

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Dear Andrew,

In a few weeks it will be 4 years since I last saw you. Wow!

I am taking a college class this summer called "Students from Dysfunctional Families". We are exploring the impact dysfunctional families have on students and how as educators we can help them. Today we talked to some women inmates at a low security prison. I was thinking of you today and how your mother kidnapped you and should be in prison for this crime. I also have forgiveness for these women inmates and your mother for the pain they have caused to me and others in society. They need to server their time for the crime they did, but we also need to allow for reform. It is hard to accept others to come back into society after they have done such hurtful criminal acts, but as Christians we need to love them. Your mother is a child of God, like myself. She has done a terrible wrong. In time she will have to work this out with God. I have forgiven your mother for what she has done. I pray someday she will see what she has done wrong and try and make it right for you and everyone involved and also with God. You can hide and you can ignore him, but you can't run from God.

Some day you will learn the truth of the terrible things your mother has done to stop you from having a relationship with your father and extended family, such as myself. You will be angry! It is an emotion we all have to experience. Then hopefully someday will come forgiveness. It doesn't mean you have to forget and have the same relationship, but you will have to let the anger go and rebuild a new relationship with her. A mother and father are very important people in your life. They are human and will make mistakes. In your mother's case she made a big one! But as Christians we forgiven and help bring them closer to God.

I think of you often and wonder how you are growing into a young boy. I wonder what your personality is like. What are your likes and dislikes? I pray for your happiness. I pray for you to be reunited with your father. He greatly misses you! We all do. As another year of you being gone comes, I will remind you we will never forget you. We hold on to "someday"!

Love your Aunt Becky ☺