

# **I Am, You Are, We Are...**

I am a work in progress, some days... more work than progress.

I am a work in progress committed to making positive change.

I am determined, hopeful, changing, praying, working, stressing, walking in faith, talking to God, asking for a second chance, pleading for a break, wondering how long it will take.

I am a man who is broken but seeking to right the wrongs I have done to society.

I am a son, a brother, an uncle, a father, and husband.

I am an unorganized person.

I am a man who has made a lot of mistakes in the past.

I am heartbreak and sorrow, sorrow and despair, judgement, expectation, anger, and fear.

I am the sum of my greatest fears and most tragic hopes.

I am the wounded heart, the ship lost at sea, emerging as the Flying Dutchman.

I am a fellow brother who is currently incarcerated.

I am a casualty of calamity.

I am the drunk driver with blood on his hands but my history is not my destiny.

I am a grieving brother who lost his beautiful older sister to an opioid overdose.

I am a father of two boys.

I am a unique person with multiple talents.

I am something to hold on to because I am a special kind.

I am a mathematician, a math magician, full of so much potential and ambition.

I am many things, I am a fisher of men.

I am the millions on relief today, the millions who have nothing for their pay.

I am sorry.

I am resilient.

I am a college student.

I am a single voice.

I am a changed person.

I am, I am...

I am a formerly incarcerated college professor

You are my student,

and...

Not beyond redemption

Deserving of love and compassion

More than these walls

Kind and attentive

An artist who inspires others

The freedom fighter

Righteous and vigilant

Structured and disciplined

Intelligent, expressive, and motivated

Good company and optimistic

A son who loves his mother

A man acquiring an education

Awesome, and a man of God.

This is who We Are...