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Personal and Family Inventory

My brother and I grew up in a very loving Christian home with both of our parents. My father was married before he met my mother and had five children through that union. All together it was seven of us. My father was drafted in the Army around 1940 he was only about fifteen years old. He received a medical discharge and suffered with mental illness throughout his life. He had to take nerve medication for as far as I could remember growing up. He was also placed in a mental hospital several times, when I was a infant I was told that by mother. As a child he and his siblings were abandoned and people took them and raised them all separately. My father thought for years his mother was deceased. We found out after he died that she was in asylum in New York the whole time. My mother had to grow up fast being that her father was murdered when she was twelve and her mother had eight other children including an infant to raise. She helped raise them all as the oldest daughter, her brother Primus was the eldest of them all.

o What sins have you and your family struggled with?

My mother and father played illegal numbers. They took us to the number hole sometimes. I was introduced to gambling very young. I even played a few single numbers as a young girl and happily hit for eight or nine dollars. I still play numbers from time to time the legal way, it feels like I can not stop. I stopped for years and begin playing numbers again a few years ago. Fornication has been one of all of our sins in the family. My father married my mother after both of us was born. My brother and I had our first kids out of wedlock. I was introduced to porn as a teenager by my brother. He had adult videos and I would sneak and watch them when he was at work. I have watched porn some in my adult years a bit too. I at times use bad words, not

often nor publicly but every now and then. I think bad at times not wishing harm on anyone but I do have thoughts that I know are not pleasing to God from lust and or when someone hurts me.

o Has there been any addictive behavior in you or in your family tree? If so, what? How pervasive is it?

My father was an alcoholic for several years. He would get drunk and throw things in the house. He even drove drunk several times. All of my siblings had alcohol issues. One of my brothers fell on the train tracks decades ago. He lost a leg and part of his foot, he was inebriated. Only one sibling drinks a bit now. I never was into alcohol nor drugs thankfully. One of my siblings Ike, was on crack for a few years. He worked for UPS as a supervisor. My mother did a lot of petitioning to the Lord on his behalf. He has been free from alcohol and crack cocaine for over two decades. He is very active in ministry and shares his story publicly when lead to. My oldest son is an alcoholic and it is very hard dealing with him when he is drunk. My brother Ike was abusive to two of his past girlfriends.

o Is there any anxiety, depression, suicide, suicide attempts, suicide ideologies, mental illness, mental hospitalizations, and/or self-harm in the family tree?

My father suffered with mental illness throughout his life after being in the army as a child. He served in WWII. He was hospitalized a few times for his psychiatric challenges. My oldest son Anthony who is an alcoholic attempted suicide over ten years ago. He has been hit in his head several times. He just recently got his jaw broken and about a year ago he came home with a big gash in his head which needed stitches. I have been diagnosed with depression after

suffering a work related injury in 2015. I also have a Traumatic brain injury. I suffer with chronic pain, headaches and have endured six surgeries and multiple procedures since.

o Describe your religious history. Any other religious practices beside Christianity? Any occult activity?

My mother was a Preachers Kid. Our lineage is filled with servants of the Lord. We have a few Bishops, several Pastors, Evangelists, Ministers, worship leaders. We are a very active family of Christians. Our family reunions are three day long. On Friday night it is a fish-fry, that Saturday we have a huge cookout with lots of activities. Sunday we gather for a huge Worship service with a family member Preaching the word and other members of the family participating in the service.

There are no other practices that I am aware of. I believe my oldest son has learned about the Muslim Faith a bit, but he has not practiced nor have I seen him with a Koran.

o Was there a lot of division, fighting, bitterness, anger, resentment, and/or grudge-holding in your family system?

We have always been a loving family. I never seen my father hit my mother. She claims he never did. He loss a lot of teeth lunging at her and missing her.

o Was there any violence in your family? Was there any abuse? Include both perpetrators and victims in the family.

I have never witnessed any type of violence growing up in my household. I am a domestic violence myself in four different relationship. First relationship was as a teenager, the last one was a few years ago. My brother Ike was abusive in two of his relationships. My father went to hit and lunge at my mother when my brother and I was small but he never got to hit her. She told me he was drinking, other than those times he was a very good man she told me. Growing up he was very involved with all seven of his kids, I was very close to my dad. Thankful that him and my mother lasted and raised my brother and I together.

o Is there any sexual abuse, rape, molestation, incest in your family system? Include both perpetrators and victims.

On my mother's side her sister was raped at twelve years and she birthed a son due to that assault. My mother caught the man when he was raping her and she beat him off of her with a broom stick.

I have been sexually abused as a child by a female cousin continuously it started when I was around eight years old. Her name was Terry and she was about five years older than me. No one in the family ever knew. When I grew older it stopped and her and I never talked about it. I was also raped at sixteen by someone I thought was just a friend, his name was Daryl. I was raped later on in three different abusive relationship by exes. My ex-husband Michael would beat and rape me often. The rapes usually occurred in the bathroom when my son was home watching tv as a child unaware what was going on. My youngest father and I was broke up and he violated

me when visiting, his name was Don. My last boyfriend Sean use to abuse me physically and sexually. In our relationship he would hit me, forcefully penetrate me anally. For some reason I felt trapped and I could not leave the man even after bleeding several times and screaming with pain. He would stuff my mouth with a sock, he would choke me and or hit me to stop screaming. I went to the police in 2017 and the DA's office would not allow the police to make an arrest. A few months later I somehow allowed him back in my life. I ended our relationship again in 2018 after he beat me up badly and vaginally raped me. It took me two weeks to finally go to the police they have yet to make an arrest. No one in my family knew these things were happening to me. I did eventually tell my sister in-law afterwards but no one else in my family.

o Has there been sexual immorality, infidelity, perversion, or other types of sexual sin in the family tree?

There is nothing that I am aware of...

o Has there been deception, lying, or secrecy in the family tree?

My family has been very transparent on both sides to my knowledge. I would say the secrecy of me being sexually abused and raped has been on my part. Othe than that nothing I am aware of...