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Dear Supporters, Volunteers, and Friends of Life's Key Ministry,

The holiday season is upon us with Thanksgiving in the past and Christmas upcoming. Both can serve as a strong reminder that we truly have so much to be thankful for. This past month I received an amazing letter from an inmate in Ohio that made me realize just how easy it is to take some of these things for granted. As you read his words below, give thanks to the Lord as you think about all He has blessed you with!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." - Ephesians 1:3

Greetings fellow Brother or Sister,

May our Lord and Savior grant much peace and joy this holiday season. I am grateful and blessed to be able to receive the Life's Key Bible studies and thankful for all that you do to provide insightful responses to the 'what do you say' questions.

As we enter the holidays, I will be praying for families to be safe and secure as they travel to and fro to family homes and to fellowship with men and women of the body of Christ, assembling in thanksgiving for all that our Heavenly Father and Savior provide for us. In His word, the Bible, we are told that we do not look for God unless we are called out from the sinful masses to be set apart for His service proclaiming the gospel of Christ. I am so thankful that, though I am completely undeserving of His grace, God wants to use me to fulfill His will.

My family and friends have forsaken me because of my crime and I only have correspondence with anyone that is an instructor of a Bible study. Fortunately, I can feel my Savior's presence and know that I am not alone. But, I know what it feels like to be alone during the holidays. I wish to ask that you pray for all those who are feeling lonely to find peace and love in our Lord.

Since I have lost all earthly things like my home, family, cars, a comfortable bed, and good food, I ask you all to look around for a moment and be thankful for all the things you may take for granted each day. Things as simple as seeing the sun rise, the stars, the warmth of the sun, the love of your family, a hug from someone who cares, a smile, and the ability to fellowship with other believers. Bless you all and may God grant you many blessings, grace, peace, joy, and love this holiday season.

Your Brother in Christ, Shawn

Have a joyful and merry Christmas!

For HIS Glory,

Tim Priano, Director

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