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JEN,

HI, HOW ARE YOU? I HOPE GOOD. I RECEIVED YOUR POST TODAY & I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU. THIS ISN'T THE EASIEST TIME IN THE WORLD FOR ME. JUSTINE DIED 13 YEARS & 3 DAYS AGO SO MY WEEKEND WAS PRETTY MISERABLE. YEAH, IT DOES TAKE ALOT LONGER TO RECEIVE WHAT PEOPLE WRITE BUT TO ME, IT'S WORTH IT. YOU ARE RIGHT, SOMETIMES A LITTLE KINDNESS GOES A LONG WAY. I HAVE TRIED TO REMEMBER THAT IN HERE. I BELIEVE IN KARMA, WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND & STUFF LIKE THAT. I BASICALLY BELIEVE THAT IF YOU DO BAD, MEAN OR ROTTEN SHIT, IT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO YOU & THE PEOPLE WHO MATTER MOST TO YOU. I COULD BE TOTALLY WRONG BUT IT'S WHAT I BELIEVE & IT'S WHY I BELIEVE JUSTINE IS GONE. SHE PAID FOR MY SINS. PROBABLY SOUNDS STUPID BUT WHEN YOU HAVE LOSS & YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOVE ON OR GET PAST IT, YOU GET STUCK IN ONE PLACE, UNABLE TO MOVE. I REMEMBER THE DAY I WAS TOLD SHE DIED. I COULDN'T BREATHE. MY LUNGS SEIZED UP & I WAS UNABLE TO BREATHE FOR WHAT FELT LIKE HOURS, BUT WAS JUST A MINUTE OR SO. & NOW TO THINK OF MY MOM, THE PERSON I AM CLOSEST TO, DYING, IT'S A NIGHTMARE. JJ TOLD ME STORIES OF HIM & KELLY & HOW BAD THEY WERE FOR EACH OTHER. BUT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN AMAZING LITTLE BROTHER. YEAH, DAWN'S OLDEST SON IS RONNIE, HE WILL BE 16 IN ABOUT 3 WEEKS. DAWN ISN'T A GOOD SISTER, NOT TO ME ANYWAY, BUT SHE IS A SPECTACULAR MOM & SHE IS RAISING 3 GREAT KIDS. I HAD NEVER MET KELLY BUT SHE WAS FRIENDS WITH MY MOM AT ONE TIME. BUT KELLY WAS SO SELF DESTRUCTIVE. I STILL HAVE PHOTO'S OF MY MOM & KELLY'S LITTLE DOG. EVERY DAY I LOOK AT THE PROM PHOTO OF ME & JUSTINE FROM 1998, I COULD NEVER FORGET HER BEAUTIFUL FACE, HER LITTLE GLASSES THAT SHE WAS SO SELF-CONSCIENCE ABOUT. IT TOOK HER MONTHS FOR ME TO LET ME SEE HER FACE WITHOUT HER GLASSES ON. SHE WOULD EVEN WEAR THEM IN THE SHOWER. THE KINDNESS THAT RAN THROUGH HER HEART, IT TRULY IS ONE OF THE DRIVING FORCES THAT MAKE ME ASPIRE TO BE A BETTER MAN. I CAN NEVER BE THE PERSON I ONCE WAS, THAT WOULD BE MORE THAN JUST DISRESPECTING HER MEMORY. MY MEMORY IS HORRIBLE & SOMETIMES I FORGET THINGS BUT I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE PHOTO'S I HAVE OF HER. THE ONES OF HER & RONNIE WHEN HE WAS JUST A BABY, THEY ARE PRECIOUS. AS FOR YOUR PRESENT SITUATION, COLOR DOESN'T MATTER & RACE SHOULD BE MADE IRRELEVANT. TRUE, I WASN'T ALWAYS THIS WAY, BUT SINCE RONNIE WAS BORN, NONE OF THAT SEEMED TO MATTER ANYMORE. I LOVE MY NEPHEWS & I DON'T CARE WHAT COLOR THEY ARE OR THEIR FATHER. HE'S A GOOD MAN & THEY ARE AMAZING KIDS. THE 2ND IS

JORDAN & HE & RONNIE BOTH ARE OVER 6 FEET TALL & THEY ARE AMAZING ATHLETES & JUST GOOD KIDS. BEING A MOM & KIDS & ALL THAT, IT'S COMPLICATED BUT YOU CAN MAKE IT ALL WORK. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALL THAT MATTERS IS BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER & TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW KRISTA WAS MY DAUGHTER, NOT 100%, UNTIL I ASKED THE CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES DEPT FOR A PATERNITY TEST. THAT WAS 2005. IN AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW HER TRUE COLORS, KRISTA'S MOTHER TOLD HER WHY I AM HERE. YOU DON'T DO THAT TO A KID WHO'S NOT EVEN 10 YEARS OLD. I JUST GOT KRISTA'S ADDRESS & CELL NUMBER SO I'M GONNA SEND HER A CARD & TRY TO START OVER AGAIN. THOUGH IT'S NOT POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO RIGHT ALL OF MY WRONGS. & THOUGH THATS NOT POSSIBLE, I HAVE TO RIGHT THE WRONGS TO MY DAUGHTER. I WAS NEVER THERE FOR HER & IT'S EASY TO SAY I WOULD HAVE IF I WASN'T IN HERE BUT THAT CHANGES NOTHING. I HAVE TO DO WHAT I CAN FOR HER, EVEN IF THATS JUST TO LOVE & ENCOURAGE HER. I'M TOLD SHE IS DOING MUCH BETTER. WELL JEN, I THINK I'LL LET YOU GET BACK TO YOUR FAMILY. TAKE CARE, THANX FOR WRITING. ONE OF THE WORST PARTS OF THIS IS ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE & MAKE PROMISES BUT NEVER FOLLOW THROUGH. WRITE WHEN YOU GET BORED & HAVE TIME. I KNOW YOU GOT KIDS TO CHASE AROUND. GO ENJOY THEM. CIAO.