Roman army was the police. A Roman centurion would be like a police captain today.

The Bible records that a centurion begged Jesus for help because his servant was terribly sick. Jesus offered to come to the home of this pagan Roman and heal his servant. The centurion told Jesus just to speak the word and his servant would be healed! Jesus marveled at the faith of this police officer:

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. (9) For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. (10) When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. Matthew 8: 8-10



The Son of God marveled at the officers' faith, recognizing that he understood Jesus' authority based on this own. The religious leaders of the Jews rejected and mocked Jesus, but a pagan police officer immediately recognized his authority! A police officer had the greatest faith that the Lord ever had seen! Jesus referred to it as "so great faith."

When Jesus was crucified most of his disciples fled; only the Apostle John, his mother and a few women stayed with him. Along with an angry crowd, the religious people mocked Him. The Romans used crucifixion for capital punishment, and they had crucified thousands. However, as Jesus died, the police officer in charge recognized that that He was the Son of God:

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. Matthew 27: 54

Think of this! The political and religious leaders were blind to Jesus being the Messiah of Israel, but as Jesus died, the pagan officer who crucified him realized that He was the Messiah! When the Apostle Peter gave his famous confession that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Lord Jesus responded by saying, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

The centurion received the same revelation of Jesus as the Apostle Peter, but remember, Peter was with the Lord for over three years! This may have been the centurion's first contact with Jesus. Again, we see that God gave a special revelation of His Son to the officer - even though he partook in His crucifixion! This is the mercy of God!

Twice in the gospels police received a revelation from God about Jesus that few others understood. They had the same understanding of Jesus as His disciples!

For several years Jewish believers comprised the entire church. The first recorded non-Jewish believer, you guessed it, was a police officer! He was a centurion named Cornelius, who loved God and was seeking his will. The Bible states of Cornelius: "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

God sent the Apostle Peter to him to preach eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible records that Cornelius gathered all of his friends and relatives to hear Peter, who said: To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43

In summary, the Roman centurion was told by Jesus that he had the greatest faith in Israel. At the cross, the police realized Jesus was the Son of God and later, the first non-Jewish believers were the police. The revelation that police received from God was awesome.

God used one additional law officer to reveal a tremendous truth. The Apostle Paul was imprisoned for preaching the gospel. He was beaten and fastened to stocks. While in prison, Paul prayed and sang hymns and the jailer heard him. He came to Paul and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" This officer saw the truth that he was separated from God by sin and needed a Savior.

God is holy, righteous and separated from man because of sin: "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2

To God, man's sinful state is considered lawlessness: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" 1 John 3:4

All of mankind, including the police, are separated from God by sin. Sometimes man's sinful nature is evident. This is seen easily in criminals who commit crimes such as murder, rape, mugging, drug dealing, theft, etc.

God uses the police against criminals; otherwise society would fall into anarchy. However, man's sinful nature always is operating in ways not considered criminal.

These could involve lying, gossip, slander, sexual immorality, hate, addiction and many others.

To God, all of mankind are felons. Just as a convicted felon is punished, so God punishes sin by separation from Himself in a place of torment called Hell. Just as man has a prison for criminals, so God has a prison, so to speak, called Hell. Although man deserves hell because of rebellion against God's holy laws, God loves man. He does not want anyone to be separated from Himself in Hell. The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

God's holiness demands punishment for sin, but His love demands mercy. God became one of us through Jesus Christ. He was the sinless Son of God who became the bearer of mankind's sins. He was placed on a cross and executed by the police. But the Bible states that Christ's shed blood paid the price for sin: "In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins"



When the jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" the Apostle Paul responded, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Almost 2,000 years later, the answer to this extremely important question has not changed. Through faith, by believing that Jesus Christ shed his blood, died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay for your sin, you can be reconciled to God. You can have assurance of eternal life, just as the jailer did 2,000 years ago.

When you truly believe in the risen Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you enter into a personal relationship with God. This personal relationship, based on the Word of God, gives you assurance of eternal life:

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:3

This relationship with Jesus Christ brings peace into your life, a peace that is deep inside you that surpasses anything this world has to offer: