

Minister Reveals What Ted Bundy and the Son of Sam Taught Him About Deliverance

Don Dickerman never set out to become a deliverance minister—nor did he expect to build lifelong friendships with notorious criminals like Ted Bundy and the Son of Sam. But as he shared with Jennifer Bagnashi on Deep Believer, his journey from seminary student to ministering healing and deliverance in over 850 prisons is nothing short of a divine assignment.

“When I was in seminary, nobody could have told me I’d be preaching in prisons or beyond that, doing deliverance,” Dickerman said. “I would have rebelled at that... I probably would have left school.”



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His first encounter with prison ministry came unexpectedly. A woman from his church called late one night and said, “My husband just shot a man.” That moment led him to visit both the victim and the shooter—who was later sentenced to 25 years to life. Accompanying the man’s wife to the Ferguson Unit in Midway, Texas, Dickerman had no idea he was about to be invited to preach there.

“I didn’t even know they had churches in prison,” he admitted. “But they do—beautiful chapels that seat hundreds.”

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Over time, inmates began writing to him, asking if he would preach in other prisons they’d been transferred to. Before

long, what started as a single visit became a global prison ministry, despite having little outside support or funding. "There is no income in either prison ministry or deliverance. If somebody thinks you want to do that for money—do something else."

Dickerman began noticing that the power of God was more evident in prison than in many churches. "I would see things happen, Jennifer, that I didn't see happen in the church I attended. I would see people healed in these services, but I wasn't seeing that in my local church."

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This spiritual hunger led him to organize community meetings focused on healing and deliverance. "We're not starting a new church," he told attendees. "We're going to talk about Jesus. We're going to talk about healing. We're going to talk about deliverance. And then we're going to do it."