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When you first hear the term, correctional facility, one imagines that there may be a multitude of programs designed to help change one's way of thinking. To help one function in an acceptable manner with the people you will be expected to live with when released.

There are programs offered at various facilities. Some mandatory, depending on your specific crime. But the truth is, sitting in a classroom, for several hours a week, more often than not, produces no real transformation in the individuals attending. Many attend the meetings, only to receive the certificate and the check-off of a required class.

Real changes take place when something touches your heart and changes your desires, to do good with the rest of your life. To develop real compassion to serve others, rather than only think of when this person can do for me? True transformation begins in the heart, not the head. Thanks be to God who through the power of His Word, the grace of His Holy Spirit and the completed work of Christ on the cross, makes it possible to change our hearts and produce true transformation and a peace beyond that which the world can offer. I believe the art I create can also have a transforming affect on myself, as well as those who view it.