



## Resource List: Prison Ministry

The resources listed here align with Focus on the Family's philosophy and mission. Call us at 1-800-A-FAMILY, or visit our online store at [store.focusonthefamily.com](http://store.focusonthefamily.com). (Information is regularly updated, but it's still possible that an item originally available from Focus on the Family is now unavailable.) You might also be interested in content posted on our website at [focusonthefamily.com](http://focusonthefamily.com).

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### Books

**Basic Christianity** by John Stott (2012) • 9780830834136 •

Stott (1921–2011) explores the historical truths of Christianity. "If Jesus was not God in human flesh, Christianity is exploded. We are left with just another religion with some beautiful ideas and noble ethics; its unique distinction has gone."

**Between a Rock and a Grace Place: Divine Surprises in the Tight Spots of Life** by Carol Kent (2010) • 9780310337577 •

With her only son serving a life sentence for murder, Kent is all too familiar with heartache. She writes how seemingly insurmountable challenges can transform our lives when we learn to rest in God's sovereign care.

**Born Again** by Charles Colson (2008) • 9780800794590 •

Colson tells the story of his search for meaning while serving as special counsel to President Nixon during the Watergate investigations. He discovered new life—not in success and power, but in disgrace and behind bars.

**The Case for Christ** by Lee Strobel (1998) • 9780310345862 •

A seasoned journalist in search of the truth, Strobel recounts his journey from atheism to faith in this compelling look at the credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was—and is—positively the Son of God!

**God Gives Second Chances** by R.T. Kendall (2008) • 9781599792538 •

"How to Get Up, Dust Off and Be Used by God When You Fall"

**Grace Behind Bars** by Bo and Gari Mitchell (2017) • 9781589978737 •

"An Unexpected Path to True Freedom"

**Grace for the Moment** by Max Lucado (2000) • 9780849956249 •

This year-long devotional features previously published meditations by Lucado. Each entry includes a Bible verse and a brief meditation, all designed to remind readers of their inestimable value to God.

**Healing the Masculine Soul** by Gordon Dalbey (2003) • 9780849944383 •

"How God Restores Men to Real Manhood"

**Hope Again** by Dr. Charles Swindoll (1997) • 9780849940880 •

"When Life Hurts and Dreams Fade"

**How to Begin the Christian Life** by George Sweeting (2012) • 9780802435828 •

Sweeting defines what a Christian is and how a new believer can grow spiritually. He relies on scriptural references as he covers important concepts of prayer, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and sharing your faith.

**The Last Addiction: Why Self-Help Is Not Enough** by Sharon Hersh (2008) • 9780877882039 •

"Own Your Desire, Live Beyond Recovery, Find lasting Freedom"

**Lord, I Give You This Day** by Kay Arthur (2005) • 9781400071609 •

"366 Appointments With God"

**A New Kind of Normal: Hope-Filled Choices When Life Turns Upside Down** by Carol Kent (2007) • 9780849964718 •

Kent's only son was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. She shares the difficulties of the journey — and she recounts biblical stories of struggle to describe how God can lead *any* willing heart to choose life, gratitude, vulnerability, involvement, forgiveness, trust, and action.

**Real Christianity** by William Wilberforce (2006) • 9780764216312 •

Bob Beltz translates the writings of Wilberforce regarding slavery into a modern paraphrase that brings to light today's watered-down view of sin and evil. Find timeless truths, and discover an authentic faith in Christ.

**When God Doesn't Make Sense** by Dr. James Dobson (2012) • 9781414371153 •

"Holding on to Your Faith During the Hardest Times"

**When I Lay My Isaac Down: Unshakeable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances** by Carol Kent (2004) • 9781612914428 •

When her only son committed murder, Kent was forced to leave him in the hands of God. She offers several principles to help bolster your faith, renew your hope, and challenge you to new levels of spiritual renewal.

### Broadcasts

**Allowing God to Use All Things for Good** (Grove Norwood) • 9781624715136 •

Grove Norwood prayed that God would allow him to help someone else in a tangible way. He had no idea it would be his friend Ulice Parker after Ulice accidentally killed Grove's daughter in a tragic hit-and-run accident. Their story is a powerful reminder that each of us needs to forgive and be forgiven.

**Discovering God's Grace Behind Bars** (Bo and Gari Mitchell) • 2350000010478 •

The Mitchells discuss Bo's involvement in a business scandal that led to him serving 11 months in prison for bank fraud. They describe how God used this situation to transform and heal their family.

**Trusting God When the Unthinkable Happens** (Carol Kent) • 2350000004026 •

Kent shares the journey of her son's conviction and sentence to life in prison for killing his wife's abusive ex-husband. Through it all, she has seen God answer many prayers, and she has learned the power of heartache, community, faith, and speaking up.

**A Visit With Chuck Colson** (Chuck Colson) • 9781624713651 •

Colson discusses his experiences as an aide to President Nixon and his involvement in the Watergate scandal. He also explains how he came to faith in Jesus Christ and why he founded Prison Fellowship Ministries.

### Focus on the Family Resource Lists and Q&As

#### Resource Lists

- [focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals](http://focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals)

Find recommended resources and referrals listed by topic, including the following:

**Christian Growth for Adults** • RL022 •

**Overcoming Sexual Brokenness** • RL050 •

**Substance Abuse** • RL049 •

## Q&As

- [focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a](http://focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a)  
Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

## Referrals

### Focus on the Family Counseling Consultation Line

[Focus on the Family](#) offers a [free phone counseling consultation with a licensed counselor](#). They're here to listen and pray with you, as well as provide initial guidance and resources to help you and your family. Call **1-855-771-HELP (4357)**, Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM (MT) to arrange a call back.

### Focus on the Family's Christian Counselor Network

Search for licensed Christian counselors in your area: [FocusOnTheFamily.com/FindACounselor](http://FocusOnTheFamily.com/FindACounselor)

### Awana Lifeline

1 East Bode Road  
Streamwood, IL 60107  
888/944-4292  
[awanalifeline.org](http://awanalifeline.org)

- This organization equips incarcerated mothers and fathers with tools for healthy living and godly parenting.

### Bethel Bible Village

3001 Hamill Road  
Hixson, TN 37343  
423/842-5757  
[bbv.org](http://bbv.org)

- This outreach ministers to children of prisoners.

### Crossroad Bible Institute

P.O. Box 900  
Grand Rapids, MI 49509  
800/668-2450  
[crossroadbible.org](http://crossroadbible.org)

- This ministry disciples prison inmates through Bible studies and personal letters of encouragement from trained instructors.

### Emmaus Bible College

2570 Asbury Road  
Dubuque, IA 52001  
800/397-2425  
[emmaus.edu](http://emmaus.edu)

- This organization offers extensive Bible study and Christian growth materials.

### Koinonia House National Ministries

P.O. Box 1415  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630/221-9930  
[koinoniahouse.org](http://koinoniahouse.org)

- Through biblical discipleship, this ministry enables inmates to transition from prison to the local church, the workplace, and society.

**Prison Fellowship**

44180 Riverside Parkway  
Lansdowne, VA 20176  
800/206-9764

- This ministry brings the Gospel to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families through evangelism, instruction and visitation. They also provide pre-release counseling and support, and after-release assistance.
- Justice Fellowship seeks to promote victims' rights, alternative forms of sentencing, victim-offender reconciliation, and church-based victim assistance programs.
- Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners. They also offer a monthly newsletter, "Jubilee," and a bi-monthly newspaper, "Inside Journal," which is sent to correctional facilities across North America.

**Someone Cares Prison Ministry**

P.O. Box 11245  
Fort Wayne, IN 46856  
260/387-7423

[someonecares.org](http://someonecares.org)

- This Christian ministry reaches out to inmates through letter correspondence. They publish a free monthly newsletter, and they conduct seminars for churches and other interested groups.