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(GOOD INTENTIONS)

I CARRY THE SCARS FROM THE LESSONS I'VE LEARNED, TEARS I'VE CRIED, CHEEKS THAT I'VE TURNED. THE SUFFERING IS WRITTEN ON THE PAGES I'VE LIVED, JOY IS SCULPTED THROUGH THE LOVE I CAN GIVE. SO I NAVIGATE THROUGH LIFE AT A CARELESS HIGH SPEED, TOSSING ASIDE THE GUIDANCE I WOULD NEED. HOLD ON, SIT TIGHT, AND OPEN YOUR EYES, CAUSE THE DEVIL IS TEMPTING WITH HIS SWEET LIES. HIS DEMON WAS SITTING SHOTGUN AGAIN. MY LOVE FOR HIM ROSE LIKE A HOODED BEAST, WITH HIS BASKET OF PROMISES SPREAD OUT LIKE A FEAST. SO I FED ON THE LIES AND THE PAIN IT WOULD CAUSE, GULPING THEM DOWN WITH NOT EVEN A PAUSE. GOOD INTENTIONS LED ME TO A HIGHWAY IN HELL, BUT WHO WAS LEFT NOW, WHO COULD I TELL? THE ONES I'VE LOVED WE'RE NO LONGER THERE, FOR THE LIES THAT I'VE TOLD HAD LEFT THEM ALL BARE. NOW SITTING IN PRISON, BEHIND WALLS THAT I'VE BUILT, FROM THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THEN COATED IN GUILT. SO I FELL TO MY KNEES WITH MY HANDS TO THE SKY, CAN YOU FORGIVE ME, WILL YOU PLEASE TRY? I'LL CARRY THESE SCARS FROM THESE LESSONS I'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE TEARS I WILL CRY... AND CHEEKS I WILL TURN.

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(REPPING CHRISTIAN)

LORD FORGIVE ME OF MY SINS CAUSE IM TIRED OF SINNING. FEELS LIKE I BEEN TRAPPED EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MY BIRTH. PICKED UP THE BIBLE DEVoured IT LIKE DESSERT. EVERY SUNDAY YOU GONNA SEE ME UP IN CHURCH. WORSHIPPING THE LORD CAUSE THIS IS ALL THAT WORKS. LORD I GIVE YOU MY SINS. TO TOSS IN THE OCEAN. ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD THEYLL BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME BE BORN AGAIN. USED TO REP WOOD NOW IM REPPING CHRISTIAN. HAD TO TRY SOMETHING NEW BECAUSE MY WAYS AINT BEEN WORKING, EVER SINCE I BEEN CONVERTED, I FEEL LIKE ITS BEEN WORTH IT. NOW IM SHAKING ALL THESE DEMONS CAUSE I KNOW THAT THEY BE LURKING. THEY CAN LURK ALL THEY WANT I AINT GIVING IN. GOT THE POWER OF CHRIST TO CONQUER ANY SIN. EVERYONE KNOWS SATAN LOSES, GOD WINS. CONSIDER MYSELF BLESSED JUST TO BE HIS FRIEND. LORD FORGIVE ME FOR MY SINS, AND LET ME COME TO HEAVEN. JUST WANT A LITTLE RELIEF OF THIS MISERABLE BURDEN. BUT LORD I'LL BARE IT ALL IF THATS WHAT IT TAKES. FOR YOU TO OPEN UP THEM HEAVENLY GATES.

(FATHERS LOVE)

WHEN A FATHER LOVES HIS SON HE MAKES HIM FEEL LIKE HES THE ONLY ONE. THOUGH LOVE SOMETIMES FEELS HARSH HIS DISCIPLINE COMES STRAIGHT FROM HIS HEART. HARD LOVE IS BETTER THAN NONE FOR IT WILL STRENGTHEN HIS BELOVED SON. FOR HIS SON HE ALWAYS WISHES THE BEST. PRAYS TO GOD THAT HE BE BLESSED. LIFE IS ALREADY HARD AS IT IS. SO HE ENCOURAGES HIS SON TO ENJOY BEING A KID. LIFE IS SHORT AND SOON HELL KNOW. BUT FOR NOW THEY'LL BOTH ENJOY LIFE. TILL THE DAY THE SON MEETS HIS WIFE, THE FATHERS LOVE WILL NOT END THERE. IF ONLY HIS SON KNEW HOW MUCH HE CARES. YEARS WILL PASS AND GRANDKIDS WILL COME. THE FATHER WILL BE HAPPY HE HAD A SON. NOW THE FATHER KNOWS HIS LOVE WILL CARRY ON. EVEN WHEN HE GOES TO THE GREAT BEYOND.

(A New Me)

TODAY I BEGIN A LIFE THATS NEW, THE PAST HAS FADEN AWAY, WHATEVER THE FUTURE MAY HOLD FOR ME, WILL HAVE ITS ROOTS IN TODAY. TODAY I BEGIN A LIFE THATS FREE, FROM HABITS ILL ACQUIRED, A STRANGE NEW STRENGTH HAS COME TO ME A STRENGTH THAT GOD INSPIRED. TODAY I BEGIN A LIFE THATS MEANT TO FULFILL GOD'S PLAN FOR ME AND I PRAY THAT I MAY BE TODAY ALL THAT GOD MEANT ME TO BE. TODAY I BEGIN A LIFE THATS BLESSED WITH QUIET SERENITY, AND MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS, TO THE GOD WHO CREATED ME.

(ANOTHER DAY)

LORD, THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY WITHIN THIS LIFE OF MINE,
GIVE ME STRENGTH TO LIVE IT WELL, WHATEVER I MAY FIND. ALISTED
FROM YOUR ABUNDANCE, WHATEVER I MAY LACK, TO USE THE HOURS WISELY,
FOR I CANNOT HAVE THEM BACK. LORD, THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY
IN WHICH TO MAKE AMENDS, FOR PETTY WORDS, INFLECTED ON MY FRIENDS.
FOR SOMETIMES LOSING PATIENCE, WITH PROBLEMS THAT I FIND, FOR SEEING
FAULTS IN OTHER LIVES, BUT NOT THE ONES IN MINE. LORD, THANK YOU
FOR ANOTHER CHANCE IN WHICH TO TRY TO BE, A LITTLE MORE DESCRIMINATING
OF THE GIFTS YOU'VE GIVEN ME. FOR YESTERDAY IS OVER, AND TOMORROWS
FAR AWAY. AND I REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE GOOD I DO TODAY! I KNOW YOUR
WAYS AND YOU KNOW MY DAY'S. WITH YOUR HELP I PRAY PLEASE GUIDE
MY WAYS TO BETTER AND MORE GRATEFULL WAYS AND BLESSED DAYS.

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(JOURNEY OF MINE)

SUNDAY THROUGH MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AGAIN. FROM CITY TO CITY AND FINALLY THE PEN. THE DAYS TURN INTO WEEKS, WHICH TURN INTO MONTHS, THE MONTHS TURN INTO YEARS, AND THE YEARS BEGIN TO MUCH. I'M WORKING MY CALENDER ONE DAY AT A TIME. WHEN WILL IT BE OVER, THIS PAYMENT OF MINE? AS TIME GOES BY TICKING, I'LL SPEND MY TIME THINKING ON HOW TO BE A BETTER ME. NOW SUNDAY THROUGH MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AGAIN, SOON IT WILL BE THAT ONE DAY THIS JOURNEY WILL END. "GOD PLEASE HELP ME I PRAY." AMEN.

(A MOTHERS TRUE LOVE)

YOU TAUGHT ME PATIENCE, RESPECT AND HOW TO CARE. YOU SHOWED ME LOVE AND ~~HOW~~ TO ALWAYS SHARE. YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE WHEN I NEEDED YOU THE MOST. YOU ARE MY MOTHER AND YOU ARE MY TRUE FRIENDS. YOU HAVE ENCOURAGED ME TO DO GREAT THINGS EVERY DAY. THIS IS A FRIENDSHIP THAT I COULD NEVER REPAY. YOU TAUGHT ME ABOUT THE GREAT ONE ABOVE, AND YOU ALWAYS GAVE ME A MOTHERS TRUE LOVE.

(EVERLASTING ARMS)

WHAT HAVE I TO DREAD, WHAT HAVE I TO FEAR, LEANING ON THE
EVERLASTING ARMS? I HAVE BLESSED PEACE WITH MY LORD SO NEAR, LEANING
ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS. I HAVE NO FEAR. FOR MY DEAR LORD
IS HERE.

(REMORSE)

LOVE IS LOST AND TIME IS FORGOTTEN. THE PAIN WAS WASTED
THE SHAME WAS STORED. I SIT HERE NOW ASHAMED AND BORED, AND
THINK BACK IF ONLY MORE WOULD I STILL BE HERE AND WOULD THE
PAIN OF TODAY BRING BACK MORE PAIN OR WOULD I FEEL REMORSE.

(A MOTHER'S LOVE)

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A MOTHER'S LOVE, IT MUST BE SENT FROM HEAVEN ABOVE. UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, REAL LOVE, FOREVER STRONG AND TRUE, A MOTHER WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN, WHEN YOU NEED THEM THERE ALWAYS AROUND. YOU'VE BEEN GREAT THROUGH ALL THE YEARS, THROUGH ALL THE JOY AND ALL THE TEARS. EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS MY LIFE IS A WRECK, IT GETS BETTER WITH ONE, I MISS YOU LETTER. WORDS CANT EXPRESS WHAT YOU MEAN TO ME, HOPEFULLY ONE DAY I CAN MAKE YOU SEE. TIMES ARE HARD AND I CANT BE THERE, BUT YOU'RE IN MY HEART AND PRAYERS. JUST KNOW I LOVE YOU NEVER HAVE A DOUBT, NO MATTER IF IM HERE, OR IF IM OUT, THIS IS JUST A REMINDER FROM YOUR SON, SO YOU KNOW IN MY EYES YOU'RE NUMBER ONE.

(I PROMISE)

THEY SAY BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER, AND LOVE IS TRULY BLIND. IF I COULD GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING, I PROMISE I WOULD BE MORE KIND. I'D VALUE YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND CHERISH YOUR LOVING PRESENCE. IF I COULD GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING, I PROMISE I WOULD WORSHIP YOUR ESSENCE. THEY SAY YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL IT'S GONE AND THAT TIME HEALS ALL. IF I COULD GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING, I PROMISE I WOULDN'T LET US FALL. I'D TREAT YOU WITH MORE TENDERNESS AND BE A MAN YOU WOULD BE PROUD OF. IF I COULD GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING, I PROMISE. IT WOULD BE TRUE LOVE. IT IS BETTER TO HAVE LOVED AND LOST THAN TO HAVE NEVER LOVED AT ALL.

(TRAPPED AND ENSLAVED)

I AM ENSLAVED IN THE LAND OF THE FREE, ENSLAVED IN THE LAND OF
THE FREE, LORD. IN THE MIST AND THE RAIN I STAND, LORD TRAPPED BY
THE FLOOD AND THE DROUGHT, I SEARCH IN THE ~~DEEP~~ OF THE LAND, LORD,
FOOD FOR MY HUNGRY MOUTH. I FIGHT FOR MY LAND OF THE FREE IN
FOXHOLES AND TRENCHES I HIDE, LORD, IN THE DESERT AND SNOW I LIE, WITH
BLOOD FROM MY WOUNDED SIDE, LORD, FACING THE STONY SKY. I AM IN JAIL
AND BURNED IN THE ~~NAME~~ OF A WRONG, LORD, A SLAVE IN THE LAND OF
THE FREE.

(I'M IN A DREAMING MEADOW)

HE LABORS AND DREAMS IN EVERY WEATHER, LIFE AND THE DREAM
HE PLOWS TOGETHER. AND SLOW OR SWIFT IN THE SOIL OF
SORROW, HE PLANTS A SONG FOR THE NEW TOMORROW. AND FIELDS
THAT KNOW HIS TENDER KEEPING ARE LASHED BY STORMS, SIMILAR TO
REAPING. BUT WHAT TO THE DREAMER IS VIOLENT WEATHER WHEN THE
DREAM AND THE CROP HAVE GROWN TOGETHER?

(DADDY'S GIRL)

I REMEMBER TIMES WHEN I'D BE SAD. I WOULDN'T RUN TO MY MOTHER, BUT TO MY DAD. HE'D ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO MAKE ME SMILE, AND NEVER MADE ME FEEL LIKE A CHILD. THE WAY HE LOVED ME WILL BE HOW I LOVE MY KIDS. ALWAYS THERE FOR ME AND NEVER LET ME DOWN. HE ALWAYS KNEW WHAT TO SAY. EVEN WHEN I WAS SCARED AT MY WEDDING DAY, BUT HE GAVE ME COURAGE AND ADVICE TOLD ME IT WAS TIME TO EXPLORE LIFE. ALSO TO GO TRAVEL THE WORLD, AND THAT I'D ALWAYS BE DADDY'S GIRL.

(A SHOT)

PICTURE A MAN DYING ON THE CROSS, GIVING SIN A TOSS,
SAVING THOSE THAT ARE LOST. AT SUCH A COST. THATS FAR FROM
CHEAP. TEACHING US HOW TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK, YOU DEAD WRONG
IF YOU THINK THATS WEAK. AINT NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING MEEK.
THEY SAY YOU'LL FIND WHATEVER YOU SEEK. AND A DOOR WILL OPEN IF
YOU KNOCK. OPPORTUNITY KNOCKED ONCE NOW IM ON TOP. THANKS
BE TO GOD FOR GIVING ME A SHOT. SEE I BELIEVED IF I ASKED
ID RECIEVE. NOW IVE RECIEVED I KNOW IM BLESSED TO EVEN BE.

(THINE OWN WAY I'LL STAY)

HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD!
HAVE THINE OWN WAY! THOU ART
THE POTTER, I AM THE CLAY.
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME AFTER
THY WILL, WHILE I AM WAITING
YIELDED AND STILL. HAVE THINE
OWN, WAY, LORD! HAVE THINE OWN
WAY! WOUNDED AND WEARY, HELP
ME, I PRAY. TOUCH ME AND HEAL
ME MY SAVIOR, I PRAY, TODAY YOU
WILL MOLD ME INTO THE MAN I'LL STAY.

(SORROW AND STRENGTH)

GOD HATH NOT PROMISED SKIES ALWAYS BLUE, FLOWER
PATHWAYS ALL OUR LIVES THROUGH. GOD HATH NOT
PROMISED SUN WITHOUT RAIN, JOY WITHOUT SORROW, PEACE
WITHOUT PAIN. BUT GOD HATH PROMISED STRENGTH FOR THE
DAY, REST FOR THE LABOR, LIGHT FOR THE WAY, GRACE FOR
THE TRAILS, HELP FROM ABOVE, UNFAILING SYMPATHY, UNDYING
LOVE.

(MY DAYS ARE WHITE AS SNOW)

I LOOK UPON JESUS, SINLESS IS HE, FATHER, IMPUTE HIS LIFE
UNTO ME. MY LIFE OF PAIN, MY SIN AND WOE, COVER WITH HIS
LIFE, WHITER THAN SNOW. LONGING THE JOY FOR THE DAY I
MAKE PAROLE, JESUS HOLDS A ROBE WHITE AS SNOW, LORD, I ACCEPT
IT! LEAVING MY OWN. GLADLY I WEAR THY PURE LIFE ALONE, AND
HAVE JOY FOR THE DAY I GO HOME. FOR YOU HAVE CHANGED ME AND
I AM NOT THE SAME. FOR NOW I WEAR THY PURE LIFE OF LOVE, NOT
SHAME. FOR I WAS THE ONLY ONE TO BLAME.

(LIES)

THOUSANDS OF LIES FROM DAY TO DAY, THOUSANDS OF LIES YOU HEAR AND SAY. A LIE FROM ME, A LIE FROM YOU, A LIE THATS TOLD TO HIDE THG TRUTH. A LIE TO MAKE A LOVED ONE STAY, A LIE TO MAKE SOMEONE WURT, A LIE THAT TASTES BAD LIKE A MOUTHEUL OF DIRT. A LIE YOU TELL IN A MOMENT OF ANGER, A LIE YOU TELL TO A STRANGGR. A LIE THATS TOLD OUT OF HATE AND SPITE, I LIE YOU TELL TO MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT. SOME LIES ARE EXTRAVAGANT AND SOME JUST A SIMPLE WORD, SOME LIES ARE SWEETER THAN ANY TRUTH EVER HEARD.

(MY FAITH)

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE ALEA, BUT THAT THY BLOOD WAS
SHED FOR ME, AND THAT THOU CALLED ME TO COME TO THEE, O
LAMB OF GOD, I COME. PLEASE TAKE ME HOME FOR NOW IM
GROWN AND ALL ALONE. BUT WITH YOU I KNOW IM SAFE AND
MY FAITH HAS GROWN. O LAMB OF GOD. PLEASE TAKE ME
HOME.

(COME WEARY ONE COME)

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY, COME UNTO ME AND
REST, LAY DOWN THOUGH WEARY ONE, LAY DOWN THY HEAD
UPON MY BREAST! I CAME TO JESUS AS I WAS, WEARY AND
WORN AND SAD, I FOUND HIM IN A RESTING PLACE, AND HE HAS
MADE ME GLAD. FOR MY LORD HAS BLESSED ME THE DAYS AND
MY WEARY NIGHTS, ARE NO MORE, SAD. THE DAYS ARE BLESSED
AND IN HIM I CAN'T BE MAD.

(YOU'RE MY GUIDE HOME)

HOLY SPIRIT, FAITHFUL GUIDE, EVER NEAR THE CHRISTIANS
SIDE. GENTLY LEAD US BY THE HAND, PILGRIMS IN THE DESERT
LAND. WEARY SOULS FOR EVER REJOICE, WHILE THEY HEAR
THAT SWEETEST VOICE. WHISPERING SOFTLY, WANDERER COME!
FOLLOW ME I'LL GUIDE THEE HOME. TO THE PALACE YOU
WILL COME. FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR #1. BLESSED BE
YOU TO THE PALACE YOU MUST COME!

(GONE)

YOU ARE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND AND THERE IS NOWHERE ELSE TO LOOK, AS I SIT AND WAIT IN HERE AND THINK OF ALL THE TIME IT TOOK. FOR ME TO FINALLY REALIZE THAT YOU ARE REALLY THROUGH, I JUST NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD COME FROM YOU. ONE MISTAKE AFTER ANOTHER LED ME HERE TO BE FORGOTTEN, ALL I WANTED WAS THE LOVE FROM YOU WITHOUT IT EVER STOPPING. I LOOK TO MY LEFT AND I LOOK TO MY RIGHT, BUT OTHER THAN MY PAST, YOU ARE NOWHERE IN SIGHT, I JUST HOPE YOU REALIZE BEFORE I GO IT DOESN'T TAKE THE GOLDEN GATES OF HEAVEN FOR YOU TO KNOW. HOW IT TRULY FEELS TO LOSE SOMEONE AND HOW THE HURT CONTINUES ON, WHEN YOU THINK OF GOODTIMES SHARED AND THEN YOU BLINK AND THERE GONE

(FIRST TIME)

I SAW THE DEVIL FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN I WAS 17 YEARS OLD, A COUPLE OF MONTHS LATER HE HAD ME STEALING OUTSIDE IN THE COLD. MY FATHER KEPT ASKING, "SON, WHY WONT YOU LISTEN TO WHAT WE SAY?" THIS IS REAL LIFE, AND I WAS GAMBLING WITH MY LAST BREATH, AND I KNOW THAT THE WAGE OF A SINNER'S WAY'S IS DEATH, SO I ASK, "LORD PLEASE CURE ME OF MY EVIL WAYS, BEFORE THE TIME COMES THAT I HAVE TO LIVE IN SATAN'S EVIL WAYS."

(TROUBLED)

A TROUBLED MIND WITH THOUGHTS OF A BROKEN HOME ONE LOST SOUL
LEARNING TO DEAL WITH LIFE ALONE. ALL I WANT IS A PLACE TO BELONG. WHAT
I GET IS TIME AND NO SLEEP, TEARS AND NO PEACE, MORE HEARTACHE AND THE
PAIN NEVER SEEMS TO CEASE. MY MIND WANDERS TO THE LIVES OF THOSE I
LEFT BEHIND AND HOW THEY ARE ALWAYS ON MY MIND. FULL OF LAUGHTER
AND LIFE AND HOW I LOVE MY FAMILY. NOW IM LOCKED AWAY, FORGOTTEN
AND ALL ALONE, AWAITING RESOLUTION AND THE DAY I GO HOME. THE HOURS
ARE ETERNAL AND THE DAYS NEVER END I TRY TO BE PATIENT BUT I FEEL
ALONE WITH NO FRIENDS. I SEE PEOPLES FAKE SMILES BUT I SEE WHATS BEHIND
THEIR EYES I READ THROUGH THEIR GIMMICKS AND SEE TRUTH BEHIND THEIR
LIES. THEY SAY THEY FEEL MY PAIN AND KNOW HOW I FEEL YET THEY QUESTION MY
STRENGTH AND WANDER IF IM BEING REAL. IM AS REAL AS THEY COME CAUSE
THERE AINT NO SHAME TO MY GAME I GOT NO REASON TO FAKE IT CAUSE IN LIES
THERES NO GAIN. THESE TEARS DONT MAKE ME WEAK OR EVEN LESS OF A MAN THEY
DONT KNOW WHAT IVE BEEN THROUGH SO THEY WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND. I COULD TRY
TO EXPLAIN BUT THE TRUTH MAY NOT MAKE SENSE CAUSE MY EYES WERE CLOUDED AND
MY MIND FULL OF NONSENSE. I MADE PLENTY OF MISTAKES BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN
I DIDNT CARE. NO ONE KNOWS WHAT I WAS GOING THROUGH TO UNDERSTAND
YOU HAD TO BE THERE. AS I SIT HERE AND WRITE MY EYES ARE WET WITH TEARS
MY MIND IS STILL TROUBLED AND MY HEART STILL FILLED WITH FEAR. THE TIME
WILL COME WHEN ALL OF THIS WILL BE BEHIND ME AND I WILL BE FREE NO
MORE SEPERATIONS NO MORE BARS I'LL HOLD MY HEAD UP HIGH DONT EVER
FORGET ME CAUSE WITHOUT YOU IS DIE. JUST KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU AND MY
LOVE WILL ALWAYS STAND TRUE. THE CANNOT KEEP A MC FOREVER AND SOON
I'LL BE THERE WITH YOU.

(MY TIME WASTED)

THE TIME THAT IVE WASTED IS MY BIGGEST REGRET, SPENT IN THESE PLACES I WILL NEVER FORGET. JUST SITTING AND THINKING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT I'VE DONE. THE CRYING AND LAUGHING, THE HURT AND THE FUN. NOW ITS JUST ME AND MY GUILT, BEHIND A WALL OF EMATINESS I ALLOWED TO BE BUILT. IM TRAPPED IN THIS PLACE, JUST WAITING TO RUN, BACK TO MY YOUTH WITH ITS LAUGHTER AND FUN. NOW MEMORIES OF THE PAST FLASH THROUGH MY HEAD, AND THE PAIN IS OBVIOUS BY THE TEARS THAT I SHED. I ASK MYSELF WHY AND WHERE I WENT WRONG. I GUESS I WAS WEAK WHEN I SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRONG. LIVING FOR THE DRUGS AND THE WINGS I HAD GROWN, MY FEELINGS WERE LOST, AFRAID TO BE SHOWN. AS I LOOK AT MY PAST ITS EASY TO SEE, THE FEAR THAT I HAD, AFRAID TO BE ME. ITS TIME THAT I CHANGE AND GET ON WITH MY LIFE, FULFILLING MY DREAMS FOR A FAMILY AND WIFE. WHAT MY FUTURE WILL HOLD I REALLY DONT KNOW, BUT THE YEARS THAT I WASTED ARE STARTING TO SHOW. I JUST LIVE FOR THE DAY I'LL GET A NEW START. AND THE DREAMS I STILL HOLD DEEP IN MY HEART. I HOPE I CAN MAKE IT, I ATLEAST HAVE TO TRY, BECAUSE IM HEADING TOWARDS DEATH, AND I DONT WANT TO DIE.

(OUR HEART)

THOUGH WE'RE APART, YOU'RE NOT FAR AWAY. FOR IT IS INSIDE MY HEART, WHERE YOU STAY. IT'S THERE THAT I FIND YOU, IN MY TIMES OF TRIAL. YOU'RE LOVE GIVING ME STRENGTH, AS I GO ALL THESE MILES. WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, AND DREAM THROUGH THE NIGHT. YOU COME FROM MY HEART, AND ONCE AGAIN ARE IN MY SIGHT. WHEN I WAKE UP IM SMILING, AND ALL I CAN SAY IS, THANK YOU MY SWEET MOTHER FOR BLESSING MY DAY. THOUGH WE'RE APART, IM NOT FAR AWAY. I PRAY IN YOUR HEART, IS WHERE I SHALL STAY.

(LOVE FOR MY MOTHER)

AS A CHILD I WAS ALWAYS EMBRACED BY A WOMAN WITH A BEAUTIFUL FACE, WITH HER I ALWAYS FELT SAFE, NEVER WANTED TO BE ANY OTHER PLACE. WHEN I STARTED TO WALK, I SOMETIMES FELL, SHE'D LIFT ME UP, THEN ALL WAS WELL. SHE ALWAYS ENCOURGED ME TO JUST DO MY BEST, JUST BEING HER CHILD I KNOW I WAS BLESSED. A THOUSAND MISTAKES SHE FORGAVE THEM ALL, STILL LOVING ME NOW BEHIND THESE WALLS. UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IS ALL SHE GAVE, TILL I DIE I'LL RETURN THE SAME.

(OUR PATH)

YOU WILL NEVER REACH A HIGHER MARK THAN YOU SET. SET YOUR MARK HIGH, AND GOD WILL GUIDE YOUR PATH, EVER SO BRIGHT. AND YOU WILL SEE EVERY STEP WITH THE HELP OF GOD'S LIGHT EVEN IN THE DARKEST NIGHT, YOUR BATTLE WILL FLIGHT. WITH THE HELP OF GOD'S MIGHT YOU WILL NEVER LOSE A FIGHT. FOR OUR GOD IS THERE, AND YOU HAVE WON THE NIGHT.

(NO FREEDOM)

IM LAYING HERE AT THE PAMID PROGRAM STARING AT THE BRICK WALL. I CAN HEAR MANY VOICES OUT IN THE HALL. I WONDER HOW LONG I HAVE TO STAY IN THIS PLACE BEFORE I SEE A FAMILIAR FACE. I DONT KNOW HOW I GOT IN SUCH A MESS. BUT ILL BE HERE LONG ENOUGH TO FIGURE IT OUT, I GUESS. THERES NO WHERE TO GO AND NOT MUCH TO SAY. IM ALL LOCKED UP SO HERES WHERE ILL STAY. I KNOW WHAT I DID WAS WRONG. I JUST HOPE I DONT HAVE TO PAY FOR IT LONG. IF ONLY I HAD THOUGHT AHEAD OF TIME, MAYBE THEN I WOULDNT HAVE COMMITTED THE CRIME. I KNOW WHEN I FINALLY DO GET OUT I WILL LIVE MY LIFE TO THE FULLEST, AND HONEST WITHOUT A DOUBT. I GUESS I DIDNT REALIZE CRIME DOESNT PAY ESPECIALLY NOW SINCE THEY'VE TAKEN MY FREEDOM AWAY.

(MY TIME)

AS I LOOK AROUND ME, MY GAZE TURNS UP HIGHER TO THE COLD CONCRETE WALL AND THE SHARP RAZOR WIRE. THE CRIME I HAVE COMMITTED AND TIME I MUST DO LOCKED AWAY ALL ALONG WITH MY PAIN AND SOLITUDE. HOUR AFTER HOUR AND DAY UPON DAY LEFT ALONE WITH MY THOUGHTS, HOW DID I END UP THIS WAY? FAR AWAY FROM MY LOVED ONES, MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, I PATIENTLY AWAIT MY CHANCE TO MAKE AMMENDS. THE CHOICES I MADE, I MADE ALL ALONG, THERES NO BLAME TO PASS, AND IM HERE ON MY OWN. TO SERVE OUT MY SENTENCE AND TO ATONE FOR MY CRIME, AND HURE THAT SOCIETY WILL FORGIVE ME IN TIME.

(I'M THE MAN IN THE MIRROR)

WHEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR, WHAT DO I SEE? A YOUNG MAN THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE ME. IT MUST BE ME. THIS MUCH I KNOW, THE PLACES HE'S BEEN, I DON'T WISH TO GO. I STARE IN HIS EYES AND SEE SILENT RAGE FROM MONTHS OF BEING TRAPPED IN A CAGE. I KNOW THIS PLACE CAN CHANGE A MAN. I'VE LEARNED FIRST HAND, TRUST ME, IT CAN. LIVE ~~ONLY~~ FOR DAY THAT IS ALL I CAN DO. LOOKING FOR LOVE I GET FROM SO FEW. THE GAME OF LIFE IS NOT SO CASILY WON, ITS DEFINITELY MUCH EASIER SAID THAN DONE. ENOUGH TALK. I WILL WRITE MY BOOK OF SUCCESS. ITS TIME TO CHANGE MY LIFE AND MY WAYS AND MAKE A FUTURE HOLD BRIGHTER DAYS. THE NEXT TIME I SEE MY OWN REFLECTION, I WANT TO SMILE WITH LOVE AND AFFECTION. THE NEXT TIME YOU LOOK INTO A CROWD, YOU'LL SEE ME SHINING, HEAD UP, PROUD. THE MAN IN THE MIRROR'S LIFE HAS BEEN ROUGH BUT THAT'S IN THE PAST, I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

(BELIEVE IN)

FAITH IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALL HAVE TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING HIGHER THAN OUR DAD TO BELIEVE IN WHAT WE CANNOT SEE BUT KNOW FOR SURE WITH CERTAINTY KNOWING GOD EXISTS WITHOUT A DOUBT WE FIND HIM WITHIN AND WITHOUT. BY SEARCHING OUR THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS OR CONSIDERING THE UNIVERSES MOTIONS IT DOESNT TAKE A GENIUS TO KNOW THERES A GOD. JUST BE TRUE TO THY SELF AND STOP BEING A FRAUD.

(REMEMISCING)

IN PRISON REMENISCING ON THOSE THAT IM MISSING WISHING I WOULD'VE LISTENED OF WORDS OF ADMONISHING REMENISCING DAY AND NIGHT THINKING OF MY WHOLE LIFE KNOWING I WILL WIN THE FIGHT TO GET BACK TO MY LIFE TIRED OF MISSING MY FAMILY PRAY THEY WONT STAY MAD AT ME AND HOPE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT IM ONLY HUMAN. FOREVER FORGIVE ME OF MY FLAWS AND FOR BREAKING THE LAWS UNTIL THE DAY IM FREE I'LL REMENISCCE OF MY FAMILY.

(MY ROCK)

MOM, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY ROCK. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU WILL NEVER STOP. YOU LOVED ME WHEN I DIDN'T LOVE MYSELF. YOU LOVED ME WHEN I LOVED NO ONE ELSE. YOU ARE MY ROCK I WANT YOU TO SEE. YOU ARE THE BEST MOM ANY WOMAN COULD BE. YES I UNDERSTAND THAT IM IN TDC. I KNOW THIS ISNT THE WAY YOU RAISED ME. IM BLESSED AND HIGHLY FAVORED. MOM I CAN HONESTLY SAY, I'LL SEE YOU LATER. I WAS JUST DRIPPING THESE LINES TO LET YOU KNOW. THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU WILL ONLY GROW. MOM, NO MATTER WHAT, MY LOVE WILL NEVER STOP. THIS IS BECAUSE, OF COURSE, YOU ARE MY ROCK.

(EASY)

ITS EASY TO HIDE BEHIND A LETTER AND SAY WHATEVER YOU FEEL,
ITS HARD TO LOOK A MAN IN HIS EYES AND TALK ABOUT WHAT IS
REAL. ITS EASY TO SHOUT, CURSE AND BANG BEHIND A LOCKED DOOR. ITS
HARD TO SEE THAT COMPROMISE IS WORTH SO MUCH MORE. ITS EASY TO BLAME
EVERYONE FOR WHERE YOU SIT AND WHAT YOU DO THESE DAYS, ITS HARD
TO PUT THE BLAME ON YOURSELF, WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY LAYS. ITS EASY
NOT TO CRY, TO PRETEND YOU DO NOT CARE, ITS HARD TO FOOL YOURSELF
WHEN NO ONE ELSE IS THERE. ITS EASY ENOUGH TO DREAM OF HAVING
A BEAUTIFUL LIFE. ITS HARD TO PUT WORDS INTO ACTION THROUGH
HARDSHIP PAIN AND STRIFE. ITS EASY TO DO WRONG AND NOT MEAN WHAT
YOU SAY, ITS HARD TO BE TRUTHFUL WHEN HONESTY DOESNT PAY. ITS
EASY TO BETRAY SOMEONE YOU ONCE CALLED A FRIEND, ITS HARD TO SEE
BRIDGES BURNED YOU CAN NEVER MEND. ITS EASY TO PASS JUDGEMENT
ON WHAT THE EYE CAN SEE, ITS HARD TO KNOW WHATS IN THE
HEART IS ALL WE'LL EVER BE. ITS EASY TO IGNORE THAT JUSTICE RULES
THE LAND, ITS HARD TO REACH FOR SOMEONE WITH A HEALING HAND. ITS
EASY TO BELIEVE THAT LOVE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE. ITS HARD TO BE LEFT
BEHIND BY ONE WHO DOES NOT CARE. ITS EASY TO LOOK BACK TO SEE
WHERE WE WENT WRONG, ITS HARD SOMETIMES TO LOOK AHEAD TO FIND WHERE
WE BELONG.

(LOVE)

A SON ALWAYS TRIES TO FOLLOW HIS DADS STEPS. REMAINS OBEIENT OUT OF RESPECT. LOOKS TO HIS FATHER LIKE A GLORIOUS IDOL. LIKE ONE OF THE PROPHETS STRAIGHT OUT OF THE BIBLE. FOR HIS FATHER HE WILL GET GOOD GRADES AND LISTEN TO ALL THAT HE SAYS. THE SON KNOWS THE FATHERS ADVICE IS LOVE. THEREFORE OBEYING IS AN AUTOMATIC MUST. BETWEEN THE TWO IS MUTUAL TRUST. A LOYAL SON WILL NEVER HAVE DOUBT. HE'LL FOLLOW HIS FATHER DOWN EVERY ROUTE. FOR HE KNOWS HIS FATHER IS RIGHTEOUS SO HE OBEYS OUT OF LOVE. LOVING HIS FATHER IS HIS ONLY DRUG.

(THINKING OF YOU)

DONT LET THE MILES BETWEEN US KEEP OUR LOVE APART, JUST
LISTEN CLOSE AND YOU WILL HEAR THE BEATING OF MY HEART. NO
DISTANCE, WILL EVER KEEP MY HEART FROM LOVING YOU, THERE
ARE NO MORE TEARS FOR IT TO WEEP FOR A LOVE THAT RUNS SO TRUE.
I'LL BE THERE WITH YOU ONE DAY SOON, TO LOVE YOU EVERYDAY,
AND THEN MY HEART WILL SING A TUNE, AND YOU WILL HEAR
IT SAY. I'VE FINALLY FOUND MY ONE TRUE LOVE, AS TRUE AS ONE
CAN BE, AND NOW YOUR ALL IM THINKING OF, FOREVER STAY WITH ME.

(THINK TWICE)

THINK TWICE, THINK TWICE. THINK TWICE IS GOOD ADVICE. GOOD ADVICE IN ANY ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE. YOU SHOULD THINK TWICE OF WHO YOU CHOOSE AS A WIFE. FOR MARRIAGE HARDLY EVER SUCCEEDS. SO THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU PLANT YOUR SEEDS. IT IS A FACT THAT YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW. IF YOU PLANT YOUR SEEDS OUT OF LOVE, LOVE WILL GROW. IF YOU PLANT YOUR SEEDS OUT OF LUST, YOUR MARRIAGE WILL EVAPORATE. SO THINKING TWICE IS GOOD ADVICE BEFORE YOU CHOOSE, 9 TIMES OUT OF 10 THE RESULTS WILL BENEFIT YOU.

(A NEW DAY)

DONT WEEP FOR YESTERDAY, FOR YESTERDAY HAS GONE. A NEW DAY HAS DAWNED, FOR YOU TO BUILD UPON. LOOK BEYOND THE CLOUDS, TO WHERE THE SUN IS SHINING STILL. WHEN THEY HAVE PASSED ON BY, YOUR DREAMS WILL BE FULFILLED. LIFE IS LIKE A TAPESTRY, BEING WOVEN EVERYDAY. WEAVING ALL THAT HAPPENS, AS YOU WALK ALONG ITS WAY. SO EVEN IF CLOUDS DESCEND, YOU'LL FIND THEY SOON WILL BE GONE. AND JOY AND HAPPINESS, ARE LIFE'S PATH THAT YOU'LL WALK UPON.

(UNBOUND SOUL)

POETIC WORDS COME AND GO. DEEP PARTS OF MY SOUL WANTING TO
FLOW LIKE A DAMMED RIVER, UNLEASHED, A SAD SOUL DEMANDS TO
SPEAK. OH! HEARTACHE. OH! SPIRITUAL PAIN, I FIGHT YOU DAILY WITH
ONLY MYSELF TO BLAME. MY MIND WANTS ATTENTION, MY HEART SEEKS
FAME, BUT MY TROUBLED SOUL CRAVES FREEDOM. FREEDOM TO FIND MY
INNER CHILD, WIPE AWAY THE TEARS HE CRIES, TAKE AWAY THE LIES
YOU WERE TOLD. YOUR SPIRIT IS FREE. NOT EVEN THESE BARS THAT HOLD
ME CAN TAKE AWAY THE PEACE I'VE FOUND. AS MY SOULFUL RIVER
HAS BEEN UNBOUND.

(IN PRAYER)

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS. ALL OUR SINS AND GRIEFS TO BEAR, WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO CARRY EVERYTHING TO GOD IN PRAYER! O WHAT PEACE WE OFTEN FORFEIT, O WHAT NEEDLESS PAIN WE BEAR, ALL BECAUSE WE DO NOT CARRY EVERYTHING TO GOD IN PRAYER! CAN WE FIND A FRIEND SO FAITHFUL, WHO WILL ALL OUR SORROWS SHARE? JESUS KNOWS OUR EVERY WEAKNESS, TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER! HAVE WE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS? IS THERE TROUBLE ANYWHERE? WE SHOULD NEVER BE DISCOURAGED. TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER!

(WHAT HAVE I DONE)

LIFE IN TDC IS LIKE HELL ON EARTH, EVERYTHING IS FADING AWAY LIKE THE STARS OF THE MORNING LOSING THEIR LIGHT IN THE GLORIOUS SUN THEN WOULD WE PASS FROM THE EARTH AND ITS TOILING, ONLY REMEMBERED BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE. OH, WHEN THE SAVIOR SHALL MAKE UP HIS JEWELS, WHEN THE BRIGHT CROWNS OF REJOICING ARE WON, THEN SHALL HIS WEARY AND FAITHFUL DISCIPLES ALL BE REMEMBERED BY WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

(ETERNAL LOVE)

LOVE NEVER CHANGES, PEOPLE DO. YOU KNOW ITS LOVE WHEN IT DOESNT HURT YOU. LOVE IS NOT A QUANTITY, BUT IT IS A QUALITY. YOU CANT PAY FOR LOVE, BUT YOU CAN GIVE IT. YOU CAN PRAY FOR LOVE AND YOU CAN LIVE IT. TRUE ENOUGH LOVE HAS A LOT OF FORMS. IT CAN BE LOVE OF A RELATIVE, OR LOVE OF A FRIEND. SOME WILL CONFUSE IT FOR LOVE BUT IT IS LUST. LOVE WILL GET YOU TO HEAVEN, LUST TO ETERNAL FIRE. LOVE IS STRONG AND FAR FROM WEAK. LOVE IS COMPASSIONATE FOR THE MECK, LOVE IS SWEET AND LOVE IS KIND. THATS WHY LOVE LAST FOR AN ETERNAL TIME.

(JOY AND SORROW)

WELCOME JOY, AND WELCOME SORROW, COME TODAY, AND COME
TOMORROW, I DO LOVE YOU BOTH TOGETHER. I LOVE TO MARK SAD
FACES IN FAIR WEATHER, AND HEAR A MERRY LAUGH AMID THE
THUNDER. FAIR AND FOUL I LOVE TOGETHER. MEADOWS SWEET WHERE
FLAMES BURN UNDER, AND A GIGGLE AT A WONDER, DANCING MUSIC,
MUSIC SAD, BOTH TOGETHER, SANG AND MAD. LAUGH AND SIGH, AND
LAUGH AGAIN. O - THE SWEETNESS OF THE PAIN. ALL MY THIRST FOR
SWEET HEART AHC. SPIRIT HERE THAT REIGN. SPIRIT HERE THAT
PAIN. SPIRIT HERE THAT BURN. SPIRIT HERE THAT MOUEN. SPIRIT. I
BOW MY FOREHEAD LOW. SPIRIT I LOOK THAT DANCEST AND PRANCEST
ALL PASSION STRUCK. MY NOBLE SOUL LAUGHTEST ALL PASSION
STRUCK. FOR THE JOY IS PAIN AND THE SORROWS LUCK.

(LIFE OR DEATH)

THINKING ABOUT LIFE AS I SIT IN THIS CUBICAL. DONT THINK LIVES
A BITCH, TO ME SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, KEEP HER BOBBED UP-HAIR DID, EVEN
NICE CUTICLES. WANNA TAKE HER OUT WITH ME EVERYWHERE I GO. CAUSE
SHE'LL ALWAYS LIFT ME UP WHEN IM FEELING LOW. INHALE, EXHALE, SHE'S
ALL I WANT TO BREATHE.. NEVER GET ENOUGH OF HER I WANT HER MORE
ABUNDANTLY, TRUE ENOUGH SHE IS HATED CAUSE SHE'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND. IF
YOU PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, YOU'LL SEE SHE'S US HUMANS. BUT A WHOLE
LOT LESS CONTRADICTORY. TREAT HER GOOD AND SHE'LL LEAD YOU TO
VICTORY. TREAT HER BAD AND SHE'LL SNATCH YOUR LAST BREATH THATS
WHEN YOUR ASS WILL MEET DEATH.

(TWISTED VISION)

ITS HARD TO UNDERSTAND THESE THOUGHTS IN MY MIND. NO SENSE FOR A MAN TO BE DOING ALL THIS TIME. I NEVER THOUGHT THE THINGS I DID WOULD PUT ME IN PRISON. I WAS JUST A YOUNG KID WITH A TWISTED VISION. EVERYBODY IN THIS WORLD MAKES MISTAKES. BUT WHEN I DO I GOTTA SUFFER EVERY DAY. IM JUST A YOUNG KID IN A MENS PRISON. HAD TO GROW UP REAL QUICK, KEPT MY HEAD HIGH AND THANK GOD I MADE IT. LIFE IS GOOD AND LIFE IS BAD, SO I'MA BE THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT I HAVE. ALL I CAN DO IS LIVE MY LIFE. WHEN EVIL APPROACHES I'MA PUT UP A FIGHT. AINT TRYING TO LET NOTHING HOLD ME DOWN. EVEN THOUGH A LOT I DONT UNDERSTAND. LIKE POVERTY WHILE THERE'S A PROMISE LAND. ALL I CAN DO IS LIVE AS I AM. WHO AM I TO QUESTION GOD'S PLANS.

(GRATEFUL)

LOVE IS PROFOUND, THAT MEANS ITS DEEP. GLAD YOU'RE THE ONE I FOUND
CAUSE WE ARE MEANT TO BE. LOVE NEVER FAILS AND ITS FAR FROM WEAK.
EVEN THRU THE WORST TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OUR LOVE IS DOING GREAT. I
WILL NEVER ASK FOR ANY OTHER. I LOVE YOU BABY, YOU ARE MY TRUE LOVER.
AND IT WILL LAST FOREVER CAUSE ITS TRUE. I'LL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR
THE DAY I MET YOU. CONSIDER MYSELF BLESSED CAUSE YOUR LOVE IS
GREAT. US JOINING TOGETHER IN MARRIAGE IS FAR FROM A MISTAKE. OUR LOVE
IS UNCONDITIONAL, ITS STRONG, KIND, FAIR AND ITS GREAT. JUST SENDING YOU
THESE WORDS TO LET YOU KNOW I REALLY CARE.

(GOOD INTENTIONS
I PROMISE)

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND BUILD YOUR FENCES. BLOCK ME FROM YOUR SIGHT, KEEP ME OUT OF YOUR LIFE. REMEMBER THE PAIN I CAUSED, ALL OF THE COST. HATE ME FOR WHO I WAS AND FOR WHO I AM SAVE YOURSELF FROM MY DECEPTION, LOOK AT MY UGLY REFLECTION. AND LACK OF REDEMPTION, CRY SO IT HURTS, REMEMBER THE WORD I SAID THAT CAUSED YOU TO FEEL SO MUCH PAIN. DONT FORGET THE THINGS I DID SO MANY TIMES OVER AND OVER AGAIN. RUN SO FAR AWAY YOU NEVER HEAR ME CALL YOUR NAME. WALLOW IN YOUR SORROW. NEVER SAY YOU LOVE ME AGAIN. I'LL TRY TO HANDLE THE PAIN. BUT I STILL LOVE YOU. IF YOU FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO FORGIVE ME, I PROMISE I WONT ABUSE YOUR LOVE AGAIN. YOU ARE MY STEP DAD, AND I HOPE TO BE YOUR FRIEND AGAIN.

(DEEPER THAN THE OCEAN SEA)

FATHERLY LOVE BESTOWED UNTO HIS DAUGHTER FLOWS SIMILAR TO THE RIVER'S WATER. HIS LOVE FOR HER RUNS VERY DEEP. DEEPER THAN THE OCEAN'S SEA. THOUGH HER MOTHER TEACHES HER TO BE A LADY THE FATHER TEACHES HER ALL MEN ARE CRAZY. LACES HER UP ON HOW A MAN SHOULD TREAT HER. TO NEVER TOLERATE A MAN THAT BEATS HER, OR THE ONE THAT TURNS OUT TO BE A CHEATER. BUT TOO LOOK FOR THE MAN WITH MORALS. FATHERS SHOULD NEVER WANT TO SEE THEIR DAUGHTER SAD. ONLY TO SEE THAT THEY ARE GLAD TO HAVE A LOVING DAD. HE ONLY WANTS HER TO BE FILLED WITH JOY. AND TO STAY AWAY FROM EVERY SINGLE BOY.

(A REASON)

DONT YOU KNOW THERES A REASON WHY GOD TELLS US TO PRAY WITHOUT
CEASING. THIS IS COMING STRAIGHT OUT OF THESSALONIANS. YOU AINT
GOT TO BELIEVE ME BUT YOU MUST BELIEVE HIM, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE
TRYING TO GET SAVED. ONLY WAY TO LIVE IS THE RIGHTEOUS WAY, HOW
YOU GONNA GET THERE WHEN YOU DONT EVEN PRAY. SAID YOU GONNA
DO GOOD BUT THATS EASY TO SAY. WHO YOU TRYING TO KID ANYWAY. DONT
YOU KNOW GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING. HE SENT HIS SON TO DIE ON THE
CROSS. NOW TELL ME ~~WHO~~ YOU THINKS BOSS. IT SURE AINT SATAN, HE'S
A LIAR, THATS WHY HES BURNING IN ETERNAL FIRE, IF YOU DONT WANT
YOUR SOUL TO GO THERE, YOU BETTER START ACTING LIKE YOU CARE. DONT
BE SCARED YOU CAN DEFEAT HIM. BY THE POWER OF CHRIST YOU WONT
HAVE TO MEET HIM.

(LIFE)

SHOULD I LIVE OR SHOULD I DIE, ITS THE WAR THATS IN MY MIND. I OFTEN THINK OF SUICIDE. BUT DEEP DOWN I WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE. THE THING IS - I FEEL MISERABLE. THRU ALL THE PAIN I ENDURE, BEING ALIVE IS A MIRACLE. HOW CAN ONE PERSON GO THRU SO MUCH PAIN? I WONDER AM I LIVING IN VAIN. COMMITTING A CRIME IS COSTLY. THE LOSE OF ALL MY FAMILY STILL HAUNTS ME. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO BE ALONE. LONLINESS ACHES DOWN TO THE BONES. MY FAMILY'S ALIVE BUT TREATS ME LIKE IM DEAD. I WONDER SHOULD I HAVE GOTTEN A JOB INSTEAD. I OFTEN HATE TO REMINISCE. REALIZING WHO I MISS MAKES ME FEEL DOWN. THEN I THINK WHY SHOULD I CARE, ITS NOT LIKE MY FAMILY'S THERE, I GUESS ITS TIME FOR ME TO DECIDE, SHOULD I LIVE OR SHOULD I DIE.

(TIME FOR A CHANGE)

I BELIEVE ITS TIME FOR A CHANGE. CAUSE IM SO TIRED OF THESE CHAINS AND IM TIRED OF ALL THIS PAIN. HOW CAN I FIGHT THE GRIM REAPER WHEN ALL THIS TIME MAKES ME WEAKER, HEARING TEMPTING VOICES GOT ME MAKING BAD CHOICES. SOMETIMES I WISH I WASNT BORN CAUSE I FEEL LIKE I BEEN CURSED. BUT IN THE BACK OF MY MIND I KNOW OTHERS HAVE IT WORSE. GUESS I SHOULD BE HAPPY TO BE ALIVE. CAUSE SOME KIDS IN THEM 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES DONT EVEN GET TO SEE FIVE. SO I NEED TO STOP TRIPPING LETTING THIS TIME GET THE BEST OF ME. OPEN UP MY EYES REALIZE THE LORDS BEEN BLESSING ME. FOR THE LORD IS GREAT AND I WANT HIM RIGHT NEXT TO ME.

(MY BATTLES)

I'M Leaving now to fight MY BATTLES, high and
Low. I'M Leaving, Mother, hear me go! Please wish
me LUCK. I've grown my wings, I want to fly, Seize
MY VICTORIES where they Lie, I'M going Mom, But
Please don't CRY... Just let me find my way.
I want to See and touch and hear, though there are
dangers, there are fears. I'll smile my smile and dry
MY TEARS. I'm off to find my world, my dreams, Carve
my life, Sew my Seams, remember, as I sail my Streams.
I'll love you, all the way, Thru all my battles, and
thru all my dreams.

(WOULD YOU BE PROUD)

WOULD YOU BE PROUD OF THE THINGS PEOPLE SAY ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE SPENT YOUR LIFE? ONLY THOSE WHO LOVE YOU KNOW WHAT THAT LIFE IS WORTH. FOR IT MATTERS NOT HOW MUCH WE HAVE HAD - WHAT MATTERS IS HOW WE LIVE AND LOVE, AND HOW WE SPEND OUR LIFE. IF WE COULD JUST SLOW DOWN ENOUGH TO CONSIDER WHAT'S TRUE AND REAL, AND ALWAYS TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW OTHER PEOPLE FEEL, AND BE LESS QUICK TO ANGER AND SHOW APPRECIATION MORE, AND LOVE THE PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES LIKE WE'VE NEVER LOVED BEFORE. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE WOULD SAY ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE?