

## Reviving My Inspiration

By: Eric Smalley

I can't honestly remember the last time I wrote something to the American Prison Writing Archive (APWA). It honestly feels like it's been forever. When I was at my local jail, I always had something to write about. I always felt inspired to do what I love, which is writing. I want to inspire and encourage others with my writings. So, where did I go? What happened? To answer honestly, my inspiration died. I began to shut down and I began to lose hope. When I got to prison, I started to isolate myself and tune out reality. Mentally, I just wanted to fade away.

Now, I am trying to find that spark again so I may ignite the passion I once had by writing. My inspiration has "fallen asleep" as the Scriptures put it. It needs to be revived so it may bring me back to life and in turn bring life to all those who read my writings. So now, I find myself back on a journey in search of inspirational topics that will touch the hearts and minds of my readers.

If you are a person of prayer, please pray for God will lead me in the words I speak (or write). God Bless you.

Dear APWA,

Sorry I haven't submitted anything in a while. My new address is:  
Eric Smalley 1435367, Sussex II State Prison, 24427 Musselwhite Dr.  
Waverly, VA. 23891. Hopefully you still have me in your system.

Sincerely,  
Eric Smalley