

SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 2013: 3:45pm (LISTENING TO "MY IMMORTAL", BY EVANESCENCE)

TODAY I SIT HERE AND WONDER IF MY PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW PARENTAL RIGHTS TO BE TERMINATED SOLELY FOR THE FACT THAT YOU ARE IN PRISON. BUT IN OHIO, I GUESS THATS NOT SO. I GOT A LETTER LAST NIGHT FROM A COUNSELOR AT THE JUVENILE HOME WHERE MY DAUGHTER IS NOW LIVING AND SHE ASKED ME TO HELP HER FILL IN WHO I AM, WHO MY FAMILY IS SO THAT MY DAUGHTER, KRISTA, CAN FIGURE OUT WHO SHE IS. SHE IS ALMOST 16 AND HAS NO REAL IDENTITY. MY HEART BREAKS EVERY DAY FOR HER. I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT MY PARENTAL RIGHTS BEING TERMINATED BUT NOW I'M NOT. AS LONG AS KRISTA IS SAFE, I'M OKAY WITH THAT. I HAVE NO ONE WHO WILL LOVE HER AND TAKE HER IN. I WOULD SEND HER TO ITALY TO LIVE IN A SECOND IF I COULD, BUT SHE NEEDS MORE THAN I CAN GIVE. SHE NEEDS A THERAPIST, COUNSELING, SHE NEEDS TO JUST BE A KID AND NOT HAVE THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ON HER SHOULDERS. I KNOW IT HURTS WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE NO ONE GIVES A DAMN ABOUT YOU AND THATS HOW SHE IS FEELING. I TOLD HER COUNSELOR THAT I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO HELP AND I'VE DECIDED TO TELL MY FAMILY TO DO THE SAME. IF THEY REFUSE, I WILL CUT THEM FROM MY LIFE FOREVER. IN MY EYES, WHEN I LOOK AT HOW KRISTA IS TREATED, TO ME IT SEEMS LIKE NO ONE HAS TIME FOR HER. NO NE HAS ANY LOVE TO GIVE MY LITTLE GIRL AND I'VE CRIED ENOUGH OVER THIS. SO IT'S EITHER STEP UP FAMILY AND DO WHAT YOU CAN FOR HER, OR GET OUTTA MY LIFE. EVEN IF ALL YOU DO IS TALK TO HER, MAKE AN EFFORT. PRISON IS LONELY AND CRUEL PLACE BUT IF WE ABANDON THE PEOPLE WE LOVE, THEN IT'S LIKE WE NEVER REALLY LOVED THEM AT ALL. PEOPLE THINK PRISONS REHABILITATE, BUT I DON'T THINK SO. PRISON CHANGES YOU. IT CAN PACIFY YOU, IT CAN ANGER YOU AND MAKE YOU WORSE THEN BEFORE, IT CAN WAKE YOU UP TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE, IT CAN DO ALOT BUT FOR THE ONES THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON, IT CHANGES YOU INSIDE. AFTER SO LONG IN HERE, AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE WHO YOU LOVE, YOU STOP FEELING. YOU STOP CARING. AS TIME GOES ON, PEOPLE FORGET YOU EXIST. THE LONGER I'M HERE, THE MORE IT FEELS LIKE SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME IS DYING. I'VE HAD SO MANY PEOPLE FORGET THAT I EXIST THIS YEAR. AND IT DOESN'T JUST HURT, YOU GET ANGRY. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE THIS OUT BUT IT'S NOT EASY! THERE IS NO INSTRUCTION MANUAL SO I TAKE IT DAY BY DAY AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THEN ME, KRISTA. SHE DOESN'T DESERVE THE PAIN SHE HAS ENDURED IN HER SHORT LIFE. NOT EVEN 16 AND SHE IS TURNING HER FEELINGS OFF AND I DO NOT WANT HER TO BECOME LIKE ME. WHEN HER SOCIAL WORKER ASKED ME TO HELP KRISTA FIGURE OUT WHO SHE IS, I ASKED MYSELF, WHO AM I? AND HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW. I REALLY DON'T EVEN KNOW MY DAUGHTER VERY WELL. I DID NOT HAVE THE HONOR OF WATCHING MY BABY GROW UP. I DON'T KNOW HER FIRST WORD, I DON'T KNOW HOW TALL SHE IS, OR HOW LONG HER HAIR IS, I DON'T KNOW HER FAVORITE FOODS, OR WHAT SHE WONT EAT. I'M SURE HER MOTHER DOESN'T REMEMBER ANY OF THIS EITHER BECAUSE SHE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT HER ANYMORE. BUT I DON'T WANT MY CHILD TO BE INSTITUTIONALIZED. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THERE'S NO GOING BACK. I WOULD RATHER SOME LOVING FAMILY TAKE HER IN AND ADOPT HER. I JUST LEAVE IT IN GODS HANDS AND I PRAY FOR MY BABY EVERY DAY AND I WILL MAKE ANY SACRIFICE I MUST IN ORDER TO HELP HER.

ON ANOTHER NOTE, TODAY IS ALSO MY NONNA'S BIRTHDAY. MY GRANDMOM WOULD HAVE BEEN 80 YEARS OLD TODAY. I REMEMBER HER OFTEN AND SHE TRULY WAS THE MOST WONDERFUL GRANDMOM I COULD HAVE EVER ASKED FOR. IF I COULD HAVE CHANGED ANYTHING ABOUT HER, I WOULD HAVE CHANGED HER BEING OVERWEIGHT, THATS WHAT KILLED HER ON MAY 12, 2006. MY FAMILY FELL APART WHEN GRAM DIED, SHE TRULY WAS THE GLUE THAT HELD US TOGETHER. YOU ARE SO MISSED GRAM. I NEVER GOT TO GO TO A FUNERAL. EVERYONE I HAVE EVER LOVED DIED WHILE I WAS IN HERE. THATS ONE OF MY BOAT LOAD OF REGRETS. VIVERE SENZA RIMPIANTI, LIVE WITHOUT REGRETS, BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE ONES YOU ALREADY HAVE? I HAVEN'T FIGURED THAT OUT YET. I TRY TO BE THE BEST PERSON I CAN EVERY DAY, BUT IT'S ALWAYS A CHALLENGE IN HERE. AND IT REALLY BECOMES ALOT HARDER TO DO WHEN YOU START LOSING YOUR FAITH IN PEOPLE. I HAVE SOCCER TODAY BUT I'M UNABLE TO PLAY. IT HURTS TOO MUCH TO EVEN WALK. ANYONE THAT HAS SCIATICA, THEY UNDERSTAND. I WATCHED THE TV COMMERCIAL ABOUT THE TEETER HANG UPSIDE DOWN CONTRAPTION SO I'LL TRY THAT TOMORROW IN THE GYM. I'LL HANG UPSIDE DOWN FROM THE PULL-UP BAR FOR AS LONG AS I CAN HOLD IT. THE COMMERCIAL SAYS IT HELPS TO DECOMPRESS YOUR SPINE, REALIGNS IT, AND HELPS WITH LOWER BACK PAIN. WITH THIS MUCH PAIN, I'LL TRY ALMOST ANYTHING RIGHT NOW. WELL I GUESS THATS ALL FOR THIS WEEK. MY AUNT DIANE WILL BE 49 ON AUGUST 18TH, SO I WANT TO SEND HER A BIRTHDAY WISH. HAPPY BIRTHDAY DI, I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU. HOPE I HAVEN'T BORED YOU'S TOO MUCH. THANK FOR READING. TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE, AND GOD BLESS. TILL NEXT TIME, CIAO.

P.S. ONE FINAL thought, our Government just released these numbers, they claim that they created over 200,000 new jobs in the month of July. Thats over 6,600 new jobs per day. Its obvious that they are manipulating the numbers some how. I believe they are blatantly lying to make it look like they're doing a good job.

AS A NATION, when will WE RISE UP & SAY enough is enough?

Violence is NOT the ANSWER, UNIZTY is.