

GRAVES

INTO



ASHLEY, EMMA, JOSHUA

EXPERENICE IN PRISON:

“PRISON SAVED ME.”

THIS IS ABOUT THE HARD LIFE LESSONS JOSHUA HAD TO LEARN AND HOW PRISON HELPED HIM BECOME A BETTER MAN. SHOWN IN DIFFERENT TIMES IN HIS LIFE.

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ABOUT JOSHUA

HE VALUES GOD, FAMILY, AND AVP.

HE GREW UP IN OMAHA, NE, AND WENT TO NORTH HIGH SCHOOL.

HIS FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST WAS LIL WAYNE, UNTIL HE FOUND GOD IN '04 AND STOPPED LISTENING TO RAP MUSIC.

THE BIBLE AND HIS FAMILY ARE WHAT KEEPS HIM MOTIVATED

HE HAS 8 KIDS, 5 BOYS AND 3 GIRLS. HE KEEPS HIMSELF BUSY IN PRISON BY VOLUNTEERING AT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, GOING TO AA MEETINGS, AND CHURCH.

YOUNG

A full-page background image of an astronaut in a white space suit with an American flag patch on the sleeve, floating in space. The astronaut is holding a small white box. The background shows a bright orange and yellow sun or star, a blue planet with white clouds, and several small brown planets or moons.

*JOSHUA HAS 3 SIBLINGS.

*HE GREW UP WANTING TO BE AN ASTRONAUT.

*HIS PARENTS GOT DIVORCED, SO JOSHUA WENT TO LIVE WITH HIS DAD, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP.

JOSHUA ENDED UP MOVING BACK IN WITH HIS MOM AFTER HIS FATHER GOT INTO DRUGS THIS WAS THE START OF JOSHUA'S DOWNWARD SPIRAL.

DUMB

GROWING UP JOSHUA WAS THE MIDDLE CHILD AND OFTEN TIMES HE FELT NEGLECTED. THIS LED HIM TO MAKE BAD DECISIONS. HE TURNED TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES HE WAS PUT ON PROBATION AT THE AGE OF 15 FOR A SHOOTING. HIS EXPERIENCE ON PROBATION DIDNT WORK BECAUSE HE WAS NOT WILLING TO PUT IN THE WORK TO CHANGE.

BROKEN

JOSHUA WAS IN AND OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR TEN YEARS. HE WOULD GET ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OR THEFT. EACH TIME HE WOULD ONLY SERVE 4-6 MONTHS. HIS MOST RECENT TIME HE GOT A 4-8 YEAR SENTENCE WHICH WAS A WAKE UP CALL FOR HIM. IN PRISON HE WORKED ON BUILDING HIS CONNECTION WITH GOD. HE ALSO GOT JOBS TO KEEP HIM BUSY: CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT, LIBRARIAN, FOOD SERVICES, AND MAINTENANCE.

New Beginnings Who Dis?

“EVERY TIME I WOULD GET OUT OF
PRISON I WOULD LOSE GOD”

HE FELT THAT BECAUSE HE WAS OUT, THAT HE DIDN'T
NEED GOD FOR ANYTHING ANYMORE. BUT EVERY TIME
HE WENT BACK TO PRISON, HE FOUND GOD. BECAUSE
IN THE END HE KNEW THAT HE NEEDED GOD JUST AS
MUCH AS GOD NEEDS HIM.



AVP

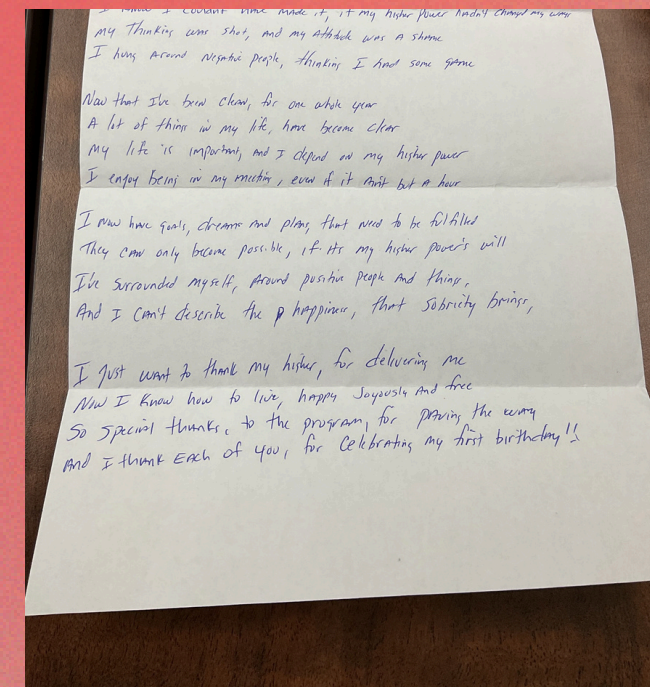
Joshua started AVP in August 2025. He has found a sense of freedom and a safe place to share his life story. He is currently training to be an AVP facilitator. AVP has given Joshua a community and a family.

He is trying not only for his family but for himself, and the other guys at avp, because they all really look up to each other. and they all keep each other grounded.



OLD & WISE

JOSHUA IS NOW IN HIS 40'S NOW AND HE IS LOOKING AT IT LIKE IT IS A NEW BEGINNING, BECAUSE IT IS. HE WANTS TO BETTER HIMSELF FOR HIS FAMILY, AND FOR HIMSELF. HE HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO MAKE THIS HIS LAST TIME IN PRISON.



A Poem written for Joshua for his first sobriety birthday.

BEST ADVICE

"SEE THE BLESSING OR
SEEK THE BLESSING."

2COR 5:17–(ESV):

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”