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Response to Chris's letter.

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Sat, Feb 15, 2025 at 2:05 AM

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Dear Chris,

I want to thank you for coming to our home here in Franklin and spending time with dad, Stephen and me, It really meant a lot to me. I recognize that it was somewhat difficult and awkward, but it was still really good to see you and have you in our home. I especially loved the big hug.

I am extremely sorry that you learned about the other women. That should've never happened and the pain and anger that you feel is something I wish I could take away. I know that you also wanted to protect me and wished that I was more vocal about my needs.

I have thought a lot about what you have asked dad to do. I do understand why you want him to accept responsibility for his actions and how it affected your life. Dad and I have told your sisters about his other relationships and they do not want to know all of the specific details. (They are copied on this email and can comment if they want) If any of the girls ever want to know details and asked him, we would provide them. But I see no point in bringing up past behaviors that are no longer a part of our life. He has worked extremely hard to break the cycle of physical and sexual abuse. I am very proud of the incredibly difficult work that he has done. He is far from perfect, but is constantly trying to become a better person.

Dad has changed a great deal over the past several years. He is not the same person that he was when you were a teenager and neither am I. We have been honest with our feelings and with what happened. We have worked with a counselor and at this point, we are in a really good place in our marriage. Dad has learned more about what real love is and how to treat me better. I am actually really happy with our relationship now.

The other thing that I would like you to understand is that dissociative identity disorder is a medical diagnosis. It is part of the DSM 5 diagnostic manual and has been verified by both scientist, doctors and psychologists. What happened to dad and the extreme trauma he faced as a child caused a lot of damage to his brain and way of thinking. Over the years he was consistently diagnosed by different psychologists. It is not something that he made up.

It happened to him through no fault of his own. Like my diagnosis of cancer, even though you cannot see it when you look at me it's there the same way you cannot see the trauma and the consequences he faced by looking at dad.

Because of the extreme trauma, dad's brain compartmentalized the different aspects of his life so that he could physically survive the horrific things that were happening to him. The part of dad's brain that acted out and was with other women truly did not even know about me or realize that he was already married. In that respect, they were not affairs at all. Although his actions did affect me and you and our family, it was coming from a very different place than someone who simply has affairs because he wants sex from other women.

At this point in his life, he has done a tremendous amount of internal work with therapists and others, and all parts of him have committed to be married and faithful to me. Now I trust him completely.

I also understand that this may difficult for you to accept. The pain and hurt you feel is real. I wish I could've done a better job of protecting you but at the time I did the best job that I could. I have learned much over the past several years and if I could do things differently back then I definitely would have. I have also learned to let some things go. Carrying around the hurt and pain of other's actions does not really benefit me. It literally was weighing me down. It was affecting my health and my mental well-being. Since learning to let go, I am physically and mentally in a much better place. Letting go of anger and hurt is extremely hard but afterwards the feeling of peace is amazing. As he has asked before, we hope that you can forgive dad so that everyone can move on in their lives.

You are an adult at this point and can choose how you want to live your life and the relationships you want to have and how you want to treat others. I truly hope that you will be able to be an active part of our family and together we can begin repairing the relationship with not only dad and me, but also with your sisters and Stephen. I will always love you and you are always welcome home.

Love,

Mom

PS

my double mastectomy surgery on Monday went well. They were able to get the complete tumor out of my right breast and my lymph nodes did not have any cancer cells in them. They did have to remove both nipples and prophylactically remove my left breast as well. I'm still in quite a bit of pain, but I'm doing better. I will have to have drains in for another week or two and then once that heals, I will start chemotherapy. I may have to still have

radiation. Definitely not what I wanted to be doing the first part of this year, but I'm glad at least now that I am cancer free

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This was not the honest accounting email that was asked for or agreed to. This is not repentance, this is the opposite. I hope you understand that I don't much like having relationships with people I cannot trust. Glad your surgery went well.

Paul Chris Luke

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Mon, Feb 17, 2025 at 11:20 PM

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"If any of the girls ever want to know details and asked him, we would provide them." I'm asking for details. I don't get the same privilege?

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Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 2:03 AM

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Chris

When I said details what I meant was the number. You asked for that detail and we gave it to you but there's no reason to give you time, dates, people, etc. in no way would that help heal relationships. Dad has shared those details with me and his counselor but it shouldn't be necessary to share with our kids.

What he has shared is that he is sorry for the pain it caused and that he is now 100% faithful. This is enough for me and I hope enough for all of you too.

Love

Mom

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Being honest about those details with me would help heal OUR relationship. It's literally the only thing.

It's your right to refuse. It's Leslie's right to cower behind you. But it's also my right in that refusal to refuse a relationship with such dishonest individuals.

You ask for forgiveness, but refuse to account for what you've done.

Paul Chris Luke

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