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In reflecting on God's calling me to prison mission and ministry work, He taught me how to *listen* early!  
The Joy in our role as Christians is to encourage and affirm God's presence in Love and Healing Grace!

The women living at Washington Corrections Center in Gig Harbor & Mission Creek in Belfair appreciate your gifts of faith in sharing God's Love & Peace ~ time, prayer, worship & materials to support families.  
*Each woman values meeting church folks from their home county as it helps prepare for community reentry!*



### "Freedom Within" by Michelle

I took a turn early in life, introducing me to pain and strife... struggle, heartache, loneliness & fear of losing everything I hold dear ~ self respect, self discipline, self esteem.

Everything in life I needed to dream. Now, years later, I look in the mirror,

I hear a small voice in my ear ... It whispers take off your mask ~ Open your eyes...

lay down your guilt... There is a reason why I brought you this far...

took your freedom and put you where you are! My child you were too blind standing up,

so I broke you down to fill your cup! To renew your mind and allow you to see,

the life you will have now with Me! No more struggles, heartache and fear

as I promised to wipe away your tears ... Joy, Happiness, a Peace of Mind

with Me is what you'll find! It won't always be a walk in the park,

But remain in Me and I'll carry you through the dark!

So on my knees I did fall ~ Laid down my life and gave my all ...

*To Jesus, my Savior, Lord and Friend every sin I held within...*

*Then God wrapped His arms around me and with His Love He Set me Free!"*



My name is Sherry Leslie, I'm 54 years old! I live daily on "Letting Go, letting God" guide my life! Not until my last stay in prison was I really prepared to make positive life changing choices and live a God centered life, as I focused too much on my life's pain.

I met Sharon my first time at WCCW prison in 1998 and 2/4th in 2001, 2003 and 2009! I remember us sitting on the grass as I shared my stories of addiction + memories with my mother. Each trip back to prison strengthened my spirit and healed my wounds!

Today I know and trust myself. I am mindful in how I make positive life changing choices. I've been clean for seven years. I watch how I spend \$ ! I practice keeping my credit clean and have bought a house on my own. My body struggles with experiencing chronic pain. I only take non-narcotic medication and continue to stay in Recovery. I've been working at Pioneer Industries in Seattle for six years since arriving at work release. I am thankful in God guiding four generations of our family living together!



"Let God transform you inwardly by a complete change in your mind, Then you will be able to know the will of God."

