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Storytelling and Leadership Week 4

Personal Dilemma:

I currently have an incredible work opportunity to do my dream job right when I get out of school. It is with a company that I have loved working at for over a year and will open the door for me into the government contract industry. It is everything I could have ever dreamed of, so what is my hesitation?

In taking this job, I would have to move to Quantico, Virginia, for at least 5 years. I am not really worried about starting over in a brand-new city or moving to a different state which is a good thing. I am worried about my family. This spring, my mom had some severe heart complications that landed her in the hospital. My dad also works in Quantico, and my sister was still in high school, so I had to go home to help off and on all last semester. It was hard, but I was glad that I could be there. I know that if anything were to come up again after I had moved, I wouldn’t be able to do this.

My sister has anxiety and has struggled with it for a few years. I received the offer in July, and she still thinks I will be working in Raleigh, NC, once I graduate. I have brought up the possibility of me moving for work, and every time she ends up in tears. In her mind, it feels like I am abandoning her, and she will never see me again. My parents are very happy that I will be doing my dream job, but that transition is going to be hard for them since I will be leaving them behind in Raleigh. My whole extended family, cousins, grandparents, everyone, is all in Raleigh. I will be the first to leave them. They are also excited that I have this incredible opportunity, but it is sad that I will not be around as much anymore.

Another person whom this decision will impact is my boyfriend. While he is not going to be the deciding factor in me taking the job, he has made that clear; I still want to take him into account. His jobs are all in Raleigh, along with his friends and family. I couldn’t ask him to pack up his entire life to start over in a brand-new state. This means I would only be able to see him around once a month when we are not having to travel to different customer locations.