

Never alone

Never alone is an inspirational story based on real life events. The story of a young lady who had gone through hard times. When life pushed her to quit, her faith in Christ and perseverance led her to overcome. It was faith that moved mountains and brought success and refined the whole course of her life. “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things,” Romans 11v36.

July 2, 1995. The day where the life of Amy took a new turn. Indeed, it was the young girl’s 15th birthday. She was so excited at the idea of welcoming her friends and relatives to the big birthday bash organized by her parents Jim and Becky.

“A magic moment any teenage girl would dream of”, Amy thought. She felt so loved and was so grateful to her parents.

The birthday party was fine tuned. Music was on. Happiness and joy filled the atmosphere. Nothing in the world could stop Amy from being the world’s happiest daughter. It was THE DAY, HER DAY. Her parents were so proud of her and her lovely little brother, Wayne who was 9.

In spite of this joyful spirit, Amy could feel that something was wrong. Her inner self was on alert. She could notice her parents, uncles and aunts talking. The faces were pale and sad. Amy could read the anxiety and deception on their face.

“Why are they in such state”, Amy asked herself. Her mind was filled with unanswered questions.

“If it was some surprises for my birthday, they would have had a different attitude”. Amy tried hard to look for answers until her mum who could no more hold her pain and tears. Becky started crying.

Amy’s questions did not remain unanswered for long. Her father, had been diagnosed, that very morning, with severe renal failure. Jim had only two weeks to live, the doctors said. What a shock on her 15th birthday to learn that the man she loved the most on this earth would depart from her soon.

That day would remain vivid in the mind and heart of that young teenager. Jim, Becky, Amy and Wayne received the support of family members and friends. Their Christian faith helped them through the worst circumstance.

Since that day, Amy decided that the only way to face the big challenge is to trust God.

After a renal transplantation undergone by Jim in India in November 1995, things went well. Amy and Wayne continued her education. However, Jim's health started to deteriorate. And at that time Amy was passing her final college exams before getting enrolled to university.

One Saturday, Amy and Wayne decided to visit their dad at the hospital. They were waiting on the bus stop since noon. Anytime the bus which would take them to the hospital stopped Amy was reluctant to enter. Wayne could not understand her sister. At 3 p.m they were still waiting. For what? Amy did not have the answer. Until her mother came to the bus stop and told them that their dad had died.

Still, they were not alone. Never alone. It was the simple fact that God was watching over Amy and Wayne. Had they taken the bus for the hospital, their dad would have died in their presence.

It was two days after Amy's Higher School Certificate exams ended in November 1997. Once again, she was not alone. Her father did not die while she was on exams.

From that very day Amy remembered one verse which would change the course of her life as a young lady who would grow up without a father.

Psalms 68 v 5 from the Bible: "He is a Father to the fatherless..." For years, Amy cherished those precious words.

Since her dad's departure, relatives took care of Amy's family. It cannot be argued that Becky has been a wonderful mum for her two children. She has been supportive throughout the years, a mother on whom the children could rely.

Amy faced hard times after college. She could hardly find a good job to support the family. Worst: she could not afford to achieve her biggest dream: study at university.

For six years, Amy had no more than some part-time jobs as teacher.

Day by day, the young lady felt discouraged by the circumstances but reminded herself of Psalm 68v5. She did it as a confession day and night.

“I am not alone and never will as far as the Father to the fatherless is by my side”, she said.

“I may not have my earthly father right here but my Heavenly father is here to give me support, rest, peace and love.” That was the real comfort of Amy.

Years passed by. Amy met the love of her life, the one who would become her husband. Gerald. They enjoyed wonderful times together sharing their faith, vision and expectations.

Gerald and Amy got married in 2005. From this wonderful relationship, Nathanael, their lovely son was born in 2006.

As Amy stood strong in her faith. She could see God’s interventions in her life and that of her family. She remained firm in the faith, believing that her vision and dream would come to pass.

In 2007, Amy secured a permanent job as sub-editor in the lead newspaper agency. One proof that the heavenly father was watching closely over her. She had never been alone.

Her heavenly father, she said, “makes things beautiful at the right time”.

However, something remained unaccomplished and at the bottom of her heart Amy was taunted by the idea. She badly wanted to do further studies.

How wonderful it was for Amy to learn in 2010 that she had been accepted by the university to study Law and Sociology. But another obstacle emerged. There was not enough money to pay the fees. At the first glimpse Amy felt like quitting, when she suddenly reminded herself of God’s promise.

“You are not alone.”

On the following day, Amy’s mother told her that she would cover the annual fee. During her three years of undergraduate studies, the young lady had witnessed several God’s interventions.

In 2013, she graduated with a BSc (Honors) in Applied Social Sciences with specialization in Sociology. Never alone. Still “The Father to the fatherless was right here”.

In 2015, Amy, aged 36, received her Master in Communication and Public Relations with Merit. She is now a full-time Lecturer in a university and is preparing to get enrolled in a PhD program.

Having faith in God's promises. The story of Amy can be a source of inspiration to many. How can a 15 year-old girl carry on with life when her father, the one is meant to sustain, to provide, to protect, suddenly dies?

Adolescence is the period when a daughter needs her father. She has to be guided, advised. Where will she find security and protection? The loss of a father is the worst that could happen to a child. Through that time the child needs understanding, support. Far more, unconditional love... and that, only God can provide.

When life becomes darker and darker and quitting seems to be the best solution, the missing piece of the puzzle may be faith. Faith to carry on. Believe when one and all says it's too late or useless. Only faith attracts the Most High's attention. God's heart full of love and grace is moved by faith.

Hence,

Never forget, in Christ you are Never alone.