

# Trampled Like a Rose

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Pastor Shon is a mighty man of God in his 50s who I highly respect and care about, the suffering that this poor man has had to endure over the last two years is heartbreaking and for many of us very hard to imagine.

I want you to imagine an inmate in a prison in solitary confinement then one day he receives a letter and hidden inside the fold are two rose bush seeds. The inmate scrounges up some soil from within his prison cell and in a little paper cup he plants the seeds. The seeds have limited resources, very little light, but it is watered every day, soon it begins to sprout and grow. The inmate nurtures it and protects it, he hides it from the guards, then about a month later a beautiful rose blooms which brings great joy to the inmate, Suddenly keys are heard, the cell door is flung open, the guard pushes the inmate out of the way grabs the Rose and stomps on it with his feet right in front of the inmate breaking the inmates heart and spirit and leaving him on the floor of the cell crying.

About two weeks ago Pastor Shon told me of a similar story, you see Pastor Shon is very kind to the staff and patients at the facility where he is confined to, he offers prayer, heartfelt advice, he shares the Word of God with the patients and staff, he listens to their concerns. Pastor Shon was sharing scripture verses on Facebook with a girl who works in activities, Pastor Shon would share different insights about the Bible with this young girl it was all very harmless there's nothing more to it than a Pastor sharing the love of Christ and the word of God with somebody.

A short time later the girl was reported by somebody in the facility, she had to go see the Director of the facility who disciplined her telling her that was against the rules and that she had to shut Pastor Shon out of her Facebook page. Is this what American Healthcare has come to for God's sake? No rights and any joy that the patients can possibly receive is stomped out like that rose?

Pastor Shon's wife came to visit him, she lives out of state and they haven't seen each other in person in over two years, finally now there's limited visitation, patients are allowed a visit by one family member who's screened and makes an appointment for 30 minutes. After their first visit Pastor Shon lovingly hugged his wife when saying goodbye a staff member immediately came over and told him to stop that that's not allowed Pastor Shon looked at the staff member and said,

“You go run and get whoever you want I'm going to continue to hug my wife I haven't seen her in over two years and I'm not going stop just because somebody tells me I have to.”

Like a rose trampled on the ground but thank God that Christ took the fall for all of us because it's only through His sacrifice and love that we are able to have the strength to carry on and forgive those who seek to harm us in difficult circumstances like this. Pastor Shon tells all those who come in contact with him,

“Jesus loves you and so do I”

These 7 words have got to be the most powerful witnessing tool I have ever heard, I think we should all tell people on a daily basis,

“Jesus loves you and so do I.” or

“Yeshua loves you and so do I.”

Please keep Pastor Shon and his family in your prayers.

Thank you and God Bless You..Amen John 14:27