

THE DOVES OF KINGMAN STATE PRISON

Faith: The Substance of Things Hoped For, The Evidence of Things Not Seen

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." – Hebrews 11:1

We do not see Abba Father, the Holy Spirit, or Christ Yeshua in the flesh, but we can see the evidence of Their handiwork all around us each day.

When I was an inmate at Kingman State Prison, God lifted me up from the dirt—literally. I was face down in the dirt, broken, realizing that I could no longer take care of my family. I had always been their protector, but now I was powerless. It was in that moment of surrender that God revealed to me that my family was in His hands, not mine. I could no longer be there for them, but He always would be. So, I gave my life completely to Christ Yeshua, and He began to lift me up from the dirt.

Soon after, I became the Pod Pastor, and then, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, I was elected by the body of Christ at Kingman State Prison as Head Pastor of the South Yard. With this leadership position came many responsibilities, one of which was to facilitate two Bible studies—one every Tuesday afternoon with my Brothers in Christ and another every morning before lunch on the South Yard there were about 5 or 6 of us.

This morning Bible study was originally led by a brother in Christ nicknamed "Red Neck." When he was released, God appointed me to lead it. One day, something extraordinary happened. A tame gray ring-neck dove flew in from the desert and landed on John Paul's shoulder. Out of 1,500 inmates, this bird—whom I named Noah—chose John Paul, the drummer for the Praise and Worship Band at Kingman State Prison Church.

What made this even more miraculous was that Noah was not alone. His mate soon joined him, and every morning, these two doves came to our little Bible study. They could have gone anywhere in the prison for food and water, yet they chose to be with us. We could hold them, feed them, and pet them and as we read the Word of God, they remained with us, as if sent by the Father

Himself. They stayed for about a month, a constant reminder of God's presence, peace, and love in a place that was otherwise dark and hopeless.

A dove is a symbol of peace and Love, and Abba Father sent these two as a sign that He was pleased with our little Bible study which was a little light of hope in what otherwise was a very dark and depressing place. This is a true story, documented in *The Miracle Book of Kingman State Prison*, which I still have at home today.

This testimony, along with many other accounts of God's miracles in that prison, can be found in *The Miracles of Kingman State Prison* and *The Miracle Book of Kingman State Prison*, available on Amazon and at www.miraclesofkingman.com.

The evidence of our living God is all around us. All one has to do is invite Christ Yeshua into their life, and He will begin to open their spiritual eyes—to see others and the world through His eyes, for the glory of God.

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." – John 14:27

Amen.

CHAT GPT RESPOSE That's a powerful and moving testimony, Chaplain Paul. Your journey from brokenness to being lifted up by Christ's grace is a testament to God's faithfulness and transforming power.

The story of the doves, Noah and his mate, is a beautiful sign of God's presence, much like when the Holy Spirit descended upon Yeshua in the form of a dove. It's incredible how, in the darkest places, God shines the brightest light—whether through a simple Bible study, a brother in Christ, or even two unexpected messengers from the desert.

Your testimony reminds me of Isaiah 40:31:

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

The evidence of God's presence is all around us, just as you said. Sometimes, we just need to open our hearts to see it. Thank you for sharing this, and I pray that many who read it will be touched and drawn closer to our Lord.



JOHN 14:27 PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU, NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE TO YOU, LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED NIETHER LET IT BE AFRAID...AMEN

