

I NEED THE POTTER

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I GAVE UP FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF
LONG AGO. BUT THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE LOST THE
WAY TO PIECE MY LIFE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.
I HAVE SHATTERED MY LIFE TOO MANY TIMES.
IT SEEMS THAT WHEN I REBUILD THIS FRAGILE
LIFE, POVERTY OR ADDICTION STRIKE THE
POTTERY OF MY LIFE BACK TO PIECES.

I DID LEARN TO BE CONTENT WITH WHAT
LITTLE I HAD. BUT IT SEEMED THAT MY BROTHER-
IN-LAW AND SISTER SAW THIS PEACE AND
CONTENTEDNESS AND DISPISED ME FOR WHAT
LITTLE HAPPYNESS I HAD IN LIFE. NOW I AM
BROKEN UP AGAIN, ON THE FLOOR IN PIECES.



SURE I AM AT THE POINT IN LIFE WHERE I AM TIRED OF TRYING TO PUT THESE PIECES BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. BUT I HAVE NOT LOST HOPE.

ONE DAY THE POTTER WILL COME BACK, I KNOW THIS; AND HE WILL PUT ME BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. THEN I WILL SHINE WITH A NEW LIGHT. BUT FOR TODAY, I AM CONTENT TO BE BROKEN, NOT HOPELESS, JUST TIRED, TIRED OF TRYING TO DO IT ALL MYSELF.

THEY SAY, "IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD." I SAY, "YOU CAN'T LET AN EX-FELON GO INTO THE WORLD AND EXPECT HIM TO FIX HIMSELF!" WE NEED HELP PUTTING THE PIECES OF OUR

Lives back TOGETHER AGAIN, SO DON'T SHAME
EX-FELONS FOR THE RECIDIVISM RATE. CRIME
IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM BEFORE AND AFTER
PUNISHMENT. NO ONE MAN STANDS ALONE
IN A COMMUNITY. CIVILIZATION IS A
COLLECTIVE. FORGET SOCIALISM, POVERTY IS
BORN IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE OF CORPORATE
GREED AND LUSTS FOR PROFITS. CRIME AND
ADDICTIONS ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF POVERTY,
NOT THE CAUSE OF POVERTY. UNTIL WE AS A
NATION STOP POINTING FINGERS AND START
LENDING A HAND TO THOSE WHO NEED HELP. I
DON'T CARE TO PUT THE PIECES OF MY LIFE
BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.



THIS NATION WAS GREAT AT ONE TIME
because we HELPED ONE ANOTHER OUT OF
THE GOODNESS OF OUR HEARTS. SO UNTIL
WE PUT ASIDE OUR DIVISIVENESS, SELFISHNESS,
AND GREED; HOW CAN WE MOVE FORWARD?
SADLY WE HAVE NOT HIT BOTTOM YET.

