



Dear Friends,

I've got a song stuck in my head that goes like this, "I've got a piece of the rock,...I'm no longer building on sand,...daily with Jesus I walk,...and hold to my piece of the rock." That brings up two memories; one was a Prudential Insurance advertisement which encouraged the viewers to get a piece of their "Rock" by buying insurance. The other image is that of a zip-lock bag containing a "Piece of the Berlin Wall". It's true, I have a piece of The Berlin Wall. A relative was living in Germany when our beloved President Ronald Reagan stood at the base of that infamous wall and declared with his booming Hollywood voice, "Mr. Gorbachev, TEAR DOWN THIS WALL". We know now that those words were the beginning of a new era for the people living behind a wall, which separated them from the rest of the free world. ONE MANS WORDS sparked hope for millions and the wall came down.

Some behind the wall had resolved to just live in the bondage of the wall. Others schemed to circumvent the wall to freedom and others died trying to be free. Others gave up and committed suicide, rather than live in the man-made hell of communism and torture by the ungodly regime of the Soviet Union.

Today, there is still a wall that separates many from a life of freedom in South Carolina. The wall of addiction is a formidable barrier that many believe can never be destroyed. Many simply choose to live behind that wall in bondage and die there. Some struggle to climb it and by the grace of God succeed in getting clean. Others make a permanent mistake in a temporary situation. Some take their life in desperation because they have no hope.

A strong human trait takes over when one finds himself faced with a wall. It goes like this. If a man wants to do something he will find a way. If he doesn't, he will find an excuse.

Friends, the devil is quick to offer excuses BUT GOD HAS ALREADY MADE A WAY OF ESCAPE and the Wall of Addiction can be torn down. But they need our help. My cry today is FRIENDS, HELP ME TEAR DOWN THAT WALL.

Thank you, Al Denmark for the "Piece of the Berlin Wall" and the illustration that change can happen, when we put words into action and our resources where the need is so great. Thank you partners for your help in tearing down that wall in another addict's life today! Your gift is another person's PIECE OF THE ROCK. It is the best insurance out there.

As we celebrate the Person that came in a manager to provide freedom for all of mankind, please remember that millions (42 million drug addicts in America) are living behind a wall. Many will escape if they just had a little help this Christmas; and, your help is what is needed.

Every gift that is postmarked by December 31, 2023 will be credited to your 2023 giving for taxable purposes. We will finish strong as you do your best.

Helping Hurting People,

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