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A beautiful BLACK WOMAN (30s) balances her purse, a bag of groceries, and her SON's hand (8). They walk briskly down neighborhood streets.

He's dressed in a public school uniform and carries a hand-made Thanksgiving turkey.

Her incredibly small but well kept apartment feels empty.

She prepares dinner. A tarnished wedding band fits loosely on her finger.

The son sticks the hand-made turkey on the spelling and math test covered refrigerator. Next to the turkey is a photo of a handsome Black man. The faded photograph has been there for many years.

The son kicks a ball around the yard. He has a strong resemblance to his father in the photograph.

The mother glances out of the kitchen window at her son.

FATHER VO

The last time I saw my son he could barely talk. I hear
he's a little man now.

Audio: A jail cell slams shut.

Audio: Music.

Title Card: "Over 2.7 Million Children have at least one parent in prison".

B-roll son walks uphill along a tall prison like fence. He drags his hand along the fence.

B-roll Crenshaw District children playing.

Audio: Police sirens.

B-roll young Black men, urban environment.

FATHER VO

There are so many things I want to tell my son, so many
things I wish I could teach him.

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The son approaches a rusty wire fence. He peers out into the world. He looks at us.

B-roll women going to work.

Mother and son sit near one another at small dining table. She glances at a third seat. Empty. She adores her son.

Title Card: "Speaking on the phone once a week for 1 hour costs mothers over \$280 a month".

Mother packs a pbj sandwich in a brown paper bag.

The mother stands looking in the mirror preparing her nurse's outfit for work.

The son watches his mother. He straightens the collar on his school uniform.

FATHER VO

I hope my son knows I love him, even when he doesn't hear me say it.

FADE TO BLACK

Title Card: This father's likelihood of staying out of prison dramatically increases when he can connect with his family. Help everyone stay connected this holiday season. TakePart.com/MiddleofNowhere