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"MY BLOG OF MY LIFE IN PRISON"

I USE TO THINK THAT LIFE WAS HILLS AND VALLEYS - YOU GO THROUGH A DRAK TIME. THEN YOU GO TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP, BACK AND FORTH. BUT AFTER SPENDING 13TH YEARS OF MY LIFE IN PRISON I DONT BELIEVE THAT ANY MORE. RATHER THAN LIFE BEING HILLS AND VALLEYS I BELIEVE THAT IT'S KIND OF LIKE TWO RAILS ON A RAILROAD TRACK, AND AT ALL TIMES YOU HAVE SOMETHING GOOD AND SOMETHING BAD IN YOUR LIFE, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING GOOD YOU CAN THANK GOD FOR.

YOU CAN FOCUS ON YOUR PURPOSES, OR YOU CAN FOCUS ON YOUR PROBLEMS. IF YOU FOCUS ON YOUR PROBLEMS, YOU'RE GOING INTO SELF CENTEREDNESS, WHICH IS MY PROBLEM, MY ISSUES, MY PAIN. BUT I'VE LEARNED ONE OF THE EASIEST WAYS TO GET RID OF PAIN IS TO GET YOUR FOCUS OFF YOUR SELF AND ON TO GOD AND OTHERS.

BEING IN PRISON I'M SURROUNDED DAILY BY PEOPLE WITH A NEGATIVE DISPOSITION ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING, AND IT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT TO STAY FOCUS AND KEEP A OPEN MIND TOWARDS PEOPLE. BUT I ALWAYS MAKE A REAL EFFORT TO BE CHEERFUL BY GIVEN THANKS TO GOD FOR STRENGTHENED MY CHARACTER TO ENABLE ME TO SAY FOCUS. I'VE LEARNED TO DEAL WITH BOTH THE GOOD AND THE BAD OF LIFE, AFTER LOOSING MY MOTHER AND FATHER WHILE BEHIND PRISON WALLS IT TAUGHT ME THAT GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHARACTER THAN YOUR COMFORT. GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN MAKING YOUR LIFE HOLY THAN HE IS IN MAKING YOUR LIFE HAPPY.

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN THE GREATEST YEAR OF MY LIFE IN DEVELOPING MY CHARACTER, BUT ALSO THE TOUGHEST BY LOOSING MY PARENTS. YOUR MIND IS THE BATTLEFIELD WHERE VECTORY IS WON OR LOST.

WHY SHOULD I BE DISCONTENTED WHEN I, LIKE PAUL, CAN LEARN TO BE CONTENT IN ALL MY CIRCUMSTANCES? "PHILIPPIANS 4:1" THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

SINCERELY, James W. Taylor