

Dear Friend,

Recently I attended a banquet that highlighted 5 individuals who committed crimes as teenagers. These crimes left them all with convictions of life in prison. One had a sentence of double life. Some years back, Florida passed a law making it illegal to give anyone convicted of a crime as a teen life in prison. Because of this change in law each of these now adult men have been given another chance at life and they are making the best of it. I knew one of these men when he was behind bars and the others I have gotten to know since they were released.

One individual, because of the skills he developed behind bars was hired on a job starting out at \$25.00 dollars an hour. The others have work as well or are in training to get a job. Thank God for second chances. These men who were once thought of as being unfit for society are now model citizens.

No matter how troubled your loved one or incarcerated friend may be, these are testimonies to showing that people do change. Never stop praying that they experience change. 1 Timothy 1:15 "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." Paul referred to himself as the chief sinner, but as you can see in the scriptures, God used him. No one is to be written off, because God changes people.

If you would like to share with our readers how you deal with a loved one or friend being incarcerated please email us your testimony. We will go through the ones we receive and use some for the Newsletter. Please limit your testimony to one page and include a picture of yourself if possible. Don't forget anyone can receive a copy of this Newsletter by emailing or mailing us their name and address. They can also receive the Newsletter by email.

Yours in Christ,



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