

To All the Faithfull Abolitionist:

Its come to our attention that Dallas Ft.Worth Pastor JEFF WOOD has spoken out about a few key things concerning Death Row, OR Tx Life Row as we like to refer to it NOW.

Firstly I would kindly say as a believer in God that judging or putting value on one life more than another dosn't represent good christian values Sir. To judge others, is not something us christians do, Nor take to kindly.

We are the less of the least here on the row. I feel offended that you Mr Wood spoke about our programs here, devaluing them. its something you have little knowledge of, or have yet to come visit as a guest minister.

In the interest of good christian values I take the high road in my rebutal. I will speak from the heart as one of many men here who are in the process of education, by faith based programs. I have completed anger mangment. Utilising some of the tools skills I was taught now.

To ride the fence is not in the spirit of any abolition movement. So I sugest Mr. Wood get off the fence. Your either for the death penalty or against it Sir.This is not a cafeteria where you can pick and choose whats desired. All Life matters.

Currently we are learing in bridges to life class about victims lives, surviving families the events that led to our incareceration and how its deeply effected peoples lives. the pain hurt, trama we caused folks. I for one look back at my life, take into account the course sugestions. I had already asked for forgiveness from the victims family. So they can begin to heal.

In Tx prison system bridges to life is accepted as lowering the crime rate, bringing healing to all who encounter its courses.

In referance to Romero Gonzalez he was my friend. I watched this young man come to the row, change over the years, he grew as a man, as a christian he became a leader here. What pastor Wood dosn't underrstand is the main infulancer has left us. My neighbor and faith based section mentor was romero. Until they moved him back to death watch with another execution date.

any of y'all can see his story on-line. Close personal people in my life informed me that even the harshest critics of the death penalty were sympathedic swayed by the story of romero. What most of you do not know is he suffered more abuse whilst in general population from gangs, predators. This is the rest of the story, why he confesed to the case that led to him coming to the row. He simply wanted to end the torchure.

As a man of faith I watched him grow, change, he endured several dates of execution on death watch, never lost his positive nature, kept cool. often counseling others around him with execution dates. we had a nick name for romero here on the row! the HCIC. Head Christian in Chanrge. It was a titled he earned. as a spiritual leader, as a visionary, as a man who went forward with grace. Director C.F.Hazlewood of Tx crim. dept. justice Chaplincy has been instrumental in our advancement as men of faith, making field ministers, faith based programs avilable to us on Life row. My Hats off to these LEADERS in chrstian faith based programs.

Respects *E.V. Thompson*