

Reply ID: MKFC

GARY FIELD
L# M05398
South Bay C.F.
P.O. Box 7171
South Bay, FL.
33493

1-5

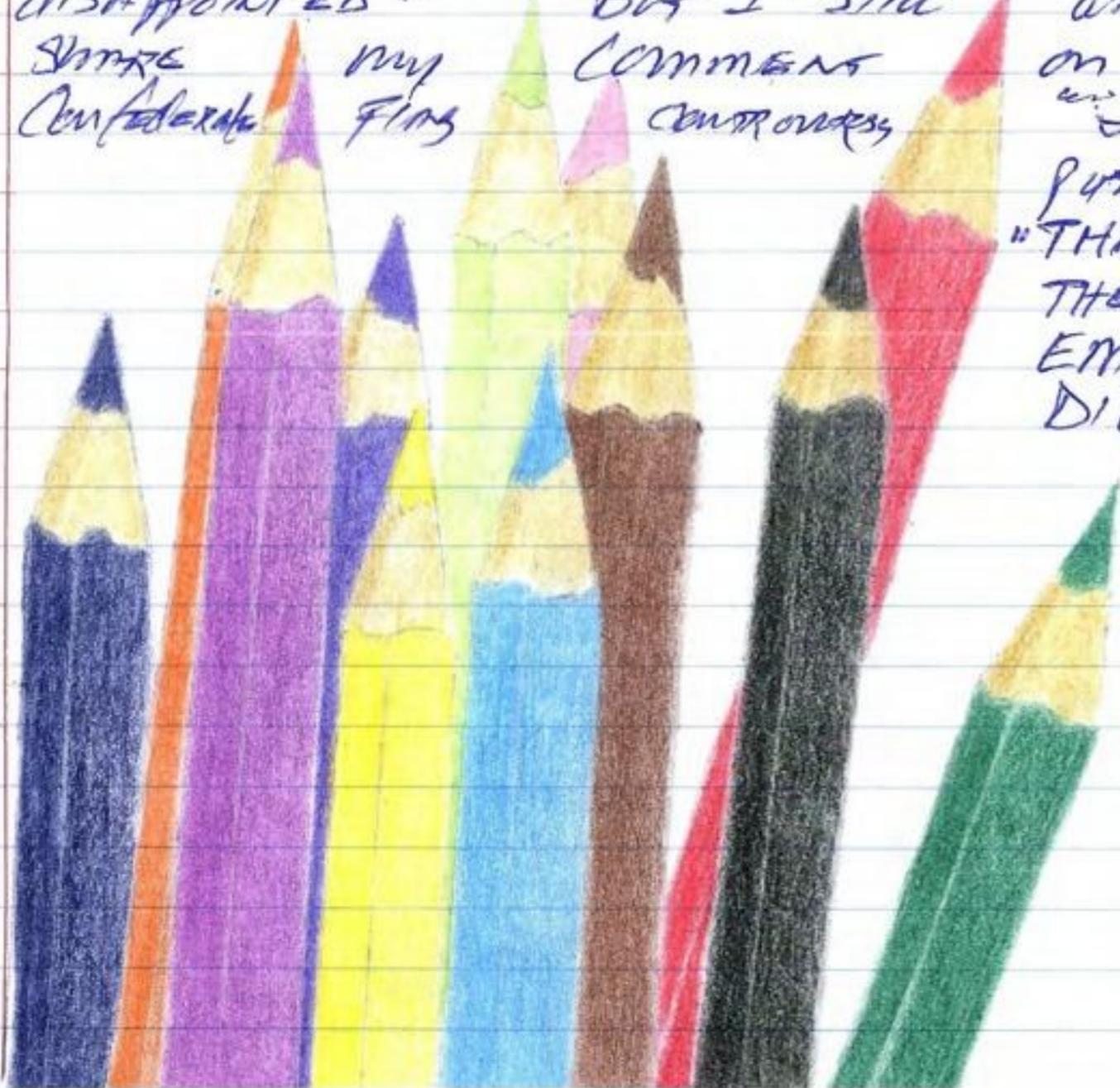
7/9/15

Hello Friends,

IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I MADE A POST ^{as} I'D BEEN HOPEING TO SHARE SOME GREAT NEWS ABOUT BEING ACCEPTED INTO SOME THING CALLED THE T.V.M.I. PROGRAM HERE AT SOUTH BAY. IT'S THE URBAN MINISTRY INSTITUTE. A 2 YR PROGRAM IN A SEPARATE BERM HERE ON THE COMPOUND (SEE: TUMI.ORG)

TODAY I FOUND OUT MY APPLICATION WAS REJECTED - AND I WAS TRULY DISAPPOINTED - BUT I STILL WANT TO SHARE MY COMMENT ON THE CONFEDERATE FLAG CONTROVERSY

STUPIDLY PUT:
"THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX" & EMBRACE DIVERSITY!



2-5

"And The Lord said to Joshua, SEE, I HAVE GIVEN INTO THINE HAND, JERICHO, AND THE KING, AND THE MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR." Joshua 6:2

NOW, FRIENDS - Joshua, having just crossed the River Jordan and looking over at the City of Jericho - one of the world's oldest, most fortified cities, not many would have blamed him for thinking, "What part of the game is that?"

And the Lord could have said "Who're you gonna believe, me or your lying eyes?"

I waited 4 years for a transfer from Century C.I. to South Bay in order to take part in its faith based program.

I waited 14 months once I got here to take part in the next 2 year T.U.M.F. course.

Today I found out that my application was REJECTED ... Hmmm!?

I feel a poem may be in order

Walls

Joshua faced a fortified city,
 But he was standing upon promised ground -
 There was no time for doubt or self pity,
 Those walls would come tumbling down.

God said he held the victory in his hand,
 And though he might not understand it -
 He believed what God said he had planned,
 Those walls would fall as God had commanded.

Between God's promises and the possessions,
 There may be walls in all of our lives -
 A place of prayer and intercession,
 Where doubts fall and our faith survives.

Moses faced the Pharaoh
 Having cast aside his fear -
 And David faced Goliath
 Without a sword or a spear.

Gideon faced a mighty army
 With just 300 men -
 And Daniel did not cower
 While in the Lion's den.

Paul found joy in trials,
 In suffering and pain -
 He faced it all rejoicing
 And counting loss as gain.

4-5

IT WAS NOT BY POWER, NOR BY MIGHT,
THE VICTORY WAS NOT THEIRS ALONE -
THEY WERE ALL STRENGTHENED IN THE FIGHT,
BY THE POWER THAT FLOWS FROM THE THRONE.

JOSHUA FACED A FORTIFIED CITY
AND I'M SURROUNDED BY SOME RAZOR WIRE -
THIS IS NO TIME FOR DOUBT OR SELF-PITY.
IT'S GOD'S PROMISES THAT I REQUIRE.

Hallelujah!

IT MAY SEEM AS THOUGH THIS 'POST'
HAS BEEN ALL OVER THE PLACE ⁱⁿ L.O.L.
BUT THERE IS A POINT IN HERE SOMEWHERE,
AND I'M GOING TO FIND IT. ⁱⁿ

THIS MORNING I'D PLANNED ON POSTING
COMMENTS ABOUT THE RECENT DECISION
TO REMOVE THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG
FROM THE CAPITAL DOME IN CHARLOTTE,
S.C. CAROLINA. - I WANTED ONLY TO REMIND
THOSE WHO DEFEND ITS PLACEMENT, THAT
IT WAS NOT ERECTED IN 1961 TO
COMMEMORATE AN EVENT FROM THE CIVIL WAR -
AS PART OF ONE'S 'HERITAGE', RATHER, IT
WAS PLACED THERE SPECIFICALLY TO PROTEST
COURT ORDERED SEGREGATION!

THERE ARE 'WALLS' IN ALL OF OUR LIVES -
MANY SERVE AS BARRIERS ERECTED BETWEEN
PEOPLE AND THEIR POTENTIAL.

5-5

BECAUSE OF THE "COURT ORDERED" DESEGREGATION WHICH THE 'STARS AND BARS' WAS UNABLE TO PROTEST - I WAS ABLE TO EVENTUALLY ATTEND A PREP SCHOOL IN CONNECTICUT - ROW DOWN THE CHARLES RIVER WHILE STAYING AT A DORM ON M.I.T.'S CAMPUS - AND EVENTUALLY ATTEND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. THIS - EVEN THOUGH I STARTED MY JOURNEY AS A BLACK KID FROM A FAMILY OF 18 IN AN INNER-CITY.

I WAS ACCEPTED TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - BUT TODAY MY APPLICATION WAS REJECTED TO THE T.V.M.I. PROGRAM. ^W
BUT THIS IS NO TIME FOR DOUBT OR SELF-PITY, IT'S GOD'S PROMISES THAT I REQUIRE. ^W
G

I'D BEEN TOLD THAT THE ONLY REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN TVMI.ORG WAS TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITH A B.E.D. - HOPEFULLY, I FIND OUT WHAT I CAN DO TO MAKE MYSELF A BETTER CANDIDATE NEXT TIME.

BEFORE CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOY FOR TRANSCRIBING MY POST FROM MARCH 17, 2015. I ONLY RECEIVED ^W AN UPDATE ON 7/6/15. - NIL GRACIAS! ^W
G

WFM NEXT TIME. Blessings to All!
GARY