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Innovation for the Great Commission



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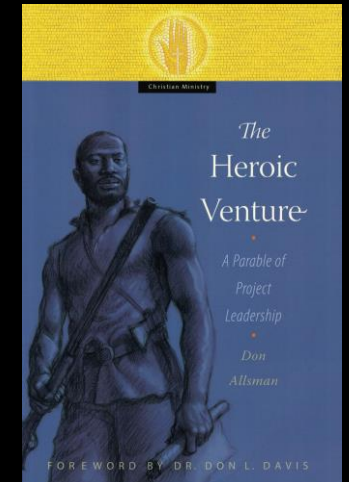
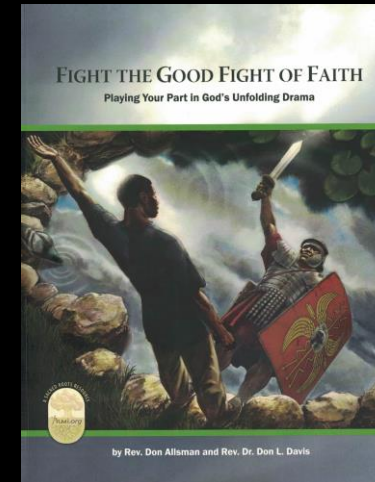
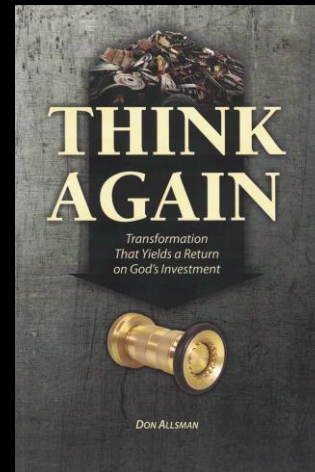
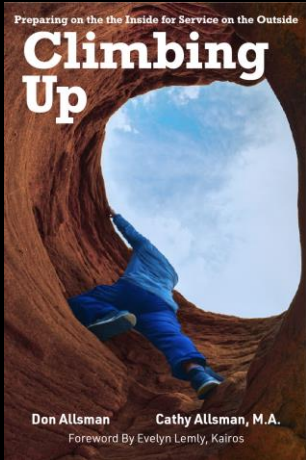
The Essential Steps

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- Networking organization: collaboration, networking, and resources to mobilize those who have been at the receiving end of world missions (America's urban poor, diaspora, former prisoners)
- Help the incarcerated find their place of service: *inside, outside and deported*

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- Resources for prisoners, families, churches
- Cathy Allsman, VP Prison Ministry Mobilization



Objectives

- Primary cause of recidivism
- Differences in prison and free-world culture
- Essential skills to avoid recidivism
- Breakout discussion and Q&A (in the chat)

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- High expectations: more than reducing recidivism

Recidivism: Primary Cause

*Most former prisoners go back to prison,
not because they want to commit crimes
but because they cannot make the cultural
adjustment to civilian life*

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- Civilian rules-behavior: failure will send you back to prison

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Discussion Questions

1. Which of the eight examples of prison culture stood out to you the most and why?
2. What other element of prison culture have you observed?

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Three Essential Skills

1. Recognize the culture
2. Remember your identity in Christ
 - Cultural onslaught causes forgetfulness
 - Foundational identity gives stability
 - Kingdom identity > Bible knowledge
 - Through long work of transformation

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3. **Adapt to win**
 - Detailed plans go wrong
 - Adjusting to setbacks is critical

Q&A

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