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To the men who have been rejected by society, I send my love and God's peace to all because God has chosen you to suffer, because He loves you and knew that the only way He could get your attention was to cause you to suffer. I too have suffered much because of my sins. But my heart breaks for you, who suffer greatly in prison both mentally and physically; and many old people around me here every day that are sick and dying. They are suffering greatly mentally and physically and it's great pain, with cancer and other illnesses.

So my task today is to explain why the most kind and Loving God would allow His followers to suffer so much. It seems fair to me that the rich and lucky folks should have to suffer not his disciples. So first I turned to the Apostle he chose to lead the church, Peter. In Peter chap 2 vs 20 he states; but if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls." This was written by the Peter who was put in jail a lot and then crucified upside down on the cross. What about Jesus, how about Christ himself, what about God's only son. A roman crucifixion was the worst death for the worst criminals, even worse most were tied to the cross, but Jesus was nailed. He was nailed in the wrist and the tendon would tear forcing him to use his back muscles and not being able to breathe. Both feet nailed together could not support himself by his legs because it was too painful on the feet. And before this painful death he was beaten severely his flesh was torn, face beard pulled and ripped and a crown of thorns on his head. He Christ suffered a horrible painful death. Often when I feel really bad for all of you guys; but not as bad as for the people who reject Jesus and are going to Hell. At least I know that Jesus loves you and is truly with you in your prison sentence and so did all his apostles and many of his followers. Remember the many Christians who were killed brutally sometime torn apart by wild animals because they would not deny Christ. They knew where their real home and that it was not on this earth.

And now I think of you men sometimes physically abused and always mentally abused. I think of all the luxuries I have in my home and life and I feel guilty. We have all sinned against God, but for some reason you are in prison and the rest of us are not. SO THAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL IN THE EYES OF JESUS.

It is the truth that Jesus laid down His physical human life for your and my sins, because he loved us so much and wanted to be the example of great love. He knows our hearts and that we are sorry for our sins. It is the repentance that separates us from those in now in the churches who do not realize their great sins of pride, lust, envy, anger, theft, and gluttony. It is almost as if they are blind and you are not. They are the ones who are in danger of losing their eternal life because they are not sorry for and do not realize their great sin; and because they do not love their brother enough to just give an ex con a job. We lovers of Christ need to pray and feel sorry for those who are blind and find the JOY of Christ in our heart because, the Word of God says; "eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2. Your reward in heaven will be great if you sincerely turn your heart to Him, are sorry for your sins and ask Jesus into your heart. But you must love Him with your whole heart, your whole soul and your entire mind and all your strength. Which means that you will love and forgive your neighbors every wrong they have done to you? THEN you will be truly FREE and full of God's Joy. I leave you with Psalm 142 "Bring my soul out of this prison and then I shall praise your name".

Your body is in prison but not your spirit/soul. Romans says "detest what is evil, cling to what is good, love one another". That is your job that is why you are in prison to save your soul so that you may live forever in paradise. Make lemonade out of the lemons the world has given you. Then you will find peace and joy in your heart in the middle of the prison hell you are living in. All Jesus wants you to do is to put your Trust in Him not in the world.

I am so blessed by you men Thank you! I love you all Michael