

1/27/2014: 3:30pm: LISTENING TO "AWAKE & ALIVE" BY: SKILLET

RAYNA KNICK. I DO REMEMBER YOU AND I'M HONESTLY SURPRISED YOU REMEMBERED ME. I WANT TO START OUT BY SAYING THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING, AND FOR YOUR WORDS. THIS IS PRETTY COOL. I LEFT THAT CHILD LIFE WHEN I WAS 13 AND I NEVER SAW ANY OF YOU'S AGAIN. I HAD A BIGGEST CRUSH ON YOU IN SCHOOL. BUT I WAS JUST A KID WHO WAS SOMEWHAT SHY AROUND GIRLS. I DO REMEMBER BRYAN SHELLY'S NAME BUT I CANNOT PUT A FACE TO IT. I REMEMBER MRS. TICE, I REMEMBER HER DAUGHTER CAME IN AND TAUGHT US SOME GERMAN. HOW ON EARTH DID YOU FIND MY BLOG? I HAVE BEEN DOING IT FOR A YEAR NOW AND YOU AND BRYAN ARE THE FIRST 2 PEOPLE FROM MY PAST WHO HAVE SEEN IT AND CONTACTED ME. YOU HAVE ME SMILING RIGHT NOW SO THANK YOU RAYNA. I SEE YOUR OBVIOUSLY MARRIED. I HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD AND HAPPY LIFE. I TRY TO HOPE THAT MY BAD CHOICES WILL MAKE MY DAUGHTER RETHINK ANY DECISIONS SHE MIGHT MAKE. WE ALL KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG SO I AM HOPING SHE WILL LOOK AT ME AND MAKE BETTER CHOICES. I AM VERY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR WRITING. YOU SEEM VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE SCRIPTURES. I WAS NEVER A BELIEVER UNTIL THE PAST FEW YEARS. I ONCE THOUGHT THAT GOD USED US AS HIS SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMENT. BUT THESE LAST FEW YEARS, SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN THE CHURCH AND BAPTIZED & CONFIRMED, AND SINCE MY FIRST COMMUNION, I HAVE BEGUN TO SEE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY. I HAVE GROWN AND CHANGED. I WAS A BRAT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ALWAYS SEEKING ATTENTION, BEING A VIOLENT KID, ALWAYS IN TROUBLE, BUT I HAVE NO DESIRE FOR THAT LIFE ANYMORE. THE DEATH OF MY JUSTINE HAS TRULY AWAKENED MY HEART & CONSCIENCE. AND BEING ACCEPTED INTO THE CHURCH AND MEETING MEN WHO HAVE TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES, THAT WAS MY MOTIVATION FOR CHANGING. I HAD MANY REASONS FOR WANTING TO CHANGE BUT THE MEN IN THE CHURCH, AND OUR PRIEST FATHER ARON, THEY HELPED ME TAKE THE STEPS IN ORDER TO START CHANGING. SOMETIMES I FALL BACK AND BELIEVE THAT MY LIFE IS WORTH NOTHING BECAUSE I FAILED EVERYONE WHO EVER LOVED ME. I TOOK A LIFE AND CREATED SO MUCH PAIN, SO MUCH CHAOS, SOMETIMES I STILL THINK THAT I DID TOO MUCH TO EVER BE FORGIVEN. BUT THAT'S ONLY WHEN MY FAITH IS WEAK. I ADMIRE THE MEN & WOMEN WHO HAVE FAITH THROUGH THE MOST TRAGIC OF SITUATIONS, AND THEIR FAITH HELP INSPIRE AND STRENGTHEN MINE. I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK AND REDO LIFE, BUT WE KNOW THATS ONLY IN THE MOVIES. MY LOVE FOR

MY JUSTINE HAS STRENGTHENED AND INSPIRED ME TO LIVE THIS LIFE THE RIGHT WAY SO THAT I WILL SEE HER IN THE NEXT LIFE. AND I NEED TO BE SOMEONE MY DAUGHTER CAN BE PROUD OF. I BELIEVE THAT GOD SENDS US WHO WE NEED IN OUR LIVES. HE SENT ME AND MY DAUGHTER KRISTA A GREAT SOCIAL WORKER NAMED HANNAH. AND NOW HE HAS SENT YOU AND BRYAN BACK INTO MY LIFE FOR A PURPOSE. YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD WHEN YOU QUOTED PHILIPPIANS 3:20, "OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN" AND I NEED TO EARN THAT. I HAVE SINNED SO MUCH FOR SO MANY YEARS AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR ME TO REPENT AND EARN MY PASSPORT SO TO SPEAK, INTO HEAVEN. I DON'T WANT TO BORE YOU TO DEATH SO I'LL LET YOU GO NOW BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR WRITING AND I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO READ WHAT I WRITE. IF IT'S NOT TOO INAPPROPRIATE, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN RANYA. I CANNOT REMEMBER YOUR FACE, I JUST REMEMBER THIS BEAUTIFUL TEENAGE GIRL WITH DARK HAIR. I THINK BACK THEN YOU LIVED IN STONE BRIDGE OR IN THAT AREA. MY MEMORY IS BAD BUT YOUR NAME HELPED ME REMEMBER YOU, I HAVE ONLY EVER MET 1 RAYNA BEFORE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS AND I WILL BEGIN TO INCLUDE YOU IN MINE. THANK YOU FOR THE SMILE TODAY. THERE IS 1 FAVOR I ASK OF YOU, IF YOU ARE ABLE. I HURT SOMEONE ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO AND I HAVE WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO HER FOR MANY YEARS NOW. IF YOU KNOW MELISSA ELLIOT, PLEASE TELL HER I'M SORRY. A PART OF ME CHANGING, AND BEING SERIOUS ABOUT CHANGE, IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE UP FOR PAST WRONGS. AND I ATLEAST NEEDED TO TELL MELISSA I'M SORRY FOR HURTING HER IN THE 7th GRADE. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH HER, IT'S OKAY. JUST FIGURED I'D ASK. TAKE CARE AND I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN. GOD BLESS RAYNA. CIAO.