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Are you **PASSIONATE** about **SECOND CHANCES**?



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from July 1-September 5!

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Have you ever made a bad decision or a poor choice? And have you ever been given a **SECOND CHANCE** – the chance to make things right and to start afresh? Doesn't that just bring you **JOY**? And yet many men and women in prison believe that they are **UNWORTHY** of forgiveness or of ever having a second chance in their lives. But we at GraceInside know that is simply **NOT TRUE!** Every person God creates is dearly LOVED, PRECIOUS and deserves a **SECOND CHANCE!**

This is why we have **33 Chaplains** working at all **42 Virginia state correctional facilities**, ministering to approximately **24,000 incarcerated women and men**. Regardless of what they have done, our Chaplains are there to treat them with love, care, dignity and respect – and to share the **Good News** of **SECOND CHANCES!**

However, our Chaplains depend on **YOU** to enable their important work. And **SUMMER** is a **LEAN** time for churches, charities and non-profits. Giving declines, and in our case it sometimes becomes challenging to meet our monthly Chaplain payroll. **This year in particular**, we know that **inflation** and the staggering prices of **gas, groceries** and just about **EVERYTHING** make it challenging for all of us to pay our bills and to meet our expenses and obligations. It seems that there is **very LITTLE** left over to **GIVE** – even to worthy causes that we believe in!

However, everything depends on whether or not you are **PASSIONATE** about second chances and prison chaplaincy. Remember, **Jesus** said: "Where your **TREASURE** is, there will your **HEART** be also" (Matthew 6:21). The question is this: Do you **TREASURE** these incarcerated men and women? Do you have a **HEART** for them? Are you **PASSIONATE** about them learning about God's **GRACE** and about **SECOND**

Our word "**PASSION**" comes from the Greek word "**pascho**", which means "to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful), to feel, to suffer, to be vexed." Remember that Christ's powerful love and suffering for US was called His "Passion." Do **YOU** feel **PAIN** and **SUFFERING** for incarcerated women and men, and are you **VEXED** that they don't know the Good News of God's grace and about **SECOND CHANCES**?

So the main question is: **ARE YOU PASSIONATE???**

Are you passionate enough to give a **MAJOR, sacrificial summer gift** (or perhaps a **MONTHLY gift**) to help sustain our vitally important ministry? Are you **PASSIONATE** enough to help us accomplish "**the impossible**" between now and Labor Day???. From **July 1st to Labor Day (September 5th)**, we at GraceInside believe that God's people will help us raise **\$50,000** to support our faithful, dedicated Chaplains in their work. That's a little over **NINE WEEKS** – just over **TWO MONTHS** – or a total of **67 DAYS**. We are challenging YOU to be a part of this **MIRACLE** – this **SUMMER OF PASSION!!!**

Remember, Jesus said: "I was in prison and you came to me" (Matthew 25:31). Thank you for heeding His words, for caring, for loving and for being **PASSIONATE!**

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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