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Well your appreciation for my response is greatly accepted, if I can use that word. Good to hear that you're not "weirded out" that helps me not be "weirded out" myself! Then there's just the thankfulness to God that I seemingly seem to find in now everyday life. I mean there are thousands of millions of blogs out there yet God, I feel led you, you to one that has Him high & lifted up. Honestly I'm still surprised that you stumbled upon mine. I know that it can't be nothing but God, cause I'm not smart. Plus I'm sure that my blog isn't average especially among those behind bars. So often we use every platform presented to "us" to garnish legal assistance or support.... Because God has set me free I delight at the opportunity to help others, especially those in the "free world" find the FREEDOM that is only available in Christ Jesus. Even despite the political taunts of "you ain't nothing but a jailhouse Christian" Think I've mentioned that b4 so I'll stop. I was most excited to see that you found the blogs to be uplifting shows my life truly is going in a different direction. Cause Lord knows I used to uplift others to ~~to~~ engage in behavior that was nonconducive to growth & development. ask Dawn Norton. ... well don't, don't want make this about "her" well uplifting you is the least I could do, by uplifting & encouraging others I find the strength & encouragement to carry on. Amen. Daily I battle with "life" being choked out of me -literally-&-figuratively. Yikes. Prison is an angry place that doesn't promote life or living it to the upmost.. Nuff of that don't need to make myself any sadder :) :) :) so what do I say on ~~tomorrow~~ today--- tomorrow officially marks 16 years since my last day of freedom! tomorrow is also 9/11... so I'm "weirded out" by those nuances & similarities cause I also drove a weapon into a building ):):): 9/11 makes me confront my own guilt... I only plan to embrace the day though. Decided to forgive myself after all God has. Is that wrong? Some think everyday I should wake up crying for the crime I did & never feel like I committed a crime against myself as well that didn't come out right. Basically here it is when I shot someone I SHOT MYSELF, MY DAUGHTER, MY FAMILY, MY HOPES & DREAMS, MY ... I plan to wear new shoes. they're white. sort of like my new life & my glasses (:(:(: I walk on snowflakes sometimes.... For my 16th anniversary I hope to complete by sept 30th to have this book done & get it to a publisher I believe God has opened the door to one place so I'll contact them first. Amen. Jesus opens doors no man can shut ):):):) inspired by "your" encouragement I've penned a book of encouragement why should I be sad & God has freed me from depression keep reading ):):):)

As someone who has hurt too many people I apologize on behalf of those who did the same to U. sure they didn't know better. life is like that instead of multiplying love & peace we multiply hate & pain. we're taught wrong- God said B fruitful & multiply but B.cause of ourselfish nature we multiply unfruitfulness. Like today men are building families backward. WE get a girl pregnant then find out that we don't really "love" her...): so now life consists of baby mamas & baby Daddys instead of husbands & wives ):):): if U've been hurt in that fashion please know that it's gone be alright. why? Jesus loves U plus the Bible says that Your Maker -God - is your Husband (Isaiah 54:5)

Yes the things we go through do help make us who we are but there are somethings I'd rather not had went through personally... I've heard 'em say, "that which don't kill U only makes U stronger" but I argue if it makes U stronger why make the same mistakes? (Not saying U have).

praise God here it is

what ever U went through that was hurtful as A teenager was the enemy of your soul Satan tryin to kill U. John 10:10 Exodus 15:9 Revelation 12. I know the devil has been trying to kill me since I was like 4. playing a "game" i was just "touched" b4 it was time... then at 7 i prayed to get hit by a car & throughout life I've often just wanted to die I had my midlife crisis at 11!!! do the math (thank U) prison didn't help... I came at 18!!!

at 24 I met Jesus, well actually He met me! while I was in the midst of tears He whispered, "Trust ME. You'll be alright." then history wrote itself with Gods pen. the best pen I might add Jesus not only helps me through my day He helps me through my life. Had it not been 4 Him I would probably b looney-tooney. just saying without Jesus I'm a hot mess on the way to hell in a handbasket. Jesus has me clothed in my right mind. Because of Him I KNOW WHY I'M ALIVE & MY GIFTS & MY PURPOSE FOR BEING BORN IN THE FIRST PLACE. With Jesus I can use the writing talent He blessed me with lovingly to help people rather than manipulate or swindle or hustle or encourage to throw they life away. Does that make sense. Without Jesus I'm nothing. I mean I got alot of "good person" credentials → skipped ½ a grade; honor roll student (kindergarten - 9th); been working since 14! even had 3 jobs once as a teenager; i've done even made str8 A's; got numerous awards that filled 2 big photo albums; been on student council; been vice president of school clubs I've sung carols at nursing homes though I was called the "N-word"; I even graduated high school! But at the end of the day I shot somebody so... I'm naturally no good without Jesus.

with Jesus I have hope-for today-4 tomorrow-for 4ever!! I'm now able to take the good with the bad & make the most of the moment. With God I'm able to add to community rather than subtract from it with God i can mean what i say & not just say empty words. with God by my side I can serve others. & 4 my 33rd B-day i was told by God-"U were born 4 others".

ne-who (lol) U were 2 ):):):)