



THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FAITH-BASED REHABILITATION IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM

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INCARCERATION AND RECIDIVISM IN THE UNITED STATES

In the United States there are approximately



MORE THAN **95%**

of today's [prison population](#) are serving a sentence that will end with a release back into society.



According to studies by psychologists, recidivism occurs when four forces converge:

- ★ **Thinking patterns** that promote criminal behavior;
- ★ **Personality patterns** that facilitate criminal behavior;
- ★ **Involvement** with other individuals who participate in criminal behavior; and
- ★ **A history** of engaging in criminal behavior.

According to a Department of Justice study that [tracked recidivism patterns from 2005–2014](#):

OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS APPROXIMATELY



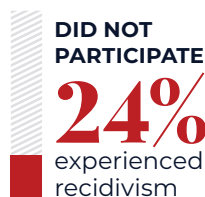
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Faith-based rehabilitation has proven to be very effective in **preventing recidivism**, according to multiple studies:

During a 2 year follow-up period of the [InnerChange Freedom Initiative](#) faith-based prison program of the offenders who



During a 3-year span from 2008-2011, of the [Prisoner Entrepreneurship Fellowship's](#) faith-based correctional rehabilitation program of the offenders who



According to data from the Minnesota Department of Corrections [regular visitation](#) from clergy reduces the rate of reconviction by as much as



Participation in religious programs can promote feelings of hope and self-worth, thus **“increasing the likelihood that a person after release can cope with stresses and strains without the use of crime, drugs or alcohol.”**

