

(Sermon Clip) Becoming More Intimately Acquainted with Jesus Christ

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Scripture: Psalm 16:11, Acts 16:25, Romans 15:13, Nehemiah 8:10, Luke 15:7, Isaiah 61:3, Philippians 4:4

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Transcript

In that prison, where I saw my sister's star before my eyes, I've enjoyed the joy of the Lord. Because I got more intimately acquainted with Jesus Christ. And when you come to Him, He will give you that joy, also in this prison.

And I must say, there was such an open atmosphere there. And afterwards, I told him, now you can ask Jesus to come into your heart. And I told that man, I said, now who of you is willing to do that and ask Jesus to come into your life? And they all raised their hands, also the guards.

Now, when I give an invitation and everyone raises hands, now then, I always think, hmm, that is mass suggestion. I don't trust that. But I had to believe it.

Because I saw in the eyes the joy of the Lord. The Holy Spirit had done a great miracle to give joy in such a surrounding. I'll never forget when I went home, when I left the prison, I came in the street and the guards and the prisoners all brought me to the car.

I was amazed that they were not afraid that the prisoners should run away. And they stood around the car and they shouted something again and again. I said to my interpreter, a missionary, say, what do they shout? She said, they shout, old woman, come back, come back and tell us more of Jesus.

And then she told that she had been in that prison. And she had brought the gospel, but she said, I didn't come back. I thought it was just in vain.

But today I have seen what the Holy Spirit can do. And now I will go every week. And later she wrote me a letter that every week she went.

And the feast is going on, she wrote. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

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