

LA

One day Prince asked me who my favorite prophet is. I told him that it probably would be Amos. I told Prince that Amos told the king that he was not a prophet, but a tender of sycamore trees.

LA overheard the conversation. He got into the conversation because his last name is Amos. He started quoting the Bible, and displayed a respectable knowledge of Scripture.

One day, Prince was asking me about Mephibosheth. Amos hijacked the conversation by talking about Lodebar.

After I got the field practicum assignment, I went to Amos and told him that, as part of a course I am taking with the FBI, I have to talk to 16 people about Jesus. I asked him if he had any problem with talking to me about Jesus. He said no.

I asked him if he had ever accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. He said, yes.

I asked him if he had ever been baptized. He said, yes.

I asked him, "If you died today, where would you spend eternity?"

He said, "Paradise."

I asked him why.

He said, "Because I repented of my sins, and salvation is a free gift."

I asked him if his salvation had anything to do with his behavior. He said, no.

I asked him if he is satisfied with his present walk.

He said, "Not really."

I recommended to him that he read his Bible every day. I suggested to him that a good way to do this is to read one of the devotional books which the chaplains distribute.

He told me, "You need to talk to Smooth. He is on C zone. He and I were in the feds together."

I asked him if he would introduce me to Smooth one day in the chow hall. LA said he would.

When I greet LA in the zone, he calls me, "Brother John!"