

## HANGING IN THERE . . .

I'm SOOOOOO TIRED; PEOPLE IN PRISON MYSELF INCLUDED SPEND SO MUCH TIME WORRYING ABOUT MAKING IT SAFELY TIL TOMORROW, THAT IT GETS OVERWHELMING AT TIMES, TIME REALLY HAS NO MEANING HERE, BIRTHDAY'S, HOLIDAY'S, ECT MEAN NOTHING, THERE ARE NO CELEBRATIONS, YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS MEAN NOTHING TO ANYONE BUT YOURSELF, THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS TO THIS BUT NOT MANY, A COUPLE FRIENDS AND FAMILY THAT STAY IN CONTACT. KEEPING AN UP BEAT, POSITIVE ATTITUDE IS SO HARD. I'm NORMALLY HAPPY GO LUCKY MOST OF THE TIME BUT I THINK THE CONSTANT STRESSORS OF BEING IN PRISON ARE FINALLY CATCHING UP TO ME! I NO LONGER HAVE TIME FOR THE LITTLE "DRAMA'S" THAT PLAY OUT HERE DAILY. GUARDS THAT FLAGRANTLY AND FREQUENTLY BREAK RULES BUT BOTHER ME ABOUT A PINK TOWEL! 😊 (TRUE STORY.) THE GOSSIP THAT GETS OUT OF CONTROL AND CAN GET YOU INTO FIGHTS AND YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL YOUR BEING SPRAYED WITH PEPPER SPRAY FOR FIGHTING!

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THE CONSTANT THREATS OF TRANSFER,  
WAITING ON MAIL, HOPING YOUR COLLECT  
CALL IS ACCEPTED THIS TIME. TRYING  
TO PAY FOR COLLEGE BOOKS ON .13¢ AN HOUR,  
WONDERING WHEN THE NEXT VISIT WILL  
COME? WHEN YOU LAY YOUR HEAD DOWN  
AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU HAVE TO  
REPLAY EVERYTHING YOU SAID OR DID  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO MAKE SURE YOU  
DIDN'T OFFEND ANYONE YOU MAY HAVE TO  
WATCH OUT FOR AT YARD THE NEXT DAY!  
STAND IN LINE FOR CHOW, LAUNDRY, SHOWER,  
CANTEEN, PHONE, YOUR ALWAYS STANDING IN  
LINE AND YOUR NEVER FIRST 😊 (GUESS WHAT??)  
WHEN THE DAY ENDS YOU GET TO WAKE  
UP AND DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN, SAME  
SHIT; DIFFERENT DAY! YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES  
IT BEARABLE? WHEN THE GUARD STOPS  
AT YOUR CELL DURING MAIL CALL AND YOU  
KNOW YOU HAVEN'T BEEN FORGOTTEN,  
WHEN YOUR CALL IS ACCEPTED, WHEN YOU  
GO TO SLEEP AT NIGHT SECURE IN THE  
FACT THAT YOU HAVE GREAT FRIENDS &  
FAMILY AND YOU JUST KNOW YOUR  
CELLIE IS NOT GOING TO KILL YOU  
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!

LOVE THRU STRUGGLE

- TERRA -