

Faithful Even to the Point of Death

Dear xxxxx,

Do you know your breaking point? Would you give God a blank check to spend your life as He wills? Even if that might mean imprisonment?

The youth in Iran, with your help through the ministry of Iran Alive, are finding courage to stand against Islam. Many gain release from spiritual imprisonment only to face physical chains and torture. But because of your provision of God's Word, they do not shrink back. Here is just one story of many:



*Alcohol and cigarettes had enslaved Hassan since age 12. Several months ago, at age 17, Hassan came to Christ by watching IAM's satellite TV programs. The Lord Jesus freed him from his addictions and gave him new life. But his father could not rejoice. He slapped Hassan, put him in a basement room, and locked the door. He told his son, **"I would rather you stay an addict and a Muslim than become a Christian."** He implored Hassan to come back to Islam. But Hassan would not deny Jesus's name.*

Over the next 10 days, Hassan stayed in that basement, having only a little food that his mother brought him. His father had him arrested. He told Hassan, "I hope they will hang you, and if they do, I will be the one to put the rope around your neck." For two months, Hassan endured torture in jail. They gave him 40 lashes. They broke his fingers so he could no longer play guitar for the Lord. They destroyed his school file so that he would never be able to continue his education or go to college. His jailers even went beyond the judge's orders and broke his leg.

*When they released him, Hassan emailed us his story from an internet café. He had one question: "When I was in jail, **I was able to talk about Christ to the guard who was in charge of my torture.** He was touched and gave me his phone number and asked me to contact him later to explain more. So now, do you think I should call him?"*

After that communication, Hassan went silent. Months went by. Then a cousin to whom Hassan had witnessed sent us an email, writing, "After prison, Hassan went home where his dad continued to beat him and lock him away. The religious police took him away again, and I don't know what has happened to him."

*But the cousin had found Hassan's journal, and he wanted to know the meaning of a page in it. At the top, Hassan had written, "God's will for me, and I shall obey." **Then he had left the page blank for whatever God wanted to ask of him, and he had put his signature at the bottom.***

I am humbled by the courage of this young man. Hassan is not alone. Many of these young people show bravery beyond their years; they are ready to live and to die for Christ. I have asked them, "Why are you so brave and not afraid?" Many have echoed this response: "I was dead anyway. Jesus gave me life. I am not afraid of them. They are afraid of me and the spread of the Gospel."

Would you dare adopt Hassan's courage and first pledge your obedience to the "blank check" of God's will for you? Then ask God to tell you what He has written on your page.

Perhaps He is prompting you to send a large one-time sum on top of your regular giving. Perhaps He has brought to mind several people or organizations with which you can share this story and need. When you support us with \$100, we reach 60 children in Iran with the Gospel. Your gift of \$250 pays for one day's worth of phone counseling to Iranian Christians. Your gift of \$500 sponsors a live broadcast to breathe courage into these persecuted youth.

Due to your prayer and support, we have seen a tangible jump this year in the youth coming to Christ. Because they, like the saints of Revelation 12:11, do not "love their lives so much as to shrink from death," we are capturing even more hearts of the young people of Iran. **Now is the time to press forward and, with these brave souls, create a spiritual revolution.**

Let us not falter in praying for and bringing God's life-giving Word to these young men and women enduring physical chains and torture for Jesus. Please pray for us as we seek to support their bravery and to bring spiritual freedom to many more through Christ.

Hassan has given his fingers, his education—and maybe his life—for the sake of the Gospel in Iran. What is God asking you to give?



Honored by your faithful obedience,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hormoz Shariat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hormoz Shariat, Ph.D.
President & Founder, Iran Alive

P.S. Iran Alive Ministries uses technology (emails, online chat rooms and classes, social media, cell phones, and websites) extensively to connect and touch the youth in Iran. Over 10,000 people visit Iran Alive's evangelistic chat rooms every month.

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