

you ask the question, what kind of solidarity and support from outside of prison means the most to me... well, in answering that question let me start off by saying that prison is a place of warehousing of human souls, and a place where some of those souls if not most of them become more lost than they already were. In most prisons across America there is no such thing as rehabilitation plain and simple prison has become a big money business. Prison is a hard place of metal bunks, metal bats, metal doors, wire fences, brick walls and concrete yards. All of which are designed to keep you in and make you uncomfortable. There is a mentality of brutality within the people that inhabit (I do not say live, because this is no life) this space behind the wire. The prison society can be viewed a lot like corporate business with all the manipulative, fighting for position of power, backstabbing that goes on. However in corporate business these things are done metaphorically speaking however here they are a reality. As I said earlier there is no such thing as rehabilitation in prisons across this nation. Many talk about how important rehabilitation is and how important friends and family is but then offer very little in the way of rehabilitation and what they do offer is of little or no help in the real world and as for friends and family they make it difficult to stay in contact. so you are

THROWN BEHIND THE WIRE and in many cases forgotten about by friends (some of which you are better off without anyways) family, loved ones and left to make your place within this harsh society. Not many of the souls that unfortunately come to inhabit and experience this environment are hardened when they first walk through those gates and hear the loud clank of those gates shutting behind you unfortunately your transformation begins right there. With any amount of time at all, be it a year or two or more, spent behind the wire, without exception, all change to some degree or another to make their place or to survive in a society where the rule of law is violence. Now I am not saying that once the change has happened that there is no coming back from this because you can as long as you have not traveled to far down that road and friends and family and rehabilitation is a big help in that. So if I have not already answered your question of, what kind of solid solidarity and support from outside of prison means the most to me, I would have to say the connection with kind people that takes you out of a negative state of mind reminding you that you have a purpose to use this time positively. That there is a better reality in which you are thriving towards. That this does ~~not~~ not define who you are but to use it to better yourself keeping your mind and your eyes on

THE FUTURE AND KEPT YOUR FEET MOVING TOWARDS IT.
Having a SOLIDITY and SUPPORT SYSTEM on THE
OUTSIDE KEEPS YOU PUSHING.

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