

## MY WINDOW INTO PRISON

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HI EVERYONE. YESTERDAY WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF ME AND MY JUSTINE. I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE NOTION THAT EVERYTHING GETS BETTER WITH TIME, OR IN TIME. HOWEVER IT'S WORDED. I STILL HURT BUT THIS IS LIFE. I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE JUSTINE'S MEMORY BECAUSE I THINK OF HER EVERY DAY. AND THEN I THINK OF MY DAUGHTER AND I WORRY MY BRAINS OUT. I WAS RECENTLY ASKED A QUESTION BY AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "PHILADELPHIA FIGHT", I GUESS YOU COULD LOOK THEM UP AND SEE WHAT THEY'RE ABOUT BUT THEY ONLY GAVE ME THE BACK OF A POST CARD TO PUT MY RESPONSE ON OR I COULD HAVE RAMBLED FOR A FEW PAGES. SO WHAT FOLLOWS IS WHAT I WROTE ON THE POST CARD TO THEM FOR THEIR PROJECT. THE QUESTIONS WAS:

IF YOU COULD HAVE A WINDOW IN THE PRISON WALL; WHAT

WOULD YOU WANT THE WORLD TO SEE?

(MY RESPONSE FOLLOWS)

"I would want the world to see the good in here, the men who are dedicated to changing & becoming better human beings. Not everyone in prison is evil to the core as we are made to be seen. You'd see bible studies in the yard, men teaching each other, helping each other. You'd see children grow up in here & become men. You'd see how these men work 8-10 hour days, hard labor, just to earn 19¢ an hour. But they do it with pride because we are men. If this window showed my life, you'd see a lost young man of 21 enter this prison with a life sentence, then you see me grow & change, my window would show you a lost young man grow into a man with a purpose, a dream, attempting to build a life in prison. Trying to be a father to my 16 year old daughter, you'd see me mourn the death of my *JUSTINE EVERY* day, you'd see me as a child who never helped anyone, grow to be a man who helps any one. We are not all evil, we just committed an evil act & you will see me in my window trying to atone for my sins, seeking redemption for my past. I strive to do better, be better. Please look in my window so you can see the good in me. It is there."

I ASK YOU AS CITIZENS OF SOCIETY, IF YOU WERE TO LOOK INTO A PRISON THROUGH THE WALL, WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE? WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PRISONERS DOING?

THE PA D.O.C. IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE SELLING US THESE MINIATURE TABLETS FOR 50\$ AND ALLOW US THE PRIVILEGE OF PAYING FOR MUSIC AND PAYING FOR E-MAILS. BUT SOCIETY SEEMS TO BE AGAINST IT AND THIS MAKES ME REMEMBER THAT SOCIETY HATES PEOPLE IN PRISON. SO LET ME QUOTE A FEW RESPONSES FOR YOU FROM REGULAR PA CITIZENS. MARTHA GILMER OF HARRISBURG IS QUOTED IN THE PAPER SAYING "I DON'T THINK IT'S OKAY, I ALREADY THINK THAT THEY GET ENOUGH. THEY HAVE DONE WRONG. THEY ARE IN THERE FOR A REASON, WHY KEEP GIVING?"

BETTY WILLIAMS OF HARRISBURG IS QUOTED STATING "I FEEL AS THOUGH IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVING THEM MORE & MORE SO THAT MAYBE PEOPLE WONT CARE, SO WHAT IF I GET IN TROUBLE? I'LL HAVE THIS AND THIS, AND I FEEL AS THOUGH THEY DON'T NEED ALL OF THAT."

LET'S START WITH BETTY'S STATEMENT. LETS BE HONEST BETTY, WE DON'T GET ANYTHING. WE ARE GIVEN PRIVILEGES, BUT ONLY IF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR THEM. PA IS NOT ABOUT REHABILITATION OR HELPING, THEY ARE ABOUT WAREHOUSING HUMAN BEINGS MASKED AS INMATES IN ORDER TO MAKE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR. BETTY SAYS SHE THINKS THAT IF WE HAVE TOO MUCH THEN PEOPLE WILL NOT CARE ABOUT COMING TO PRISON, THAT MAKES NO SENSE BETTY. I WISH I COULD TALK TO YOU FACE TO FACE AND LET YOU SEE INSIDE MY WINDOW. JUST BECAUSE WE MESSED UP IN LIFE DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE GARBAGE OR DEHUMANIZED. ALOT OF PEOPLE IN SOCIETY THINK WE SHOULD HAVE NOTHING. BUT WHY? BECAUSE WE BROKE THE LAW? WE ARE SENTENCED TO DO TIME. ALONE. NO COMPANIONSHIP, NO FAMILY, NO REAL JOBS, NO REAL LIFE. THATS PUNISHMENT ENOUGH. BUT TO SAY WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TV'S OR RADIOS OR A WAY TO MAKE PHONE CALLS TO OUR FAMILIES, THAT JUST MAKES NO SENSE. THE PA DOC SAYS THAT OVER 80% OF THESE PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED ONE DAY AND WHAT DO YOU WANT, A MORE VIOLENT ANGRY PERSON THEN THEY WERE WHEN THEY WENT IN? YOU CAN'T JUST LOCK SOMEONE IN PRISON AND LEAVE THEM THERE WITH NOTHING AND EXPECT THEM TO BECOME BETTER PEOPLE. THATS THE WRONG WAY OF THINKING. IF IT WERE UP TO BETTY AND MARTHA, WE'D BE IN A CELL FOR MOST OF THE DAY WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT STARE AT WALLS. SOMEONE RECENTLY POSTED A COMMENT AT: [WWW.ABC27.COM/STORY/24808655/PA-INMATES](http://WWW.ABC27.COM/STORY/24808655/PA-INMATES)

THEY PERSON "CPLHARE" (CORPORAL HARE?) "WTF IS HAPPENING WITH ALL THE TARDS?! IT IS TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE PEOPLE. PRISONERS GET NOTHING AND LIKE IT. MAYBE PUBLIC BEHEADINGS AND THE REMOVAL OF PRISONERS HANDS AND THE PRISONS WOULD HAVE THAT MANY PRISONERS.

THAT COMMENT COMES FROM AN IDIOT. WHATS HIS SOLUTION, TO KILL MORE PEOPLE? THAT TIME OF THINKING ENDED IN THE DAYS OF BIBLICAL TIMES. THIS IS 2014. YOU DON'T TREAT PEOPLE LIKE SCUM OR TRASH JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE JUDGED US. NOW THIS ONE WAS GREAT, BY SOMEONE NAMED "SEEFUS" THIS ONE SAYS, IF PRISONS CEASE TO BE PUNISHMENT THERE WILL THEN BE NO INCENTIVE TO AVOID PRISON. ARE YOU SERIOUS SEEFUS? PRISON, I CAN NEVER BE WITH MY FAMILY AGAIN. MY JUSTINE WAS KILLED AND I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND HER FUNERAL. I WAS UNABLE TO EVEN BURY THE WOMAN I LOVED MORE THEN LIFE ITSELF. I WAS UNABLE TO PROTECT MY OWN CHILD FROM BEING THE VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE. I WILL PROBABLY NEVER SEE HER AGAIN. I WILL NEVER ATTEND HER WEDDING, GRADUATIONS, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF MY OWN MOM IN HER OLD AGE. THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE HORRIBLE CHOICES I MADE AT 21 YEARS OLD AND PRISON IS

THE WORST PUNISHMENT THERE IS. SOMETIMES I STILL WISH I HAD BEEN GIVEN THE DEATH SENTENCE SO THAT I WOULDN'T FEEL THIS PAIN ANYMORE THAT I DEAL WITH EVERY SINGLE DAY. I BLAME NO ONE BUT MYSELF, BUT IN HERE, YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE EVERYTHING AWAY. YOU CANNOT STRIP A MAN DOWN TO NOTHING FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE AND EXPECT HIM TO BE GOOD OR CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. THE FINAL POST IS FROM "TERMENATRTWO3" THIS ONE SAYS "ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT PRISONERS HAVE 3 SQUARE MEALS A DAY (WHILE MANY LAW ABIDING CITIZENS AND VETS GO HUNGRY AND HOMELESS), THEY GET FREE HEALTH CARE, FREE GYMS, FREE TV, ETC, WHY? IS OUR GOVERNMENT GOING INSANE?"

LET ME PICK HIS POST APART NOW. I DO GET 3 MEALS A DAY, 3 OF THE WORST QUALITY MEALS THAT ONE CAN PRODUCE. AND YES, IT IS A SHAME THAT PEOPLE GO HUNGRY IN THE WORLD. IN HERE, WE CONSTANTLY DONATE MONEY TO THE VETERANS SOCIETY AND TO THE LOCAL FOOD BANKS SURROUNDING THE PRISON. IF ANYONE KNOWS WHAT THE JAYCEES ORGANIZATION IS, I WAS ONCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALTAR ROCK CHAPTER AND WE GAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, DONATED BY PRISONERS, TO THE HUNTINGDON AND ALTOONA FOOD BANKS. WE DO NOT GET FREE HEALTH CARE. YOU MUST PAY \$5 TO SEE A PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT AND AN ADDITIONAL \$5 FOR EACH MEDICINE YOU ARE PRESCRIBED. FOR SOMEONE MAKING 19¢ AN HOUR, ALOT OF GUYS DON'T EVEN GO TO MEDICAL. THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT. THE GYMS ARE NOT FREE. EVERYTHING IN THE GYM IS PAID FOR BY THE I.G.W.F. (INMATE GENERAL WELFARE FUND). THIS FUND ACCUMULATES MONEY BY OVERCHARGING PRISONERS FOR COMMISSARY AND PHONE CALLS. IF I WANT A PHOTOGRAPH WITH MY MOM, THEY CHARGE ME \$2.00 FOR EACH PHOTO. FOR SOMETHING THAT COSTS ABUT 30¢, WE PAY \$2.00. FOR A 15 MINUTE PHONE CALL, I HAVE TO PAY THE PHONE COMPANY AND THE PRISON ABOUT \$2.50 EACH. TOTAL OF \$5.15 FOR A CALL. OUR TV'S, I HAVE A 19" COMPUTER MONITOR THAT WAS ALTERED BY A COMPANY CALLED VIEWSONIC AND TURNED INTO A TV. THEY CHARGE US \$250.00 FOR THIS TV. AND IT IS A HORRIBLE TV. MY MOM BOUGHT IT FOR ME. NOTHING IS FREE IN HERE EXCEPT FOR TOILET PAPER AND LAUNDRY SERVICES. I'D RATHER BE HOMELESS. I WAS ONCE AND I WOULD PREFER IT TO BEING IN HERE. I'VE RAMBLED LONG ENOUGH. I'M A HUMAN BEING, PLEASE DON'T DEHUMANIZE ME BY TAKING AWAY EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE & EVERYTHING THAT I AM. 3 IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER: 1) IDLE HANDS ARE THE DEVILS TOOL 2) MUSIC SOOTHES THE SAVAGE BEAST 3) EDUCATION & MOTIVATION IS THE KEY TO CHANGE.

I AM CHANGING, I AM GROWING INTO BECOMING A BETTER MAN. PLEASE DON'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME. I DO STRIVE TO DO BETTER. I THANK YOU ALL FOR READING THIS REALLY LONG POST FROM ME BUT I HAVE A MESSAGE AND I NEED IT TO BE HEARD. I LOOK FORWARD TO ANY & ALL RESPONSES. NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL, I WANT TO HEAR IT BUT I ALSO WANT TO HEAR WHY YOU FEEL THAT WAY. TAKE CARE, GOD BLESS. GOD INSTILLED IN US THE RIGHT TO FORGIVE. GOD SAID DO NOT JUDGE LEST YE BE JUDGED YOURSELF. I JUST ASK FOR A CHANCE. PLEASE DO NOT JUDGE ME ON MY CRIME AS A 21 YEAR OLD KID, JUDGE ME, IF YOU WILL, AS A 37 YEAR OLD MAN WHO IS NO LONGER THAT KID. CIAO.