

**UNCHAINED: Dangerous Letters from a prisoner of Rome**  
**"BAM" - Introduction**  
**II Timothy 2:8&9 / July 7, 2013**

- **An apostle's RAP sheet**
  - Philippi (AD 49-50) Acts 16:23-27
  - Ephesus? (AD 50-52) II Corinthians 1:8-10
  - Caesarea (AD 57-60) Acts 24:27
  - Rome (house arrest - AD 59-62) Acts 28:16
  - Rome (Mamertine Dungeon - AD 67) - died May/June AD 68
- **Preached Gospel**
  - "risen"
  - "Christ" and "offspring"
- **Suffering**
  - bound with chains
    - Ephesians 3:1, 4:1, 6:20
    - Philippians 1:1, 1:7, 1:13&14, 1:17
    - Colossians 4:10
    - Philemon 1,3,9,10,23
  - like a criminal (Luke 23:32)
- **Three words for Christians (saints, brothers, and others)**
  - Ephesians 1:1-2, Philippians 1:1&2, Colossians 1:1&2, I Timothy 1:1&2, II Timothy 1:1&2, Titus 1:1-4, Philemon 1-3
  - Grace
  - Mercy
  - Peace
- **The Word of God is not bound**
  - Words from prison can be powerful (John Bunyan, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela)
  - The Word from prison can't be stopped
- **BAM!**

**Prayer for Eastview:**

- \*Pray for God to grant rest and renewal of spirit for Pastor Mike as he takes some vacation time in the coming weeks.
- \*Pray for our elders and staff leaders to fearlessly follow Christ as God leads us to share his gospel with the world.
- \*Pray for Caleb, Matt, and Charlie as they prepare to bring the unbound word of God to our congregation in the coming weeks.
- \*Pray for God to send workers into the Upward football ministry field.
- \*Pray for Christian workers from all over the country as they gather at the North American Christian Convention in Louisville this week. May God increase His kingdom by renewing the passion and focus for thousands.

*"I will stay in prison till the moss grows on my eye lids rather than disobey God"* - John Bunyan

*"The early Christians rejoiced when they were deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society."* Martin Luther King

*"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."* Nelson Mandela

**Baptism Testimonies**

**Erika Pohlman and daughter, Ashlynn Pohlman (11:30)**

I accepted Christ about a month ago. I had many negative things going on in my life, so I started to go back to church. Since that time, I have let all the negative go away. My daughter and I are getting baptized today- this is a new life for us. I began attending Eastview about three weeks ago and it has helped me move from my past and is helping me towards my future. My daughter and I are very excited about getting baptized today.