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Hi j.c.:

Thanks for your comment. I try to be positive and focus on the good things in prison. But often I find myself wanting to rant and rave about injustices, mistreatment and unfairness. I notice that I get more comments when I write about positive things than when I vent. Unfortunately, there are many more negative things to talk about than positive.

My heart aches when I hear about people sent to prison for life with no chance for release on parole. Wisconsin used to set parole eligibility at 11 years, 3 months for lifers (that's what it was when I came to prison 32 years ago). Had it not been for the changes in the political climate, I would have been released years ago. But at least I have the hope of release. It's hard to stay positive when there's no hope. Usually, people serving long sentences find a spiritual path or sink into bitterness and despair.

Is there anything I can do for your friend in prison? Would she like a pen pal who is also in prison? I could write to her or if you told me what sort of person she would want to write, I can find her someone to write to. My address is on my profile page (which needs updating).

God bless you and tell your friend to stay positive. God has a plan for all of us and even if he doesn't always give us what we want, he always gives us what we need.

Harlan