

Forgiveness Case Study

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I emigrated to the United States of America, New York city at the end of November in 1988. A friend from my hometown Arequipa, Peru was able to get a room shared with a Philippino woman at Saint Joseph Home on 44th Street between 9th and 10th avenue. I remember, during my first weeks, I was advised not to leave the dorm unless I was accompanied by another person. At the time, I didn't understand their concerns. However, living so far away from home I can never forget the relief I felt. I remember how a huge heavy load on my back came off! I felt liberated, free from the problems, hurts, frustrations, I left behind in my hometown. Please, don't interpret these words wrong. I belong to a family whom I believe love me, in their own way.

My father was only seventeen and my mother fifteen years old when they got married. I believe because my father married so young that he betrayed my mother often. My mother emotionally was unbalanced until a psychologist used the Bible to help her. I was around eight years old and the oldest of four children at the time and she started praying. She cried so hard with so much pain which hurt me very hard. This was the first of many other times that she prayed crying bitterly, pleading to the Lord to help her with my father's betrayal.

I recalled an episode that I couldn't take out of my mind. I was working at my father's Tour and Travel Agency when my mother appeared with a knife looking for my father's secretary. After a while, I found out that my dad was dating a girl that he hired as a secretary and was working with us. I couldn't believe the things that he did. They used to come early to the office in order to have some time together alone. My mother threatened him with hurting this woman and my dad opted to fire her. I was so naive about these things that I recalled going for a coffee with this girl and explained how sometimes older men do inappropriate moves. I didn't know that they were having an intimate relationship. However, I don't know how, but this girl found a German tourist that fell in love with her and she left my father.

A few years later, one day I received a call from a woman from a Peruvian Airline complaining “why we requested complimentary tickets for people that do not work in our office.” She was upset and hung up on me. I didn’t understand and as I mentioned it to my father he didn’t say much about it. I love the Lord so much and prayed for my father’s salvation a lot that I didn’t accuse him! Then a few days later as we were driving, my mother stopped the car and said “that is the woman your father is going out with now!” She screamed and went inside the coffee place. My little brother Joseph was only a year old and I was caring for him so I couldn’t get out with her. One of my sisters did.

There have been more episodes that my dad would keep dating this young woman. My older brother got involved and the situation escalated so much that actually my mother didn’t handle it well communicating with my brother or some of my sisters. My dad kept saying that he loved my mother and he was never going to divorce her. My mother decided not to divorce him since she wouldn’t have enough money to raise us. These and many other conflicts in my house, made me an insecure person. I hated men, I didn’t trust them and thought they were the evil in this world. I thought that women were nicer. I praised the Lord that one day doing the Lord’s prayer at my Christian School the Father revealed to me that he is our FATHER. This has helped me a lot in life.

Regardless of this situation in my life, I always desire to have my own family. I had trusted the Lord to give me a man that would love him. The Lord introduced me to Richard, a new born again Christian in the faith a few months after I arrived in the country. I have struggled trusting Richard. However, I prayed and trusted our Lord Jesus that the work HE started in him would bring into a completion. Recently, I have forgiven my dad over and over as circumstances appear in my own life with my husband and daughters. I thought I forgot my father when I found that he was dying of cancer and asked for God’s forgiveness. I notice that there are things that come to my life from my past that relate to my lack of trust in men. Now I pray for forgiveness every time when these ideas arrive because God’s love forgives!

With integrity, I have read this book (circle one):

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Quickly but Completely ___%

Thoroughly but NOT Entirely ___%

Quickly and NOT Completely ___%

Not at all

Signed: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paddy Sawyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "P" and "S".