

Righting My Wrongs

My community looked up to and love me for all the wrong reasons. Now I am back to rebuild and revive my community, which I corrupted and manipulated for many different seasons.

My community praised my ignorance because I had them in a trance. Now I am back to lead them in the right directions and we can celebrate success with a victory dance.

My community patronized me while I sold them poison. Now I am back to purify them and be one of their positive voices and help them make better choices.

My community looked up to me when I was not deserving. Now I am back to serve them and be my community servant.

My community brought me smiles, laughter, and plenty of joy, and sadly that's the same community that I am guilty of having abandoned and destroyed.

My community entrusted me with their children even when I was running wild. Now I'm back righting my wrongs and building the village which I know it takes to raise a child.

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Thank You FOR READING!

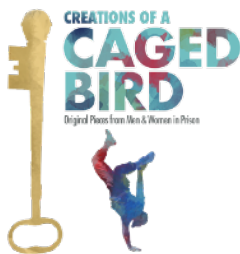
Below is a question to reflect on from this piece. Feel free to also use it as a conversation starter with a fellow reader, or even a loved one on the outside!

Anthony feels a particular responsibility toward the children in his community. Who are people in your community or communities – inside or outside – that you would especially like to encourage and support?

We'd love to hear what you thought of the piece, or if you've had any meaningful conversations as a result. Or perhaps you'd like to share an expression of your own (visual art or creative writing). You are always welcome to write to us at Shining Light at P.O. Box 267, Annville, PA 17003.

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