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Dear Jesse,

Thank you for your response, and I will do my best to answer your questions.

How did I handle being alone in solitary confinement for a total of nineteen (19) years? I handled it with the grace of God, and one day at a time. Being alone really didn't bother me, because it allowed me the solitude to do some much needed soul searching to find and understand myself. The pain and suffering I experienced during all those years of solitary confinement helped me realize my own brokenness, and that being broken is what makes us human. Being alone never made me lonely because God's presence was always with me.

Am I religious at all? I'm a sinner saved by grace, and it was during those nineteen (19) years in solitary confinement that I became a born again Christian and found true redemption. I had lost both of my beloved parents six (6) months apart, and that's why I realized that I could no longer do this time on my own. I cried out to the Lord and asked Him; please give me the strength to endure this pain and suffering, and it was only by the grace of God that I was able to overcome all those years in solitary confinement and remain humble and human.

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What has been the main thing getting me through my hard times in prison: Faith! Having faith in God, myself, and humanity, has been the key to my surviving and living from day to day inside this belly of the beast. So when days are dark I tell myself, "This is happening for me not to me." Without faith there is no hope in tomorrow.

Well Jesse, I hope your questions have all been answered. Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

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