

## **Letters from Prison**

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Hi Marie,

Pick up this pencil and felt like writing. Hope you won't mind. I was reading "There are no Failures in Life, Only Chapters of Learning". What struck me the most, is how God used people to show us we all make mistakes, there is no righteous, no not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

This literature tells of Jonah, David, Moses, who God love very much, but all were guilty of disobedience, and some murderer, adultery, all who sin, seemingly hopeless situations. But all went before God with a repentant heart, God did, indeed forgive these men and give to them a new heart and a right spirit with God.

What I'm getting at is this, I'm setting in jail for something I didn't do. And wondering why am I in jail? That I'm innocent. but not to give you a melodramatic story about my innocence — that's not my point. My point is all the things I did before or after in my life. Have I come to God and ask for forgiveness for all my sins?

More likely I've been asking God why me! What a twerp, a big ol dummy. Man, how my eyes have opened up to see what I have been missing. Innocent or guilty, this hit me right square in my heart. We all have sinned and come short of the glory of God!

So I got to do some soul searching and I did. And ask god to forgive me for all my sins. For the drugs, for not being a good father to my son, Jeremy, for being a screwed up man, who have sinned in so many ways but never seen it like I do today.

That last paragraph hit a home run. It goes, "How could I write 'There are no Failures in God', and forget the biggest most talked about failure — who was so drugged, so screwed up — who became homeless — who finally got the picture that he is not his own God, humbled himself and found his way back to our Father." Everyone makes mistakes, me included. So no longer will I sit and pout about this experience. "Because out of despair comes hope, out of sorrow comes joy. Out of the ashes of our life comes the beauty of holiness and joy does come in the morning after a sometimes hopelessly long night."

I'm in a state of awe, every time that I read your literature it knows my heart. God knows my heart! There's nothing I can't hide from Him. He knows all my

secrets He knows everything about my heart. And I believe God puts things in our life. If we see it or not. Greg, the Piecemakers helps so many men and women and it makes me wonder if they see it the way I do. That is, God is using you to show us the evil going on around us. With our country, our government, and most of all ourselves. Thank you, Piecemakers.

I also believe that something good is going to happen in my case. I really do. It's more than a hopeful sensation. It's God, every time I experience this feeling it's God who gives me this radiating good feeling of redemption. His mercy and salvation is going to be given to me. That you can bank on. I know I'm going to win! Amen. And walk out of jail. Go into my program and live a good life. I believe in this, not because I want to, more because God tells me too! No doubt about it. I'm going to shake your hand, give Marie a big hug and sit down and have a cup of coffee with you and a nice talk. How that sound? Because it will happen. This year!

Well, my brother in Christ, I will end. I want to thank yo and tell you how grateful I am for the Piecemakers.

Your brother in Christ,

Andrew

## **Marie's Answer**

*Wow, Andrew,*

*You hit an infield homer with that letter. Now let me tell you of someone else who was incarcerated for doing the right thing. How about Joseph when pharaoh's wife seduced him and he ran from her and she lied and had him imprisoned.*

*Do you know it was his being faithful in the little things that led him to prison where he was put in charge of prisoners and God also gifted him with the interpretation of dreams and much wisdom. And because he was faithful in the little things God made him ruler of big things. We start with the elementary principles. By the time God finished testing him he was a new man where his family did not recognize him.*

*Your heart is much like Joseph's and when America goes into its great spiritual famine you will have the waters of Life to feed the multitudes. And not only that, America will be birthed out of this Rome nation in which we now live and you will be the format for our country. Watch and see if God does not use you as you leave your old ways for His ways, your old thoughts for His thoughts and out of the issues of your new heart your mouth will be like a wellspring of fresh water. So keep on keeping on. Perseverance and endurance make for strong spiritual muscles.*

*Marie*



*P.S. Your letter was read on the radio as an encouragement to all of us prisoners.*