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Dear Brothers, I received a letter from a brother in prison whose name happened to be Michael also. His sister was murdered violently by her husband. She has an 8 year old daughter who now has no mother. Her husband beat her and then threw her through a plate glass window, he had a drug problem and she pleaded him to stop. So instead of stopping drugs he murdered her. She was a good Christian woman. So Michael is Heart Broken for his sister, very angry at the murderer. He says the pain is overwhelming. I know how he feels and so do many of you. We all have had our hearts broken, and not like the girl who dumped us when we were 12, but even that hurt us. I am talking about the loss of a loved one, or even the people who hurt us with their hatred of us. What makes it worse is you are in prison when your mom or brother or sister dies. You are in prison and separated from your children who need you in their lives. And it just plain breaks your heart. I suppose that many of you can feel Michael's pain and anger at the situation.

So let's look and what happened to us when we became Christians, God said; Ezekiel 11:18-20 **"They will enter it and remove all its atrocities and abominations. ¹⁹ And I will give them another heart and a new spirit I will put within them. From their bodies I will remove the hearts of stone, and give them hearts of flesh, ²⁰ so that they walk according to my statutes, taking care to keep my ordinances. Thus they will be my people, and I will be their God."** When we gave our hearts to God as Michael has, then we have a heart of Flesh not stone. If you walk with the devil you can do all kinds of evil things and not feel bad or care about anything or anyone you hurt. I suppose we have all walked with the devil at some time in our lives. So Michael's sister who was a good Christian woman is a saint in heaven with Jesus. She has not pain only joy and peace in her heart. 1 Corinthians 2:9 **But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him."**

Now the problem is that we are here and suffering from broken hearts, either by something we did to hurt people or from the loss of a loved one. Some time we even get angry with God for allowing it to happen. Once a heart is broken it takes a long time to heal the heart and a lot of faith. God does not cause evil he allows it to happen because we all have free will. So the Devil who had free will and rejected God is allowed to torment us and lead us astray. All feeling of; anger, hatred, guilt, and every other bad thought and feeling comes from the devil. We have to choose God (Jesus) and choose love peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, and self control. These are the fruits of the holy spirit. When you have these then you are walking in the spirit where God want you to be. Now there is a righteous anger. Ephesians 4:25-27 **Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger,** and do not leave room for the devil. So we can hate the Devil and the sin he leads us to, but hating anyone only hurts you. Jesus tells us to pray for our enemies. We can only ask God to heal our pain and he will eventually and I know it takes time even years, but everything passes with time. Keep faith in Jesus and most of all pray and pray more. Talking and thing of God leaves no room in you head or heart for the devils torment. I ask all of you to keep Michael in your prayers at 7 pm every evening. God bless and love michael