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BY:

Troy L. Smith.

(BOOK COVER)

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THIS BOOK IS A poem and spoken word.
I derived my ART from real life. I hope
you enjoy it as much as I did.

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THANK YOU ALL!

By:

Troy Smith

(Keeping the Faith)

I understand why some things you may still not believe about me. My life is different than most you may get to know, but my heart is pure and my thoughts when released are in truth. In you I see a difference there's so many things that separate you. What's difficult for me is people like you learning the person that I am, I want to feel secure in my relationships.

I want someone to be there for me beyond these walls, and fight with me despite those that turn there backs on me. I want my self worth be valued I want to live out my dreams and be happy. Can you be that person? Will we make it work? Where do we start?

By:

Tony Smith

"My Mother's Shadow"

My Mom NEVER knew how her habits AFFECT ME, slow being young I felt her pain And As I got older I wanted TO BE LIKE HER, SHE NEVER knew that while men abused her, I was being abused myself, She didnt NO that when she smoke crack in front of me as a kid by 13, I learned And done the same drug myself, my mom knew I cared But could she feel how I felt NOT TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT HER And NOT TO PROTECT MYSELF.

OR BE THERE NEXT TO ME WHEN I CLOSED MY EYES TO SLEEP, Because the drugs, the devil, And the pain kept her Running the Street, that one man that constantly hit her that "Beast," that had me dreading that beat so I could make her happy by leaving him dead in the STREET. Mom you didnt have to be rich I just wanted you around though we both struggled you made my heart Smile...

(THATS CAUSE I LOVE YOU) But something still wasn't right things affected my outlook on life, I WENT AWAY for a while things change when I got back there was NO MORE DRUGS And she had a good man in her life, But its difficult for me because she still my mom And I wish her NO wrong, no matter how hard times get I'll always CARE, And even from a distance I'll always BE THERE, Because of your strength thats how I remain strong so UNTIL MY DEATH I wish you the BEST.

By: Troy Smith

(INNOCENT)

When you been through so much in life

And you really have change

And you find yourself, stuck in situations

Beyond your control, and you're in your

heart you have innocence it almost

feel like being buried alive.

By:
Troy Smith

"PEACE WITHIN LOVE."

ITS AMAZING HOW DURING SOME OF THE MOST TROUBLING TIMES OF A PERSONS LIFE, LOVE CAN PUT A SMILE ON A PERSONS FACE THAT FEELS SO FAR AWAY FROM A SMILE. JUST LAST NIGHT THERE WAS A CONVERSATION ABOUT MY JOURNEY IN LIFE AND HOW THE PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY THAT RECENTLY DIED WAS SO CLOSE TO ME, AND WHAT THEIR DEATHS TAUGHT ME THAT TRUE LOVE IS A LIFE LONG SACRIFICE AND THAT NO MATTER THE THINGS WHICH WE FACE OR GO THROUGH TO NEVER GIVE UP AND ALWAYS KEEP MY HEAD UP. THE CONVERSATION MADE ME FEEL BETTER BECAUSE I SAW HOPE NOT JUST FOR A BETTER TOMORROW BUT FOR MY FUTURE. LIFE WOULD NOT BE PRECIOUS WITHOUT LOVE, YET THE WORD LOVE IS SMALL ITS VALUE IS THE GREATEST WE WILL EVER ENCOUNTER. WHAT YOU SHOWED ME IS LOVE, WHAT YOU UP LIFTED WAS MY SPIRIT. I AM GRATEFUL TO

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By:

Troy Smith

(Pray)

WHEN EVER YOUR FEELING DOWN

Grab your bible and pray And All

Your pain will soon fade away.

By

Troy Smith

(True-Friend)

A Friend shouldnt hurt me, no way would you desert me,
no way you would lie to keep a smile on my face.

You became the closest person to me, you knew my
Strengths from my weakness.

You know my deepest and darkest secrets.

In you I was open without you there was no comfort,
I was lost until I found you in you we had
a clear understanding.

In my life there was confusion with your love we
Drove home. People once tried to hurt me you
became my hero my shield and my protection.

When I wanted to take my own life you taught me
value to a tragic lesson, you taught me to pray
and count my blessings.

When I tried you told me I could do better, you
made me feel special. I never want our
friendship to close. I still want us to
grow because deep down in my heart,
I know you loved me the most.

By:

Troy Smith

"Suffering All by MYSELF"

I often wonder how much can A PERSON TAKE?

I HAVE NOTHING AND INSTEAD OF PEOPLE HELPING ME THEY PUNISH

ME, NEGLECT ME, AND PERSECUTE ME. MANY JUDGE AND SLANDER

MY NAME. MAKE ME TO BE EVERYTHING BUT WHO I TRULY AM.

I've had OVER 8 DEATHS IN THE LAST 2 YEARS I HAVE BAD

DREAMS, HEAR VOICES, AND SEE THINGS THAT OTHERS

DONT WHY AM I SO DIFFERENT? I WONDER ALL THE

TIME IF I'LL BE NEXT? I ONLY SEEM TO BE WAITING

ON ANOTHER LOST AND ANOTHER DAY OF MISERY.

I'm hurting and people dont UNDERSTAND

By:

Troy Smith

(A Better ME)

Today I WAS ACCEPTED INTO A PROGRAM.

A PROGRAM THAT COULD HELP ME REFORM MY
LIFE.

ONE THAT IS STRUCTURED, AND INCREASE
ONES LOVE FOR CHRIST.

SOMETHING I WANT, SOMETHING I NEED
DEEP WITHIN MY HEART.

MAYBE MY COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

CAN HELP CHANGE YOU SO THE WORLD

WILL BE A BETTER PLACE FOR YOU

AND FOR ME.

Suj:

Troy Smith

(Step Dad)

I OFTEN WONDERED AND WISH WHEN HE WOULD COME ONE TO LOVE MY MOTHER UNCONDITIONALLY AND ACCEPT HER STRUGGLE. A MAN TO MAKE HER HAPPY, ONE TO COMPANY HER EVEN WHEN HE WASN'T AROUND, BECAUSE I WAS GONE I KNEW LIFE STILL WENT ON, ONE WHO TRAVELED A JOURNEY IN LIFE SIMILAR TO MINE, THAT MANY WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE AND THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, ONE THAT WOULDN'T GIVE UP AND HELP HER CHANGE, ONE THAT REALIZED THAT OVER TIME THERE WOULD CHANGE HIM, A MAN THAT WASN'T PERFECT THAT ONLY FOUGHT HARDER DAILY BECAUSE HE RESPECTED AND HONORED HER BECAUSE HE KNEW HER HEART, AND HER STRENGTH AND WANTED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, A MAN THAT WOULDN'T LEAVE HER NO MATTER HOW MANY MISTAKES SHE MADE, ONE THAT KNEW BETTER DAYS WOULD COME, TO GET SOMEWHERE TO GO THROUGH SOMETHING, A TIME THEY BOTH WOULD GROW AND LEARN ONLY MORE OF EACH OTHER, A BOND THAT WOULD NEVER BREAK, WHEN I WAS AWAY SHE FOUND HIM, BECAUSE CHANGE IS HARD I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHO HE WAS, WHERE HE CAME FROM, OR HOW LONG HE PLANNED TO BE AROUND BUT ONCE I MET HIS SPIRIT I KNEW MY STEP DAD HAD BEEN FOUND...

By:
Troy Smith.

(LOVE)

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Troy Smith

(I'm Sorry)

Sometimes I let my thoughts & feelings
Get in the way of what matters most.
Sometimes my fear over power me And
I Give in to what I should always
Control.

Sometimes I'm not always the best person
I can be,

Sometimes my distractions Don't allow me to
See And See Far As I'm able to see,

Sometimes all I have to do is
Just Believe, other times all I have to
do is pray, All my dreams will become
A reality And my happiness will be a
Never Ending Story, there will be no
Struggle, no pain with love around
I'll live in harmony And have perfect
Peace.

By:
Troy L. Smith

Stronghold to Change

I don't know what to say accept you have to be strong in hard times,
if you can take responsibility for what took place and what you didn't do
you also can take charge of your own life, I wish I could help you
because I know your heart. I'm not about to give up because God has
been so good to me and to show him that he hasn't would shorten
my own blessing. Things will work out, this is maybe the
outcome of our own thinking. We give the devil too much power
over our life. Right now the devil wants you to believe its over,
but its not over until God say its over.

You must believe and you must believe in yourself.
my life is so unorganized, and out of control
but still my heart is broken, and if I could
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By:

Troy Smith

"ROOT OF MY TREE"

TRUE BECAUSE OF THE ROOTS OF YOUR SPIRIT I WANT TO
THANK YOU, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH ALOT AND YOU
FEEL I DON'T AID THE HALF, BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR STRENGTH,
BECAUSE OF YOUR ONCE UNDESERVED LOVE YOU ARE MY BETTER HALF.
I KNOW ITS STRANGE NOW BUT STILL SO VERY TRUE.

I HURT AND SUFFER EVERYDAY IN WAYS THATS UNDESCRIBABLE
WE ARE NO LONGER TOGETHER BUT I TALK TO YOU, I PRAY
FOR YOU AND CHERISH MEMORIES JUST LIKE WE ARE FACE TO FACE.
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN ON YOU, OR CAUSE YOU
ANY TROUBLE, BUT I NEED YOU AND WHAT I NEED MORE
IS FOR YOU TO NOT GIVE UP ON ME, YOUR LIFE,
YOUR FAMILY, AND ALL THOSE THAT HONOR YOUR STRENGTH
AS A WOMAN.

I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE
BUT LIKE THE SAYING GO, WHEN WE FIND OURSELVES
GOING THROUGH HELL WE DON'T STOP WE KEEP IT MOVING,
AND IN TIME WE WILL REACH LIGHT AT THE END
OF THE TUNNEL, BUT ITS OUR CHOICE ON WHICH WAY
WE GO WHEN WE GET THERE....

By Troy Smith

(Open Communication)

I DON'T WANT TO USE YOU I WRITE BECAUSE I CARE,
BECAUSE I THINK OF YOU, AND I MISS YOU.

Writing helps me to express my feelings to the
FULL INTENT OF MY FEELINGS, I FEEL YOU DESERVE
THE TRUTH. Sometimes our pride as men can hinder
US FROM OPENING UP TO PEOPLE, EVEN THOSE WHO
HAVE OUR BEST INTEREST AT HEART.

I WANTED TO HEAR YOU CLOSER TO ME, I ADMIR'D
EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU SINCE I MET YOU.

I DO KNOW I'M A GOOD PERSON, WITH MEETING
YOU MY INTENTIONS WAS ALWAYS GOOD.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE OUT, AND I DON'T WANT
TO LOSE YOU AT ALL, I'M NOT PERFECT I DON'T
WANT TO STRESS OR HOLD YOU DOWN FOR MOVING
FORWARD IN LIFE.

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By: Troy Smith

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(STILL I WAIT)

I SIT DAY AFTER DAY wondering when my
Number gone BE called. Its like living And no
matter how much good you do, How many PEOPLE
you help you Still have TO FACE Judgement
At the End of your days, no MATTER
How Good your deeds ARE Some may NEVER
Be good Enough to inherit the Kingdom.
I want it But Those that Crossed my path
wasnt of the level where I could
Understand...

By:

Teddy Smith

(AFFECTION)

I STARTED TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF EVERYTHING, I ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF A LOST SOUL, THINGS DIDNT TURN OUT FOR ME THE WAY I THOUGHT THEY WOULD OR MAYBE I DIDNT THINK ABOUT HOW THINGS WERE GOING TO TURN OUT UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE AND THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO ABOUT IT. I JUST GO ALONG WITH THINGS DAY BY DAY ACCEPT WHATEVER COMES ALONG.

I SPEND ALOT OF MY TIME LOOKING BACK OVER MY LIFE WISHING I COULD DO IT OVER AGAIN.

YEAH IM SMART AND I HAVE A GOLDEN HEART BUT UNDERNEATH IT ALL I ALWAY CARED ABOUT ANYTHING EXCEPT GETTING THROUGH IT, GETTING THROUGH WITH LIFE THE BEST WAY I CAN...

By:

Troy Smith.

(STILL I STAND)

I STAND IN THE COLD AND SO MANY

PASSES ME BY, I HAVE NO JACKET I

HAVE NO FRIEND I DON'T HAVE NOTHING

TO EAT, I WONDER WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE

TO HAVE SHELTER TO HAVE FOOD TO HAVE

A FRIEND I WONDER WHAT IT WILL

BE LIKE TO GET SOMEONE TO LOVE ME

FOR ME...

By:

Troy Smith

(Sleep)

When I Close my eyes to sleep I wonder if they will
Ever again open. Sometimes my dreams are so real and
deep that I wish when I do awake I'll stay
Sleep. Then I wonder if I didat awake where
I would go and how I'll be treated once I'm
gone. Will I be Reunited with friends and
Family or will I be Still in isolation left
all alone.

By:

Troy Smith.

(IN YOU I SEE ME)

Imagine how I FEEL AND IN MY HEART I HAVE
done nothing wrong.

When will the day come I can be at peace, After I
have Suffered and the picture of me is NOT what
it's suppose to be,

I look AT you AND I SEE you ARE hurt, I probably
hurt more because of what my life was AND
the reality of me needing help.

My Faith is rocked Replaced by fear because of
what I face,

I pray you will SEE what I feel I Am
A part of you, I've been apart of you
even before I SEEN the hurt in your
EYES AND the Shame written on
your heart..

By:

Tracy Smith

("How I feel")

SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I DON'T EXIST IN THIS WORLD
LIKE EVEN MY SPIRIT ISN'T NOTICE...

I OFTEN FEEL ALONE AND MISUNDERSTOOD, THE ONLY
THING THAT SEEMS TO BE NORMAL IS LIFE INCARCERATED.

EVERYTHING I'VE BECOME I FEEL SOMEHOW COME FROM
IMPRISONMENT.

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF I ONLY FEEL DIFFERENT
BECAUSE I'M NOT ACCEPTING THE REALITY OF MY
POSITION OR IF NOT WILL I EVER BE GOOD
ENOUGH TO LIVE A DECENT LIFE,

WILL I BE ABLE TO ENJOY PEOPLE, DIFFERENT CULTURES
AND HAVE A PEACE OF MIND.

By:
Troy L. Smith

(THE DEATH OF ME)

How Can Someone who Say they love me desert me
put me in the Cold And really didnt want me
Around, How Can my grandma Love So hard
Be hurt So much and never give up After
all these years.

How Can I Love Someone ELSE And I never
really Understand how to Love myself
Will my death bring me peace, will people
then See and Understand, will I BE MISSED,
How long will it last, And if I
killed myself Because God knowing my heart
will I Still Find my Righteous Place in
Heaven.

By:
Terry Smith.

(Silent Struggle)

Long nights and short days All I can do is think
about where I went wrong, how things change so
fast, and how the memories still last.

How I tried to buy your love, and all you
wanted was me, how I couldn't sacrifice nothing
and give more love to the streets, because
of my decisions I'm stuck in jail, without no
phone calls, visits, or mail, where people persecute
me and judge me and put me through hell.

They don't see my struggle, and they don't
understand my pain. They rather talk about
me than help me change. They keep me caged
like a animal in isolation with separation
from the normal human beings.

They see my frustration classify me as crazy and
put me on medication all I did was
make a mistake and I'm sorry now that
death faces me.

By:

Tray Smith

(BE FREE)

I DONT WANT TO DIE, SOMETIMES I JUST FEEL LIKE HURTING MYSELF, SOMETIMES I WANT TO CRY BUT MY PRIDE KEEPS ME ASIDE MYSELF. I BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH AT TIMES I FEEL PAIN IS ALL THATS LEFT.

INSIDE A BOX IS WHERE IM ALWAYS KEPT WHERE MY THOUGHTS GET THE BEST OF ME AND THINGS NO ONE ELSE... I OFTEN DREAM, SEE THINGS THATS NOT EVEN THERE, WHERE THE WALLS COME IN AND THE STRESS KEEPS ME PULLING MY HAIR.

I WANT TO MOVE I WANT TO TALK BUT I CANT BECAUSE IM ALWAYS STUCK, PEOPLE WATCH ME AS THE SYSTEM DRUGS ME UP, I OFTEN SCREAM SOME SAY IM MENTAL OTHER WANT ME TIED UP.

I HAVE NO FAMILY, I HAVE NO FRIENDS, I HAVE NO HOME, I HAVE NO CLOTHES IM DOWN ON MY KNEES, I WANT OUT PEOPLE DONT REALLY UNDERSTAND AND THATS WHATS TUFF, BUT ITS COOL BECAUSE I TRUST IN GOD, THEYLL LEARN THAT IM SPECIAL, THAT IM NOT CRAZY, THAT I WAS SCARED, I WAS LONELY AND ALL I NEEDED WAS THERE HELP SO I DONT DIE, SO I WANT FEEL LIKE HURTING MYSELF SO IT WILL BE OKAY TO CRY AND I CANT SET MY PRIDE TO THE SIDE AND I CAN GROW AND LIVE OUTSIDE THE BOX WERE MY THOUGHTS BE HEARD AND THE BLIND FOLLOW MY STEPS, AND I CAN BE A INSPIRATION TO ALL IN THE WORLD THATS HURTING BY RELEASING THE PAIN DEEP WITHIN MYSELF.

(THE END)

THANKS FOR READING!!

By:
Troy Smith

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Look For these up coming books soon...

1) "A Stranger that Capture my heart"

2) "THE ONE"

3) "THE Struggle of A Tail-bird"

4) "Letter to my Brother"