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"THE WORST THING THAT WE HAVE DONE IS NOT THE SUM OF WHO WE ARE."

DEAR OUTSIDE WORLD,

HERE LATELY I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A BEAUTIFUL PEN-FRIEND NAMED SHERREE. SHE ASKED ME SOME VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTED THAT I SHARE MY ANSWERS WITH YOU ALL ON THE OUTSIDE. THE FIRST QUESTION SHE ASKED ME WAS, "HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING INCARCERATED?..".

I HATE BEING INCARCERATED! BEING IN PRISON IS NO PLACE FOR A HUMAN BEING TO BE. IT'S A PLACE WHERE THEY STRIP YOUR HUMAN-DIGNITY AWAY; WHERE THEY TAKE EVERYTHING THAT MEANS SOMETHING TO YOU AND TURN IT TO NOTHING. IT'S A PLACE WHERE THEY TRANSFORM YOU FROM A HUMAN BEING TO A PRISON BEING. IT'S A PLACE WHERE YOU ARE SURROUNDED BY DOGS, RATS, SNAKES, AND WILD PUSSY CATS. YOU ARE CONSIDERED NOTHING MORE THAN A NUMBER AND TREATED LIKE AN ANIMAL IN A CAGE...

"DO YOU FEEL YOU'RE REFORMED?" I AM "REBORN" BECAUSE SINCE MY INCARCERATION I HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR. I'M BORN AGAIN, AND I DO NOT THINK OR ACT

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THE WAY I USED TO. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TRANSFORM PRISON CONFINEMENT INTO SPIRITUAL REFINEMENT, AND I'M LETTING MY LIGHT SHINE...

"ARE YOU REMORSEFUL?" YES, I'M VERY REMORSEFUL FOR MY ACTIONS IN THE 1985 PRISON ROFT BECAUSE PEOPLE GOT HURT AND FAMILIES LIVES WERE EFFECTED. I'VE TAKEN FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS IN THE PRISON ROFT, I'VE ASKED THE LORD FOR FORGIVENESS, AND SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY OTHER INCIDENT. BUT THE 142 YRS PRISON SENTENCE THEY GAVE ME FOR THE ROFT WHEN NO ONE WAS KILLED ISN'T FAIR.

"IF YOU COULD BE FREE TODAY, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO?" I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED NOW FOR 30 YRS AND THE ONE THING I WOULD NOT DO IF I WAS FREE TODAY, IS TRY TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME BECAUSE IT CAN NEVER BE FOUND AGAIN. I WOULD STOP AND START MY LIFE OVER. I WOULD VISIT THE GRAVE SITES OF MY BELOVED PARENTS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE MY INCARCERATION, AND I WOULD SAY GOOD-BYE TO THEM. I WOULD VISIT MY DAUGHTER WHOM I'VE NEVER SEEN PHYSICALLY, AND TELL HER I'M SORRY AND ASK

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FOR HER FERGIVENESS FOR NOT BEING THERE AS A FATHER SHOULD BE THERE FOR HIS CHILD. I WOULD FIND A GOOD CHURCH AND CONTINUE LIVING A GOD FEARING LIFE OF LOVE AND HELPING OTHERS. I FIGURE THAT AS LONG AS I KEEP GOD IN MY LIFE FIRST, THEN EVERYTHING ELSE WILL WORK OUT.

THANK YOU SHARES FOR ASKING ME THESE QUESTIONS, AND I HOPE MY ANSWERS GAVE YOU AND OTHERS WHO READ THIS A LITTLE INSIGHT OF PRISON LIFE, AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHO I AM. I'M STRONG BUT HUMAN.

PLEASE READ MY WRITINGS ON THE BTB SITE, AND GO ONLINE TO SEE MY INTERVIEW ON MSNBC LOCK UP TITLED "STICKS AND STONE".

PEACE TO ALL,
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