



James' parents were separated for much of the first ten years of his life and he has few good memories of those days. When he was 10, they divorced and his dad moved out of the house. When he was 15, he and his mom got into a fight and she told him he had to go to live with his dad. By his own account, James was a "bad kid" and was often in trouble for vandalism and illegal drug use. By the time he was 18, he had 13 traffic violations so when pulled over for speeding at the age of 18 he knew it meant trouble. When the policeman approached his car, there was a misunderstanding about a weapon and James was charged with aggravated assault on an officer. He faced a potential 55 years in prison but only received a five-year sentence. During his year in jail (the rest was served on probation), James began to think about the direction his life had taken and he decided to make some changes. However, upon his release from jail, he continued to make some bad decisions. He was unfaithful to his wife and went through a divorce when his first son was a baby. While driving a truck through Texas one day he stopped at a truck stop. He was 1000 miles from home but ran into an old buddy from home. The friend wanted to talk to him about Jesus and that conversation led to James seeking a relationship with Christ. For the past 20 years, James has done his best to live a life pleasing to God. He remarried his wife and they had two more boys together. He has also helped raise other children who needed a father figure. By all accounts, James's children have had the benefit of being raised in a loving and stable home where they know they are loved and where they receive good guidance. James is a true script flipper.

12 Months in Jail