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As the rain continued to pound the rooftops, streets and cars, Jason sat emotionless, staring out into the wet commotion. Though the keys were in the ignition, Jason was unaware of his surroundings. For the first time, he was at a loss. He fumbled around in his mind to find the key to fixing yet another of Mom's messes. As the rain and wind swirled all around him, he felt confused and helpless.

Without knowing it, Jason found himself back at his apartment, still pondering the future of his siblings, knowing that he had little or no control of its outcome. Meanwhile, in another part of town, in another world, Jason's mom had sold her soul to the devil. She was about to embark upon a journey that had no hope for a happy ending. She had finally crossed over the inevitable line of no return. In a house on the "other" side of the street, Mom's new "friends" were preparing her for this new journey. You see, they were her pilot, co-pilot and navigator. She would have little say in where this trip would end.

And there you have it. Without knowing how or why, another person, someone's child, sister, mother and friend had fallen under the powerful control of meth. When one decides to enter the world of meth, you surrender everything that has been good and will be good in your life. You become a prisoner to a drug and to the people who manufacture it. And literally, you lose your dignity, respect and freedom.

In separate locations throughout the city, Jason's siblings stare at the sky, the dark calm night after the storm. They think about their mother and where she might be. They think about Jason and how he will make everything right again. They are young and naïve and despite their mother's efforts, remain hopeful that their big brother will once again save them.

As Jason processes his thoughts at the end of another long day, Mom and her "friends" continue to cook up a recipe for disaster. As we look at the different scenarios that are taking place within Jason's family, the hopelessness of the situation overcomes all those who are involved. How do we want this story to end? How do you think this story will end? You have a choice in your community to write the final chapter by getting involved and making a difference.

~ Randy Allman

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