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SISTER HOPE

Once more there was a knock on my door, a gentle one which I almost didn't hear because of the crashing thunder and the pounding rain. I hurried to open the door because I had recognized the voice of our sister, Sister Hope.

After I had brought her a towel to dry herself and she was comfortably seated I asked: "What dear sister are you doing out on a night like this?" She smiled as she responded: "I think you know exactly why I had to visit you tonight. I of course know all about the visit Lady Justice paid you and why she couldn't stay in Alabama and I also know how much you all need me. After all, your founders knew exactly what they were doing when they invoked my name. Project Hope etc! I like that, and that is also one of the reasons why I will never leave you."

Although I had of course known that it still warmed my heart to hear her say that, yet at the same time I couldn't help feeling concerned noting signs of tiredness in her demeanor. When I expressed some concerns, this was Sister Hope's reply.

"Yes, of course I am a little weary, aren't we all, but if we weren't there would be no need for me. And you know all too often people seem to think that I am simply an emotion when who I really am is action and actions can tire and there is nothing wrong with that.

Some people confuse me, and I find that highly irritating, with that useless individual called Wishful Thinking. I know you have met that character with his glib statement of "all will be well" while doing absolutely nothing to make it so. Actually that is exactly one of the reasons why I loved your founders and love all of you because you know that Hope is nothing without action. And also, I want you all to know that I love that for all of you your association with me goes far beyond yourselves. How often have I heard one of you say that what you hope and work for, the abolition of the death penalty, may well not come in your life time? Truly you know who I am, your sister.

And so you see my little sister, and Sister Hope no longer seemed tired as she continued, a dark and stormy night like tonight is exactly the right time for my visit to you. I wanted to make sure that you all understood that it is when life appears darkest that I am there to encourage you to act and please, never forget that I will never leave, after all I am your Sister Hope.

Esther



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ROW AT HOLMAN PRISON**

Dear Family,

We are in our 3rd quarter of the year. And a lot has transpired since our last letter out to you all. Sadly, to say we lost 2 brothers to state sanctioned murder. Tommy Arthur of 8 stays and forever stand on his innocence was executed in a very bizarre and crazy events. They murdered him and started administering the drug 10 minutes before the death warrant was to expire. We will miss him dearly. I personally spoke to Tommy on a daily basis. I called him captain for all the heroic things he did in battle for this country. Oh, yeh Tommy was a decorated veteran who fought and carried out top mission for this country. But that doesn't matter to this state or country. A famous rapper once said, this country eats its own. And on June 8th just 2 weeks later, they killed our brother Robert Melson, unlike Tommy who mostly stayed to himself. Robert was loved by many here on life row. I've never met a man with a more humble spirit. He never professed to a man of God, but his life would draw you close. They will be dearly missed. Well, this state is not playing anymore games with this killing machine. Just 2 weeks following Melson's execution, they have already requested 3 more. Please visit our website or Facebook for more information. So, we are continuing trying to get the word out and educate the public about this very diabolical practice. We also have continue to join hands and pledge with our new ally, the Catholic Mobilizing Network. We recently signed a pledge along with other abolitionist organizations. So, we ask that you all hang in there with us, and let's continue to keep the fight going. We appreciate you all. Thank you!

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My people don't even know that they are working with our oppressors, just passing on the torch when we can't pass the bar, because the bar has been set so low we're crushing under the weight."

Kai Davis

We are the disorganized truth against their well organized lies. White people can never fight against white supremacy because it is a system created for their survival. They can march, they can hold up signs, they can do all the things that don't make a difference. But will they do the right thing even if it costs them money?

In Dred Scott vs. Sandford the United States Supreme Court said that the descendants of Africans who were imported into this country and sold as slaves were not included, nor intended to be included, under the word "Citizens" in the Constitution. Whether emancipated or not, and they remained without rights or privileges, except such as those which the government might grant them.

My question is, does that still hold true? Did the Emancipation Proclamation really free us, or was that just word play? Like why is almost everything good that they pass for us Nubians an Act, like the Voter's Rights Act, is that even a law, or just an Act?

What I want to know is, where do we stand in this country? Is that why they can just shoot us like we are deer? Is that why they make laws according to that we do?

I have a lot of questions that I need the government or the U.S.S.C or anybody really, to answer. I know about 10% of what I need to know. I learn more everyday, but the more I learn, the more I'm lost in their word games.

by: Jessie M.D.Y. Phillips

Relief

As I think back over the years and of times past, I start to get the eery understanding of what my ancestors, both African and Indian, went through. I'm referring to injustice, how the things that they had worked hard to obtain were suddenly stripped from them by the oppressor. The new caste system in place in AmeriKKKa is just the same. The rules and reasons the political system employs to enforce status relations of any kind, including racial hierarchy, evolve and change as they are challenged. Old Alabama, have they changed? They speak highly on their Christian values, and they use those to employ punishment on the poor and less fortunate, SMH! The Klan has taken off the hood & robe, and put on the suit & tie and have taken over politics and government. Will we ever get relief?

-The anticipation of death is worse than death itself.

by: The Artist
N.O.

War Against Hope

War against hope will not prevail
The wings are impenetrable from a mortal blow from
ungodly thoughts below.
Leaning on the winds of hope shall get you through
Keeping your eyes open for good news.
Winds are the sunrise of a feeling of
Expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.
When you will it to happen
And expect to
The old and dingy washes away
To make room for the new
Be more
Set your hope on the wings
And watch it soar.

by: Internal Exiler 33

Commentary by Advisory Board Member Ursula Malchau

A recent quote by Mobile County District Attorney Ashley Rich during a meeting with law enforcement officers in Mobile, published by AL.com :

"Well, I'm kind of fond of the death penalty. I think we need the death penalty in the state of Alabama, so we're continuing to fight the Equal Justice Initiative and big law firms who have millions of dollars and want to come down here and reverse all of our death penalty cases."

Seems she views executions as a kind of competition. Who wins the race for a life? Those who are eager to kill, or those trying to save lives? "Our" death penalty cases, she said. And that she is fond of the death penalty. She's not alone in Alabama as you can see by the ugly comments to this AL.com article. There is a profound abyss of inhumanity, cruelty and often sadism that tops by far every possible motive for murder by those on death row.

Well, killing seems to have been Alabama's national sport all along. We remember the "Cherokee Trail of Tears 1838" when native tribes were forced to leave their ancestral area, and more than a quarter died on this trail due to hunger, cold and fatigue ; the thousands of documented racial terror lynchings of African Americans between 1877-1950; and up to present the highest rate of death sentences per capita for years. In times of a worldwide decreasing support for the morally questionable death penalty, Alabama clings to its bad history of violence and bloodthirst. This state - ironically located in the so called "Bible Belt" - ignores the "thou shalt not kill" commandment, ignores the fact that violence breeds more violence, ignores the fact that the death penalty does not work as a deterrent. If it did, Alabama wouldn't have the second highest murder rate in America.

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- * Executive Director, Esther Brown was honored to attend and participate in an event to celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Richard Boone. Rev. Boone was a freedom fighter and civil rights icon. We were touched to be a part of this great event.
- * We would like to thank our Spiritual Advisor Don Blocker for his successful efforts to donate typewriters as well as his continued spiritual presence for so many of us at Holman.
- * Our organization has signed on to the Catholic Mobilizing Network's pledge to end the death penalty. We appreciate the work being done by them, and encourage you to sign on as well at catholicismobilizing.org
- * As many of you know, Alabama Attorney General's office has requested execution dates for Torrey McNabb, Jeffrey Borden, and Doyle Hamm. This in spite of recent botched executions in Alabama and a total lack of transparency of how or where the execution drugs were purchased and their expiration dates.
- * On July 26th we remembered with affection and gratitude our past Chairman Darrell B. Grayson. He was executed ten years ago, an innocent man, a leader, a teacher, a published poet, and a friend. Unforgotten!
- * Alabama Arise Annual Meeting will be on Sat. Sept. 16. They will set their priority issues for 2018 then. We appreciate their focus on death penalty reform in years past, and hope that support continues. We may bring up to 6 representatives, and if you want to participate, please register at arisecitizens.org
- * We would like to thank Kairos Ministry for the death row fish fry on Aug. 12th. We appreciate the efforts of this group as well as others and their ministries.
- * Florida has now vacated 100 death sentences due to the Hurst ruling. However, the Alabama courts and legislators continue to deny the problem, instead looking for ways to circumvent this ruling.
- * We would like to thank our sister organization Oppose in Germany for all the help typing for this edition of Wings of Hope while the board was without a typewriter. Many, many thanks!
- * We will participate in an event at Talladega College in Sept. to spread awareness for community organizations like ours. This is a great opportunity for us, and we appreciate the invitation.

GIFTS

Sometimes life gives you a gift....For most life is a succession of hardships and trials. It's full of all the things that make up our days and crowd our minds with the hundred and one things that fill a lousy day. We get so caught up in those little dramas that we rarely take the time to notice the world that happens around us. And it does happen regardless of our attention or lack thereof, and every once in a while the world outside our little dramas takes notice of us and life gives us a gift.

It's never what we think it will be, never so complicated as we would imagine these gifts. But they are profound in their simplicity. They inspire by the very act of existing. And in doing so they touch us in ways the poets spend lifetimes to speak on.

Today life gave me one such gift. For those of you who do not know, I have spent over half my life in a five by eight box. The life I had before my box was consumed by survival and the boundless energy that is youth. I walked thru the world blind to all its beauty, deaf to the voice of a world in motion. I was unable to appreciate the wonders to be found in so simple a thing as a sunset; unwilling to enjoy a soft summer breeze. I'm no longer that youth however. My box saw to that long ago. Though I still live in that box I have come to recognize life's little gifts and appreciate them all the more for their variety.

Today life gave me a gift. Today after twenty two years I stood in the rain and felt my soul washed clean with each cold drop that fell on me. So simple a thing as a summer storm; so profound a gift that I cannot find the words! Today life gave me a gift, one that I will remember till there are no more todays in this life.

Carey Grayson

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Camouflage System

A dog at the "dog pound" is not considered a complete throw away. It is given proper care, all its basic needs and requirements are met. It is not considered as some random stray that continues to attack the mail man or some type of contagious creature with not solution! Neither was **Robert Melson**, neither was **Tommy Arthur**, neither was **Ron Smith**, or **Chris Brooks**! After treatment and proper care the dog at the dog pound is given options. The dog does not know this but it is under an equal protection that says this dog has the right to a family and shall be released from dog pound custody! If a family does not want the dog then either the dog can remain in custody or then it is put to sleep but either way being put to sleep is the last resort and not at the front of the dog pound's mind-state!

What more is a human life than a dog's life that a human is not given his or her equal protection when it's a part of the constitution? Death penalty states violate the Eighth Amendment constantly by depriving humans of their life. I used to be proud to be an American citizen. That was until their camouflage system became exposed.

by: Jovon Gaston
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Silent Pain

AHHHH!!!! I'm screaming, but my screams go unheard. I don't have the strength to express my pain. I feel the blood of fire running up my veins, AHHHH!!!!, I am screaming, but my screams go unheard. The air I want to breathe is unbreathable, I'm suffocating. The light is growing dim, and darkness has invaded my sight. My pain is silent, no one can hear me screaming in pain.

Lethal injection has evolved to become more heinous and cruel than any other method of execution. Hangings and electrocutions provided the public the right to witness the pain and torture a person endured. Hanging allowed the public to view the condemned jerk, struggle and gasp for air as their neck is being broken. The electric chair offered the view of the condemned* person's* body tensing up under the voltage of electricity passing through it. Some even caught fire and the smell of burning human flesh was intoxicating. Those forms of execution no longer are popular in the United States. They want to kill us, but they don't want you to see what that poison is doing to us. AHHHH!!!! I'm screaming, but screams go unheard.

Lethal injection was designed to be a more humane option for execution, don't believe all you see. From the viewpoints of witnesses, death by lethal injection seems peaceful and humane. Sometimes the impact of the poison that flows through the veins results in the individual gasping, heaving, and choking to death. We don't know the impact of the torture of lethal injection. They can't tell you that their body is burning from the inside out. AHHHH!!!! I'm screaming, but my screams go unheard.

The pain can be silent and intense, yet they have no way to respond to the pain that's flowing through the veins of those strapped down to the gurney. The struggling that goes on inside is often unnoticed because the person is given a paralytic that masks the pain and torture that takes place on the inside of an individual. AHHHH!!!! They're screaming, but their screams go unheard.

by: Jeffery Lee
The Caring Christian

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SIGHT TO THE BLIND

Many years ago, there was a village set in a remote corner of the world. But despite its location, as in most societies, there were both rich and poor, the powerful and the weak, as well as the wise and not-so-wise.

The name of this village has long since been forgotten, but more importantly, the lessons and the knowledge contained within them have been lost as well. Until now...

In the forgotten village, on a day unlike any other, a man was leading his one-eyed mule to visit his friend, Mahatma Gandhi. And although his mule only had one eye, he was very mild mannered and reliable. But this is probably due to the man being the one who took his mule's eye in a fit of rage. Of course, that was many years ago, back when the mule was stubborn and not so mild mannered.

Some time during his trip, the man heard a nearby commotion and went to investigate. When he arrived he wasn't sure what to make of the scene. Two men were on their knees throwing dirt and rocks at each other like children. They were both crying, screaming, and spewing barely comprehensible profanities.

Now normally the man with the half blind mule wouldn't meddle in the affairs of others, but something seemed odd so he decided to separate the two men and find out if he could restore peace and order. And it was only after getting them separated that he realized who both of these men were. They were the two wealthiest men in the village, owning many, many acres of fertile land and much livestock. Then he noticed the reason for the cries of pain and hatred; both of their eyes had been gonged out.

Blood and dirt streaked down both rich men's faces making it hardly noticable during all the confusion. But now that things had calmed down considerably, he took advantage of the opportunity to question them. The reasons for the fight were trivial and forgotten over the years, but in response to the questions regarding the loss of their eyes, the first man admitted to taking the other man's eye in anger. The second man claimed to have taken the first man's eye in retaliation. The first man took the other man's eye in revenge. And the second man took the first man's second eye because he was justified.

Now, the man holding the half blind mule was astounded by the stupidity of their logic. Even though the first man admitted to his irrational decisions, and neither could dispute the justification of the second man's actions, he couldn't understand the extent they took things to. In frustration, the man with the mule began to point out the stupidity in retaliating when even a stupid animal such as his mule could see the futility of their actions.

Deciding the wisest decision is to leave them to suffer the consequences of their actions, he began mumbling something about wealth not being able to buy wisdom as he departed, continuing his trip to his friend's home. Replaying the scene over and over in his head, he realized there was a strange coincidence that didn't dawn on him until now. Both of the rich men, who were so prideful and now left to crawl through the streets like beggars shared the same name. They were both called Justice.

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Greetings Friends and Family,

We endure. That's really all I have for you guys this quarter. The summer heat is fully upon is here at Holman, but that's not what I mean. I don't mean that we are going through a rough patch, I mean that we are getting through, period. We are continuing to be the other voice, and through all the ups and downs, life row continues to have life.

Despite our loss of two brothers this year, and the state pursuing additional execution dates, we endure. We each have our own motivations, but something that most of us have come to learn is that it's not about us, or what we can do for ourselves. It's bigger than that. It's about how you can have a positive effect on others, how even in your darkest hour, you can be uplifting for someone else. My friend, our brother, Robert Melson "Lil Rob" embodied this idea. Through the six years that I knew him, he continually put others first, and showed his heart, but I want to tell you about what he did for us at the end.

From the death cell, he tried to reach out to the rest of us. To let us know that he wasn't feeling any fear, and that he was looking forward to going home to be with God. In what might have been a tough ordeal, he wanted us to know that he was okay, and for us not to worry. As usual, putting others first.


We endure.

With examples like that to follow, we continue, we thrive, we share God's word, and God's love with each other, with our friends, our family, and perfect strangers.

Vice-Chairman
Editor Christian Perspective
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An Atheist's View of Life



I live my life according to these beliefs,
God does not exist.
It's just foolish to think
That there is an all-knowing God with a cosmic plan,
That an all-powerful God brings purpose to the pain & suffering in the world.
It is a comforting thought, however
It is only wishful thinking.
People can do as they please without eternal consequences.
The idea that
I am deserving of hell
Because of sin,
Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power?
"The more you have, the happier you will be."
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose.
In a world with no God
There is freedom to be who I want to be.
But with God
Life is an endless cycle of guilt and shame.
Without God
Everything is fine.
It is ridiculous to think
I am lost in need of saving.

A Christian's View of Life

(Read this from the bottom up ...)

Author unknown

Submitted by: Earl McGahee Jr. Z-466

DIVINE CONNECTION

God is a spirit ... and He created us in His image and likeness... which makes us spiritual beings. But the evil one is also a spirit and both desire a home to patrol the earth in, without a body both spirits are limited in what they can do here on earth. But let's talk about 2 spiritual beings that are of the right spirit connecting. That's a relationship that would be God's idea of a divine connection. In Matthew 18, Jesus spoke of agreement. He said, and I quote, if any 2 of you shall agree on earth as touching ANYTHING! that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. So, we see, the first thing is agreement here on earth. God condemns our fleshly desires. And the only way to do the right thing is to know that we are spiritual beings and not mere human beings, having spiritual experiences, it is just the opposite and we can tap into this, we'll have a divine connection to the Father.

In The Spirit

*Christian Perspective

Why Muslims do not eat the flesh of swine which is backed up in the Quran as well as in the books of the Bible.

Quran, Surah 16:115 Forbids other foods not in a state of purity are also considered haram. Haram means: forbidden or proscribed by Islamic law.

Leviticus 11:7-8 "And the pig, because it parts the hoofs and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. You should not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses, unclean.

Allah has forbidden everything that harms the body and mind and what saps the strength. Everything that is harmful to a person is not permitted.

No matter how you think about it, pigs are rather dirty animals. They're considered the garbage and waste eliminators of the farm.

Mostly, because a pig digestive system only takes 4 hours to digest anything and everything it eats, on the other hand a cow digestive system takes up to 24 hours to digest its contents. Since a pig digestive system operates rather basically, many of these toxins remain in the system to be stored in its more than adequate fatty tissues, ready for our consumption.

Quran: Do not eat swine 6:145

Romans: 14:14-15

by: Internal Exiler 33



1 Chron. 17:16-17 "Who am I O Lord God? And what is my house that you have brought me this for? And yet, this was a small thing in your sight, O God; and you have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O Lord God.

Those we all fall short of God's glory daily, we still regard us in His majesty. Meeting our every need.

If God can do this for us, why can't we do this for each other!

"A house divided will not stand ..." We are children of God, but stand divided.

Satan's house is like a well-greased machine, fine-tuned and running just fine. All in his household is on one accord ... and successful.

Why are we separated?

by: Randy Lewis

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~ It's Not Your Job ~

Christians killing Christians, and trying to hide behind the "I'm just doing my job" cloak.

When Jesus was being lead through the town on His way to being murdered, crucified, executed and all the by-standers were spitting on Him, calling Him names, and pelting Him with rocks and food, did they say "We're doing this because it's our job"? No! Some did it because they just wanted to do it, and others because they were just following the crowd. In other words, "they volunteered".

When men and women start working for the Department of Corrections they're not told that they have to participate in executions, "they volunteered". So, when they use the "I'm just doing my job" cloak, who are they really trying to convince, themselves or others? Who are they really lying to? Their families, friends, themselves, God!! Everyone (men and women) who take part in executions in the United States, has to volunteer to do so. So no, "It's NOT their job". Everyone (men and women) who participate in those executions are Christians, whether they be of different denominations and race. They're volunteering to take part, and the end result is, "Christians killing Christians", and they're doing it for a little bump in their pay checks. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:26

Maybe, the men and women who volunteered to take a simple corrections job to the next level, and become hired assassins for the state can tell God again how, "they were just doing their job" when it's their times to be judged!

Voilà tout
<That's All>

by: Maximus Strong



The Bee

God created this creature to eat from fruits and flowers and creates within its belly a beverage of different hues. This beverage is called honey, which is a healing for mankind. The bee sucks the sweet nectar from the flowers and honey is formed inside its belly which is later stored in honey combs. And upon gathering the sweet nectar from flowers, pollen is collected onto its body which the bee transfers to other plants to pollenate them. We as human being should be more like the bee and gather the sweetness of knowledge from different sources which will form something like honey which is sweet, pure and wholesome that could be a healing to our society. And also use the pollen of knowledge to pollenate the minds of others that are uneducated to the systematic killings of the death penalty, therefore impregnating their minds with the injustice, political killing of so many innocent people. But this could never be possible if we refuse to gather the nectar of knowledge, and accumulate the ability and science to become knowledge pollinators. So many people have the capacity to absorb knowledge like honey combs absorb honey, but we need more bees that are willing to seek the nectar of honey, internalize it and store it in the honey comb minds and hearts of others.

God-willing.

by: Craig Newton



Finer Things

I had a buddy back in high school, or maybe it was a drunk uncle, maybe both. But they used to say “the maindest thing is” and go on to tell you what they thought was important. Inevitably they would overlook a lot of details in order to prove their point. I always knew better than to argue the fine points, as long as they had the maindest thing right. That doesn’t mean there aren’t a thousand finer points to explore, it just meant that they might not be relevant to the current situation. So if some of these “finer things” aren’t relevant to you right now, remember the most important thing. God’s got this. Gen. 15:1

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram, saying “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

These three things: peace, protection + provision He will be for us. Know that when the going gets tough. God is tougher. He will keep you safe and sound, if you turn to Him, instead of trying to conquer your fears and enemies with the flesh. Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Paul goes on to say in v. 38-31 “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Another “finer thing” is that we don’t exist in a vacuum apart from everything and everyone else. We choose to surround ourselves with people that influence us, and are influenced by us. Having a strong spiritual community is crucial to sustain a strong relationship with God. In a strong community we remind each other of His presence, encourage each other to overcome, and be there when we fall short. Eccl. 4:9-10 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for this labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.

The community starts with individual relationships where we can be open, confess our sins and be healed of them. James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other. So that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

These are just a few of the “finer things” that have been seen here on life row recently. They support the most important thing, that God loves us enough to send us a savior, His son, Jesus Christ. Never forget the main thing, and the finer things will be revealed to you.

by: Bart Johnson

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The Judgement of Jail

There's a perception of men who find themselves incarcerated. The public often place a judgement or an assertion of something believed. Normally the people incarcerated is automatically assumed to be guilty. We are always thought of as the worse of the worst, never granted a chance to reveal who we really are.

The judgement of fail is the formation of an opinion after consideration or deliberation. The judgment of those incarcerated is at times not fair. Yet some of us are generally sincere when we say that a change have taken place in our lives, we are capable of being released never to offend again. The public deem us as never to be able to fit in a free society ever again. I have met a lot of guys who are here because of one mistake some of us are victims of wrongful conviction. I will go as far as say some of us is even innocent. So please just consider that idea before you form your opinion of us from what you see on television or read on the internet.

The judgement of fail is considered a misfortune believed to be sent by God as a punish of sin. So whether guilty or innocent the reason we are imprisoned, we're punished by God for some pre-conceived sin. The public will say that though you may be innocent of the crime you're charged with, you're guilty of something so you deserved to be where you're at. God doesn't perceive that we all are guilty because He knows the truth. So the judgement of fail is totally different in the eyes of God. For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory God. We all stand in the need of saving from God's judgement, that why the blood of Jesus is sufficient for us all.



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The Choice is Yours

As I reflect back over my life, I see that my life was shaped by a lot of voices. Some telling me that I could become anyone I wanted to be. While others were telling me that you will never amount to nothing.

And as a result of listening to these voices, they lead me to some bad choices that I now regret. Because my choices brought me to some undesired consequences.

I'm so thankful to God, because I heard a voice thirty years ago, and it said to me that I have set before you, Earl Life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life that you and your family may live.

That you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days.

I realize now that it is the life in all that has value, and the quality of life voices that determines the value we live. There is one who came to give us eternal life.

Lord God, help us to hear and see you in the little things, teach us to experience you in every moment and to worship you with our every breath. Amen.

Just a voice speaking smile!

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