

# Testimonials

Dear Mrs. Baker,

Hi. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well and I am also glad that I got a chance to meet your son. I wish it could have been under different circumstances, but it wasn't. I learned a lot from him. Being only 24, Cedric taught me how to make the best of a bad situation. Being white, he treated me the same as the brothers. I'll be home soon, but I won't be coming back to prison. Cedric showed me that it's never too late to change and he also expressed how lucky I am to have another chance. I hope he keeps writing and I get a chance to read another one of his books. Thank you so very much and also good luck to you and your son.

From, Timothy Knapp  
(written to Cedric's mother on 9/22/08)

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Cedric,

I never thought I'd learn something from someone doing life, but I learned a lot from you. Keep helping people and eventually God will help you make it home. Thanks for teaching me how to be positive in such a negative place.

Brandon Hitchcock (serving 5 ½ years)

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Dean,

I have so much love and respect for you. Thanks for teaching me how to be a man. You need to be on the streets. The way you can connect with people like me is unbelievable. I don't respect too many people in prison, but I do respect you. I'll never forget what you once told me: "Gangsters destroy lives, gentlemen make lives better." I'll be home soon and when I hit the streets, I won't forget how to be a gentleman.

Anthony McKinney (Federal Inmate)

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Dean,

Thanks a lot for taking up for me. I didn't know what to do. It ain't everyday somebody takes something from me. I feel bad that you're in the hole because of me. What you did only a brother would do. When we get back on the yard, I promise I'm going to work in my G.E.D. Thanks again for helping me out.

"G" (written by Gregory Rendon 5/20/07 after being bullied in prison)

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Dean,

I'm taking everything you have told me these last 2 days into consideration. My plan is to go to school and church. I am going to try to get into the challenge program ASAP. When the white boys come to me when I got there, I'm going to make it known that my intentions are to go to school, work and church. I'm gonna let them know that I plan on staying out of the way. I think that my actions will speak louder than my words. Hopefully they can respect this. For me to have to stab someone and possibly get LIFE would kill my mother. Hopefully it doesn't come to that. Thank you for all the insight.

Josh (USP McCreary inmate)

P.S.

My mother and daughter just wrote me. I have to make it home for them ASAP. I think the church route is the best choice to make that happen. This could actually be what I needed.