

"Imprisoned Bravery"

Throughout my 37 years of incarceration, I have witnessed bravery upon bravery and more bravery. In one way or another, bravery is an interwoven thread in the fabric of prison life. As plentiful as it is, there is one form of bravery that stands out. The imprisoned who lives not as a follower is brave. The imprisoned who maintains uncompromised principles & values is brave. The imprisoned who strives daily to be a better person is brave. In a world where status, reputation, and association defines you, the form of bravery that stands out most is the imprisoned who becomes a Positive Example. While prison life exacerbates the tension between right and wrong, the road of the righteous is much more tempestuous.

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Thank You FOR READING!

Below are some questions to reflect on from this piece. Feel free to also use one as a conversation starter with a fellow reader, or even a loved one on the outside!

Have you known "Positive Examples" inside?

If so, how has their bravery inspired you?

Have you found opportunities to serve as a Positive Example yourself?

If so, how has doing so made you feel?

We'd love to hear what you thought of the piece, or if you've had any meaningful conversations as a result. Or perhaps you'd like to share an expression of your own (visual art or creative writing). You are always welcome to write to us at Shining Light at P.O. Box 267, Annville, PA 17003.

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