

Reflection #3 Generalist Social Work Practice Online Class

In 3 -4 paragraphs, reflect on a time when you faced a situation that challenged your personal values. What did you do? Why? How did you decide what to do? What were the results of your decision? If you could relive the situation, would you handle it differently?

A time when I was faced with a situation that challenged my personal values was when I was about the age of 15 coming from a very broken household, I often felt like I was the adult in my household. My parents had me at a very young age, so we lived with my maternal grandmother. She was the glue that always held our family together especially when my parents would disappear and leave us alone for day. I would often cover up for my parents and act as if I knew where they were so that my grandmother would not worry. When I was about 15 years old, I witnessed my father steal a ring that my grandmother had forgotten on the bathroom sink. I did not want to get my dad in trouble, so I did not say anything to my grandmother neither did I stop him. I thought about this for a few minutes until my grandmother noticed that the ring was gone.

I made the decision to not say anything, to remain silent so my grandmother wouldn't be hurt because my dad stole her ring. Also, so my dad would not get in trouble with my grandmother and leave. I loved both and did not want anyone to be hurt in the situation. In my mind I thought if I could come up with an idea as to how the ring was lost that everyone would be okay, and no one would be hurt, and we would remain a family. I decided what to say and do when I saw that my grandmother was looking for the ring. I made up a story about how I saw the ring that morning when I was brushing my teeth and that once I was done, I did not remember seeing the ring again. Creating the idea that I may have dropped it by mistake down the drain while I was cleaning up.

If I could relive the situation, I do not think that I would change my decision. I spared my grandmother from feeling hurt by my dad's actions. I spared my dad from getting in trouble and possibly being kicked out. Deep down I always felt that my dad knew that I had witnessed him, and he started to become a better person. I feel that deep down he always felt that he was in debt to me and that I looked out for him. Even though this decision challenged me morally at the young age of 15 I knew that my action would have an impact on my family and I had to make the choice that best fit the situation and spared the feeling of my grandmother and eventually spared my dad as well.