

1/26/14: 5:00pm: LISTENING TO: "IMPERFECT" BY STONE SOUR.

BRYAN, I REMEMBER THE NAME (IT'S DIFFERENT) BUT I CANNOT PUT A FACE TO IT. MY MEMORY IS HORRIBLE. I HEARD FROM YOU & RANYA TODAY AND IT WAS A VERY NICE SURPRISE. I NEVER IMAGINED ANYONE FROM MY CHILDHOOD WOULD REMEMBER ME. I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS SOMEONE PEOPLE WOULDN'T WANT TO REMEMBER. AS I TOLD RANYA, I REMEMBER HER, B/C I LIKED HER WHEN WE WERE KIDS, AND I REMEMBER MRS. TICE AND I REMEMBER HER DAUGHTER WHO CAME IN ONE DAY TO TEACH US GERMAN. I STILL REMEMBER SOME OF THOSE WORDS. WHAT I DON'T KNOW IS HOW DID YOU'S FIND MY BLOG? I ALREADY RESPONDED TO RANYA'S WRITING AND NOW HERE I AM. I HAVE A HORRIBLE MEMORY, HELP ME REMEMBER YOU. I WAS NOT A GOOD KID AND YOU & RANYA ARE THE FIRST PEOPLE FROM MY CHILDHOOD TO EVER COME BACK INTO MY LIFE. I REMEMBER SOME NAMES BUT NOT MANY. I DON'T REMEMBER A MIKE RENZ. BEEN TOO LONG I GUESS. TOO MANY YEARS IN PRISON MESSES UP YOUR MIND. I SPENT WAY TOO LONG IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. I HAVE MADE MANY BAD CHOICES BUT I WOULD LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE THAT I AM CHANGING, FOR THE BETTER, AND I AM NOT THE KID I ONCE WAS. I WANT TO DO SOMETHING GOOD IN LIFE. SOMETHING TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE. AND IF MY WORDS OR MY STORY IS ALL I GOT, THEN I'LL USE IT AND HOPEFULLY MY PAIN WILL PERSUADE SOMEONE ELSE TO MAKE CHANGES BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. I'M NO MIRACLE WORKER, I'M NOT WEALTHY AND I DON'T HAVE A BIG SUPPORT NETWORK BUT WHAT I DO HAVE IS A HARD STORY AND I NEED THIS BLOG TO GET MY STORY OUT TO PEOPLE WHO NEED TO CHANGE, PEOPLE WHO STILL MATTER BUT THINK THEY DON'T. I'M DOING MY BEST TO FIX MY LIFE, TO LIVE IT THE BEST I CAN AND TO GROW EACH AND EVERY DAY. JUST HEARING FROM YOU & RAYNA TODAY HELPED ME GROW A LITTLE MORE. I GOTTA RUN, SORRY, BUT IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR NIGHT YARD AND I TRY NOT TO MISS YARD UNLESS I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE. I HURT MY BACK PRETTY BAD ABOUT 10-11 MONTHS AGO AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WORK OUT REALLY SO I GOTTA GET OUT AND ATLEAST WALK AROUND AND ENJOY THE COLD NIGHT AIR. IT'S ONE OF THE FEW THINS IN LIFE THAT I STILL ENJOY. TAKE CARE BRYAN AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN. YOU & RANYA TOOK ME BACK TO A TIME WHEN I WAS HAPPY AND THATS MEANT ALOT TO ME. I'VE FORGOTTEN MY CHILDHOOD AND I WISH I COULD REMEMBER. GRAZIE. GOD BLESS, CIAO.