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The Painful Reality is ...

It has been a long, and most of the time, pain filled journey of 20+ years, but the time fast approaches when I will be released. As long as my Bachelor from Bible College is accepted, which, since that school was recommended by US Dept of Ed, it should be! I will only serve a few more months.

I will be 58 yrs old, a 20+ yr term of incarceration behind me, penniless and excluded from what society is. Not allowed to utilize programs and such benefits as HUD, Sec. 8, Homeless Housing, none of that, as I'm deemed "ineligible". That causes some pain and trepidation.

But, the fact that everyone I've grown to trust and love is perfectly fine with me "living on the sidewalk" upon my release takes my breath away. I imagine carrying on a conversation with your loved ones about making sure the sleeping bag you choose for sidewalk sleeping is rated for extreme cold.

No one could know what loneliness is unless they've known this level of confused rejection. If your loved one is un-housed, don't allow it to continue. Peace, Grace, and Love in Christ Jesus,

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