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KATIE SCHELLER is an author and speaker who ministers to women in prison, including those who sit on Death Row. She is also the president of The Vivian Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping inmates and their families.

THE VIVIAN FOUNDATION is a non-profit charitable organization established to help children of incarcerated parents.

The goal of The Vivian Foundation is to positively impact each one of the 2.7 million children who have a mother or father in prison. They are devoted to helping raise awareness for these kids and providing resources to ministries and other non-profit organizations that are dedicated to serving the needs of these families.

The Vivian Foundation also has an outreach program for inmates. To date, they have provided tens of thousands of *Call Me Vivian* and *Vivian's Call* books and Just One Word Bible Reading Plans to jails and prisons throughout the United States.

Long Bios

Katie Scheller

Katie Scheller was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin. After she fell from the corporate ladder and hit rock bottom, God closed the door on her career and lovingly opened the door of a jail cell. After her time in prison, Katie felt led to establish The Vivian Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping inmates and children of incarcerated parents.

Katie's first book, *Call Me Vivian*, was published in 2016 and exposed the truth behind her struggle with sexual sin, the battle for her heart, and the transforming power of God's love. Through Katie's heartache, pain, and countless years of searching, readers gain a deeper understanding of God's wonderful gifts of grace and forgiveness.

Vivian's Call, Katie's second book and sequel to *Call Me Vivian*, continues the true story of her life as federal inmate 09902089 during her two-year stay in prison and beyond. Witness how God orchestrated events throughout Katie's life and how she answered her calling.

Step into Prison, Step Out in Faith builds upon Katie's life experiences before, during, and after her incarceration. It includes excerpts from her first two books as well as insightful, expanded biblical teachings. The book demonstrates that God truly works everything for good and encourages readers to never give up regardless of where they find themselves in life.

When Katie is not writing or managing The Vivian Foundation, she enjoys spending her summers with her family in Wisconsin and her winters with her friends in Florida. She has three children, Mike, Jenny, and Brian, and six grandchildren: Nicholas, Benjamin, Colin, Landon, Tyler, and McKenzie.

The Vivian Foundation

The American criminal justice system holds almost two million people in 1,566 state prisons, 102 federal prisons, 1,510 juvenile correctional facilities, and 2,850 local jails. In the United States, 2.7 million children have a mother or father behind bars, and approximately 10 million children have experienced parental incarceration at some point in their lives.

Established in 2015, The Vivian Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to helping inmates and their children. The mission of the foundation is to raise money and provide Christian resources to prison ministries and other nonprofits supporting families impacted by incarceration.

The Vivian Foundation has donated hundreds of thousands of Christian resources to ministries across the United States. Today, the organization's primary focus is providing books, Bibles, and devotionals to incarcerated men and women and their children. We stand on God's promise in Isaiah 55:11: "It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit." Every dollar sown into The Vivian Foundation comes with a heavenly guarantee to bear fruit.

Will you prayerfully consider sharing God's love and supporting our mission to help these families? Please visit our website at thevivianfoundation.com. Tax deductible donations can also be mailed to: The Vivian Foundation, P.O. Box 44601, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-7012.

Books



Call Me Vivian: A True Love Story

Pub Date: February 15, 2016
Paperback
ISBN: 9781424551729

Chronicles Katie's struggle with sexual sin, the battle for her heart, and the transforming power of God's love, highlighting grace and forgiveness.

Vivian's Call: A Labor of Love

Pub Date: October 4, 2022
Paperback
ISBN: 9781424562602

Continues Katie's story as former inmate 09902089, showcasing how she answered her calling during and after her two-year prison stay.

Step Into Prison, Step Out in Faith: Live a Full, Surrendered Life with the Holy Spirit

Pub Date: September 3, 2024
Paperback
ISBN: 9781424566129

Combines Katie's life experiences before, during, and after incarceration with expanded biblical teachings, demonstrating God's work in all circumstances and encouraging perseverance.

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Praise for *Call Me Vivian*

I am forever blessed for having read *Call Me Vivian*. I felt the presence of God and his Holy Spirit speaking to me. I pray that God continues to use Katie Scheller to minister to his lost and wounded lambs.

James Earl Quant Jr., inmate, Wyoming

I try to make it a habit to write to an author when he or she has written something that has reached me and attached to my soul. I am so thankful that Jesus, in his awesome orchestrating abilities, allowed Katie's path and my path to converge by placing her book into my hands.

Amy Davidson, inmate, Tennessee

I am touched and inspired by Katie Scheller's journey. The miracles and revelations that transpired in her life could only have come from the great God we serve. May the Lord continue to provide for The Vivian Foundation.

Cynthia Houvenel, inmate, California

I read *Call Me Vivian* and could not believe the similarities between Katie's life and mine. Thank you for the inspiration to never ever give up.

Nicki Bibbs, inmate, Virginia

Katie's story feels so much like my own. I have resolved to use whatever time I have been given here on earth to draw closer to God.

Angela Greer, inmate, Australia

I'm fighting a war every day. I still have a lot of work to do, but thanks to Katie Scheller and *Call Me Vivian*, I understand I'm no longer doing it alone! God's got my back.

Katy Judd, inmate, North Carolina

Call Me Vivian is such an uplifting, inspiring testimony for which I am grateful. This book has touched me and many others here at the institution.

Viviana Rivas-Gunn, inmate, Washington

I have distributed *Call Me Vivian* to our chapel and state libraries, and every unit has several copies as well. This book is not only touching inmates but also staff. Our chaplain has since expressed what a wonderful book it is.

Pamela Smith, inmate and Angel Network Librarian, Washington

Call Me Vivian gave me a hope and a great outlook on life. God gives the toughest battles to his strongest soldiers.

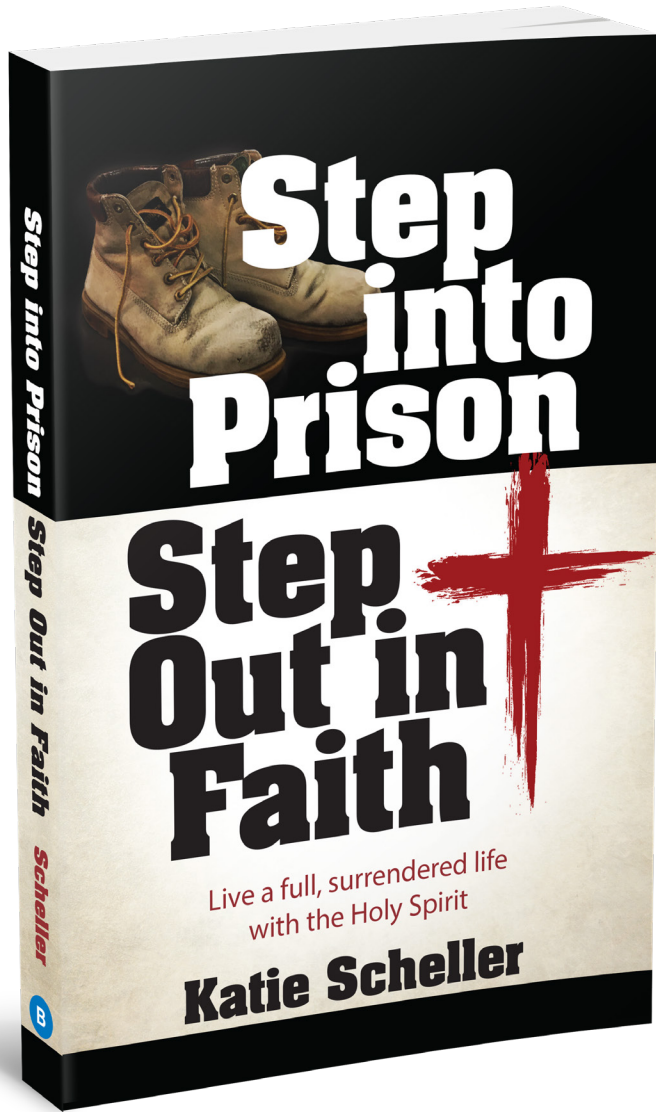
Crystal Morris, inmate, Florida

Call Me Vivian gave me hope when I had none. It's an easy, relatable story and helped me realize I don't have to keep struggling.

Janelle Jesuca, inmate, Florida

New Release

Step Into Prison, Step Out in Faith: Live a Full, Surrendered Life with the Holy Spirit



Pub Date: September 3, 2024

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781424566129

Where we start isn't always where we end up.

Katie Scheller hit rock bottom when her extramarital workplace affair landed her behind bars as federal inmate 09902089. On the other side of her pain and heartache, however, waited God's redemptive plan and ultimate purpose for her life.

Step into Prison, Step Out in Faith tells the captivating story of a woman transformed by God's grace, love, and mercy. Charting his presence at every turn in her life, Katie powerfully combines hard-earned lessons with biblical teachings in a raw, soul-stirring testimony that proves God truly works all things for good.

When you surrender to God's perfect plans and let the Holy Spirit guide your steps, you become a witness to the overwhelming power of his hand in your life. Follow Katie's venture from hopeless defeat to spiritual freedom and allow her story to spark real hope in your faith journey.

To schedule Katie for an interview, please contact:

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Suggested Interview Questions

1. Tell us about the events in your life that caused you to become an author.
2. Can you share a little bit more about all three books: *Call Me Vivian*, *Vivian's Call* and *Step Into Prison, Step Out in Faith*?
3. Your legal battle played out over a ten-year period and included both a civil lawsuit and criminal investigation. Ten years is a long time. What happened after you were fired from SC Johnson, and more importantly, what did you learn about yourself during this time?
4. Tell us a little bit more about your spiritual journey after you hit rock bottom?
5. You were eventually charged with two crimes, making a false statement and misprision of a felony and accepted a plea deal. What happened after that?
6. According to the Prison Policy Initiative, one percent of the US population has experienced incarceration. Given far fewer women are incarcerated than men (only 10% of inmates are women) you have a very unique experience. Tell us a little bit more about your 740 days in prison.
7. When did you know that you were going to have a prison ministry? Tell us more about The Vivian Foundation.

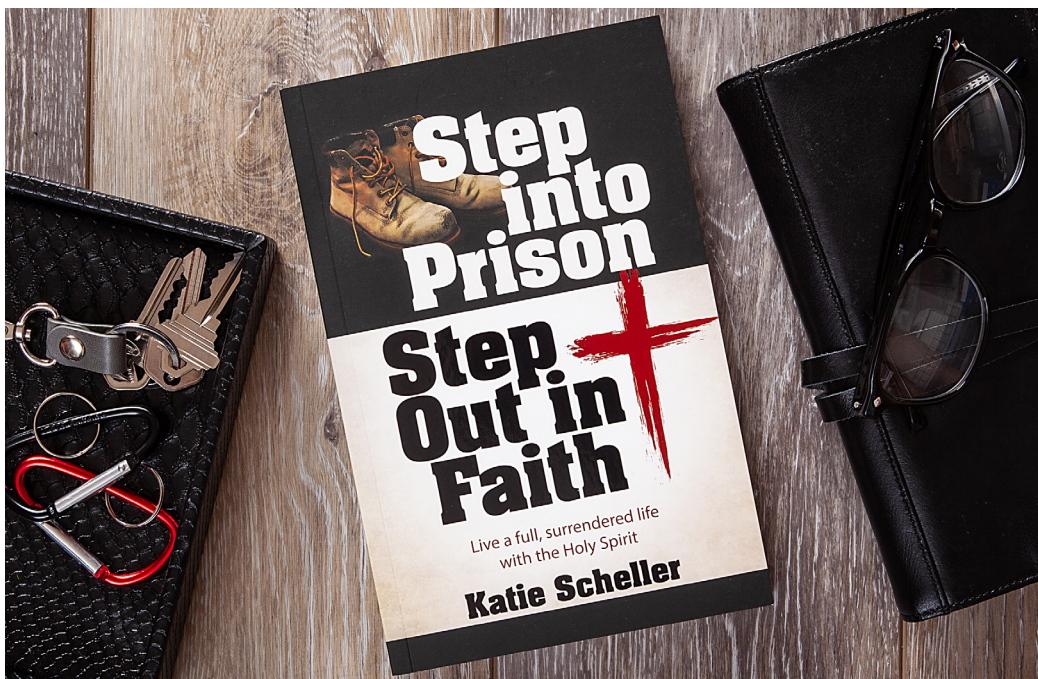
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Excerpt from *Step Into Prison, Step Out in Faith*:

Having just pled guilty to two felonies, the judge ordered another drug test. I once again was led into the basement of the federal courthouse to pee in a cup in front of a probation officer. My bodily functions now required a witness. Judge Clevert also limited my travel. If I wanted to go anywhere, then I would have to get the court's permission. I thought to myself, You have got to be kidding me. I'm not a criminal. As if it were any comfort, I was right; I wasn't a criminal. That morning I became a convicted felon.

I found myself sitting on the edge of my mattress, my head cradled in my hands. Cries escaped my throat. "I can't live like this anymore!" I bellowed in a voice I hardly recognized as my own. Over and over again, my plea bounced off the surrounding walls. My emotions had me on the brink of disaster, and my desperation escalated. God, please help me! I can't do this alone. I cannot live like this anymore. I felt utterly broken.

With one final appeal, I begged in total surrender, God, please help me. Then peace suddenly enveloped me. My heart was finally ready to let him in, and God promised that he would never leave or abandon me (Hebrews 13:5). When I was at my lowest moment, emotionally defeated, hopeless, and scared, God was with me. He knew it was finally time for me to contend with the emptiness in my heart; things needed to change.



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