

Compelled: Ordinary People, Extraordinary God August 27, 2025
Chapter 6: Church Boy

KJV Psalm 31:15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

KJV Proverbs 1:15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: 16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. 17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. 18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. 19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

Getting Started

1. What do we mean by the “sovereignty of God”? What arguments might we use to prove that God is in charge of the affairs of men?

2. What danger(s) face those who have bad companions? (Pr. 1:15-19; 1 Cor. 15:33). What had “church boy” not considered about the company he kept?

Chapter Content

3. How had Troy decided to make a living? Why was Troy upset with his mother Jessie? What point did his mother make that he would later come to learn in real life? (94-95)

4. When Troy brought up the fact of heaven when talking with his drug runners, what did they say? (96) Explain how a person’s behavior affects his ability to speak for Jesus.

5. Who phoned Troy to warn him that he was about to be set up and hurt? How did Troy respond to the warning? (96)

6. What happened at the motel parking lot that changed the course of Troy’s life? On what charges was he arrested? In what way was God’s mercy on Troy’s life evident that night? (97-98)

7. Name some ways Troy learned that someone else was in charge of his life. When did Troy find God? How? (101-03)

8. What provision did God send to help Troy grow in his faith while in prison? Explain what led to Troy’s sudden release from prison. (104-05)

9. How is Troy employed today? What does Troy’s dramatic turnaround teach you about God and his work in the world? (106)

10. Do you know of another “church boy” on your block, in your family, or at your workplace that needs a little encouragement to go straight? What will you do about it?