

Jarret Keith is a criminal justice advocate and consultant. Diving into the depths of drug addiction and criminality as a youth, Jarret went down a destructive path that resulted in him being sentenced to life in prison at the age of 19. During his incarceration, Jarret experienced personal transformation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, subsequently earning multiple academic achievements and an addiction counseling credential; all while never knowing if he would ever be free again. But he used his time inside to serve others and pursue God's call.

In 2016, after 15 years of incarceration, Jarret was delivered from his life sentence and set free. Since then, he has been making a positive impact. Upon his return, Jarret continued his education, while living at New Hope Reentry (serving as the house manager) and began employment as a full-time substance abuse counselor within 60 days of coming home. Jarret is now earning a Master of Divinity Degree from Fuller Theological Seminary.

In 2018, one year after coming home, Jarret was accepted into Fuller Theological Seminary as a special student applicant; this was an opportunity made available as a result of earning a T.U.M.I certification while incarcerated in 2015. He has completed 2 years of the 3-year program and has maintained a GPA of 3.57 and he is scheduled to graduate in Fall 2021. Jarret plans to use this degree for advancing efforts in the interest of gospel centered justice and hopes to one day serve as a CDCR protestant chaplain. While in school, in Los Angeles, has continued to work in the community, and within the Department of Corrections, developing and coordinating rehabilitative programs. He worked as life coach with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition for 2 years, is currently the Restorative Justice Program Coordinator for the Franciscan Archdiocese of Los Angeles, is serving as the SoCal region coordinator for Mercy & Grace Prison Ministries, and provides criminal justice ministry development, training, and consultation for churches.

2020 has been another step forward for Jarret, as he is starting his own ministry, Testimony (Gospel Brand). The mission is serving the justice impacted community through vocational discipleship and creating practical opportunities in the community for returning citizens to pursue vocational ministry. The first Testimony cooperative will be with Inner-city Community Church and the Bethel

House (a sober living environment owned by Carlos Aceves, a former lifer and TUMI graduate). We are partnering together to create community and opportunity for returning citizens to connect with and thrive in, so they can continue to pursue God's call on their life while reintegrating into society. The vision of Jarret's efforts is to see the justice impacted community rise up as a ministry force and display testimonies that are real life example of gospel centered justice, for God's glory and the good of us all.