

JOHN,

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I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, YOU WERE SO RIGHT ABOUT THOSE THOUGHTS WEIGHING HEAVY ON MY MIND. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS I STILL HAVEN'T COMPLETELY COOLED OFF YET. IT HAS STILL BEEN BUGGING ME EACH TIME I HEAR SOMEONE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FOOD OR THE NEW RULE THAT JUST GOT MADE WHERE WE HAVE TO LOCK OUR DOORS OPEN ALL DAY (NOW WE HAVE NO PRIVACY WHATSOEVER). JUST THE OTHER WEEK, WHILE EATING LUNCH, SOME GUY WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW WE WERE NOT BEING GIVEN OUR DESSERT LIKE THE MENU HAD SHOWN. SO I SAID, (LOUD ENOUGH FOR THE NEARBY TABLES TO HEAR) "THE FAULT IS OUR OWN! COME ON MAN! YOU WANT TO COMPLAIN, BUT NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. LETS GET UP ON THE TABLES AND MAKE A STATEMENT THAT WE'RE SICK OF THIS!" THEN I STOOD UP & LOOKING AROUND NOTICED A FEW SETS OF EYES ON ME, BUT NOBODY MOVING. SO I SAT BACK DOWN AND SAID, "YEAH I FIGURED AS MUCH." I DON'T KNOW, ITS JUST REALLY HAD ME CONCERNED WITH WHAT THINGS ARE GOING TO BE LIKE IN 10 OR 20 YEARS. I JUST RECENTLY STARTED COOLING OFF.

ON YOUR FIRST LETTER YOU HAD MENTIONED HOW MY BLOG WAS ONE OF THE ONLY ONLINE THAT TRUELY GAVE A TIME-BY-TIME ACCOUNT OF A STANDARD DAY. MY REASON FOR ORIGINALLY WRITING THAT ESSAY WAS FOR A CLASS I WAS IN THAT INVOLVED A PSYCHOLOGY CLASS FROM A NEARBY COLLEGE. THEIR 4TH CREDIT LAB HOUR WAS TO COME TO THE PRISON WITH THEIR TEACHER ON MONDAY NIGHTS TO HAVE CLASS WITH ABOUT 20 OF US PRISONERS. WE ALL SAT IN A BIG CIRCLE & THE STUDENTS WOULD HAVE US TALK ABOUT CERTAIN

SUBJECTS, ASK US QUESTIONS OR HAVE US DO LITTLE PRESENTATIONS. SO WHEN ONE OF THEM ASKED ONE OF US TO DO A PRESENTATION ON PRISON LIFE I IMMEDIATELY RAISED MY HAND. I KNEW I WAS THE MAN FOR THE JOB, SINCE I HADN'T BEEN DOWN LONG ENOUGH TO START TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED. (LIKE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH OVER A TOILET OR SLAMMING THE DOMINOES ON THE TABLE) THOSE KIND OF THINGS ARE 2ND NATURE FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DOWN FOR 20 YEARS, SO THEY WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT TO BRING IT UP. TOO MANY GUYS SEEM TO BE TOO FOCUSED ON THE HEART ACHING TIMES THEY ARE HAVING TO SPEND BEHIND THE BARS TO THE POINT THAT THEY FORGET THE SIMPLE EVERYDAY DIFFERENCES IN OUR LIVES THAT YOU FREE PEOPLE ARE MORE INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT.

AS FOR YOUR QUESTION CONCERNING THE REASON FOR GOING TO A FLORIDA PRISON, WHATEVER STATE YOU ARE IN WHEN YOU COMMIT YOUR CRIME IS THE STATE YOU WILL BE TRIED AND HAVE TO SERVE YOUR TIME IN. SO BE SURE THAT IF YOU EVER DECIDE TO SCREW UP SOMETIME, DON'T DO IT IN FLORIDA.

WELL, HOPE YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE TIME READING ABOUT MY FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS IN THE COUNTY JAIL. THEY WERE QUITE INTERESTING INDEED. I ENDED UP SPENDING A YEAR THERE (WITH MY LAST MONTH IN CONFINEMENT) BEFORE I WAS FINALLY SENTENCED TO NATURAL LIFE IN PRISON. (FLORIDA IS WELL KNOWN FOR PASSING THOSE OUT LIKE CANDY.) ANYWAY, THANKS FOR KEEPING IN TOUCH & HOPE TO HEAR BACK FROM YOU SOON.

