

SECOND CHANCES; REDEMPTION OR NOT?

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I SIT HERE THINKING ABOUT IF I'LL EVER GET A 2ND CHANCE AT LIFE. IT WEIGHS ON MY MIND BECAUSE OF ALL THE JUVENILE LIFERS WHO CAME TO PRISON AS A TEENAGER AND NOW HAVE THE CHANCE TO GET OUT. IT'S A LONG AND HARD FIGHT BUT THEY HAVE A CHANCE. I WANT TO ADD THIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE I READ FROM THE USA TODAY NEWSPAPER. PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE AND GIVE THIS AMAZING 16 YEAR OLD GIRL SOME CONSIDERATION. I WANT TO QUOTE WHAT THIS YOUNG WOMAN WROTE; "IT IS ILLOGICAL TO GIVE THE HARSHTEST SENTENCE, A SENTENCE THAT DOES NOT ALLOW REDEMPTION, TO THE ONES WHO MAY HAVE THE GREATEST CAPACITY FOR REDEMPTION ITSELF." I WAS 21 YEARS OLD. I AM NOT MAKING EXCUSES FOR MY CRIME, NOR WILL I TRY TO MINIMIZE IT BY GIVING REASONS WHY. WE ALL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO GOOD AND FOR THOSE OF US WHO TRULY DESIRE IT, WE ALL SEEK REDEMPTION. IN MY FAITH, I HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN. THIS 16 YEAR OLD GIRL SEES THAT SOME PEOPLE DO DESERVE A 2nd CHANCE AND SHE MADE HER FEELINGS AND OPINIONS KNOWN. SHE TOOK ON A SERIOUS ISSUE, ONE THAT AFFECTS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN PRISON AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SHE DID WHAT MOST 16 YEAR OLDS WILL NEVER DO, SHE SPOKE UP. I AM NOT A JUVENILE LIFER, I WAS 21 WHEN I COMMITTED MY CRIME SO THIS DECISION WILL NEVER AFFECT ME BUT IT DOES AFFECT ALOT OF PEOPLE THAT I KNOW, SOME OF THEM ARE WORTHY OF A 2nd CHANCE. PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE AND GIVE YOUR OPINION. SHE OBVIOUSLY IS A VERY INTELLIGENT YOUNG WOMAN. SHE QUOTED THE BIBLE, QUOTED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND SHE MADE HER CASE. I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THIS TOO LONG BECAUSE I WANT EVERYONE TO READ HER ARTICLE BUT ONE DAY, I HOPE I HAVE SOMEONE LIKE HER IN MY CORNER WHEN I ASK FOR A 2nd CHANCE. IT IS MY ONLY RECOURSE FOR REDEMPTION AND INSIDE, I DO SEEK IT. I DO HAVE THE DESIRE TO MAKE UP FOR PAST WRONGS, TO DO RIGHT, TO SEEK FORGIVENESS TO THOSE WHOM I HAVE HURT DURING MY LIFETIME. THE GUILT IN ONES HEART BECOMES SO OVERBEARING THAT I NEED TO MAKE UP FOR MY PAST. BUT THATS FOR ANOTHER DAY. RIGHT NOW I FOCUS ON BETTERING MYSELF AND FOCUSING ON MY DAUGHTER. AND I LEAVE YOU WITH THAT. JAMIE FOXX MADE A MOVIE ABOUT TOOKIE WILLIAMS CALLED "REDEMPTION". IT'S A VERY GOOD MOVIE WHEN YOU LOOK FOR THE MESSAGE IN IT. IF YOU EVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE IT, I WOULD. TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS, AND HOPEFULLY GOD WILL BLESS US BY ENDING THIS WINTER. CIAO