

Prison feels like... (often redefine truth to cope or get along in a prison)

1. Being trapped
 - A. marriage
 - B. dead end job
 - c. financially broke
 - d. emotional merry go round

2. No freedoms
 - a. Basic choices for daily routine
 - b. Communication with friends and family
 - c. No possessions

3. Claustrophobic / confined

People in Bible in Prison

1. Joseph
2. Jerimiah in a cistern
3. Daniel in lions den
4. Isaiah
5. John the Baptist
6. James
7. Paul and Barnabas, Paul and Silas, Paul
8. Peter
9. Possibly Jesus (he was arrested convicted and detained) Barabas, 2 thieves

Matt 11:2,3 - - Matt 27:16-26 - - Luke 23:32-43

Acts 4:2-3... Acts 12:1-6... Acts 16:22-34

Gen 39:19-21

Promises for prisoners –

Ps 69:33

accuser - Rev 12:10

advocate – 1 John 2:1

Isa 61:1-3

Matt 25:34-40

Facts about prisoners:

1. They don't want to be there
2. Many blame God, doubt God or find God
3. Many claim to be the victims
4. Many are bitter and take no responsibility
5. Many cant wait to get even
6. Some repent, forgive and pray for release to serve others
7. Some get worse, learn crime skills, plot evil

Letters written by Paul while in prison

Possibly 7 letters, 4 for sure – philemon, colosae, ephesians, phillipi

If you were writing a letter and weren't sure if or when you were getting out, what would you include?

A plea for yourself?

A plea for lessons learned?

A plea for forgiveness

A plea for others to avoid crime or trusting corrupted people