A MATTER OF FAITH

Seven people on a spiritual journey to discover themselves.



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LYSAUNDRA CAMPBELL

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TEARING DOWN THE WALLS

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IN THE FALL OF 2010, LYSAUNDRA CAMPBELL CRIED hard for the first time in eight years.

As she was leaning against the shoulder of a stranger at the Impact National Conference in Atlanta GA, she cried out six years of pain and feelings of betrayal toward a father she loved. What she found was peace from the aftermath of domestic violence and the desire to help others find it, too.

Campbell says she spent much of her childhood building walls against the hurt that her father, Nathan, instilled when he abused her mother. Now as a 22-year-old senior at Mizzou, she says she and God are working on tearing them down.

"I don't think I understood grace until I was 20," she says. Once I did, I realized it didn't matter what happened; I coud come back from anything."

Campbell became familiar with the concept of abuse and its effect on families when she was just in the second grade. In 1999, after several violent disputes between her parents, Campbell's mother Saundra, moved Campbell, her sister and her brother to her home state of Virginia . Campbell says all she understood at the time was that her mother had split up their family. More here on the background of her family; where were they living, how did her parents meet, what did they do, what was the family like? How did the abuse start and how did it progress? Did LySaundra notice it when she was a kid? Was it hidden or overt?

"I didn't really know what was going on, but at the same time I did want the image of a two-parent home," she says. "I didn't want anyone to look at my life and think anything was different."

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"I'd come to work where did she work? with my eyes red from crying or staying up late," she says. "People at work knew and said, 'You've got to do something about it.'"

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