

I am in the book titled, "Doing Life" by Howard Zehr. There's a quote in there I wrote under my picture you can use. You know something, I used to feel so bad for women and men on death row for decades. I used to think that waiting time on appeals was not only tortuous but inhumane. That was, until I realized that I've spent a year short of a half a century in prison and never killed anyone! Nor intended to! I mean, I get it. I'm totally guilty of my crime. I am responsible for the murder of my victim. But what happened to culpability? If an offender can be sentenced to death for killing a victim, but his coconspirator can't because the law states you can't execute someone who didn't kill anyone, then why can an offender who murdered, be sentenced to death by incarceration, and his coconspirator can too. Why is it different for death but not for life? When I would hear surviving victims' families say that the offender got off easy by getting the death penalty or committing suicide, I knew what they meant. You see they'd rather see them spend every day of their lives behind bars to represent choking the living life out of them until they're finally dead. It is not until then that they are satisfied. Well, they are absolutely right! And if I knew what it was like back then to do DBI, and had another trial, I would request that if I'm found guilty to give me the death penalty!! Because I wouldn't want to see my worst enemy do this much time in prison and never have killed anyone! Even one of my victim's family members wrote to me and literally apologized to me for being in prison this long for the part of her grandfather's murder I'm responsible for. She said she had no idea that they would give me this much time. I do believe one thing for sure, I will be released when GOD says it's time to and makes a way for me to. And I do believe He will make this route be the way.

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