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Mercy

My life and faith are based off of mercy. I have had many hardships in my life and I feel that God has been there with me the whole time even when I did not know him and I was not a Christian. For a period of time in my life my family was going through economic hardships and we often could not buy things because we were so much in debt. My father was also abusive towards my mom and I he pushed me down in the garage and I remember multiple times as a child of seeing my father hit my mother, I also remebe waking up nightly to my parents arguing. When I was 6 my little brother was born and then my life changed my father was very angry because he did not want a child that summer when we found out my mom was pregnant he said some awful things about my mom and my mom kicked him out of the house for the summer. I remember going to visit him at my grandmas house and him being very distraught. Eventually I think by the grace of God he came back to the house and things settled down for the next couple years until my father went in for a knee surgery. During the middle of the night after the surgery he had an allergic reaction to the pain medicine they were giving him and it caused him to have a stroke. This left him in a vegetative state. My whole family was crushed even though he was abusive he was still loving when he was not

angry so when my mom broke the news to my 3 year old brother and me we had no clue how to react. After a lot of deliberation we decided to take him off of life support so he could inherit the kingdom of heaven. Even though we did not really practice Christianity in my house he grew up believing in God and heaven. The period that followed his death was one of the hardest couple years of my life for not only me but my brother who has no clue where his "daddy" went. We tried to find support in counsellors and many other places but we eventually stumbled across medina community church, a non-denominational Protestant church and they welcomed us with open arms and let us be part of their church family. That church is like my second home by the mercy of God I have had many great experiences and they healed me from my pain and helped me understand that bad things happen sometime but got will always have the mercy to help you get through the tough times. Without my church I would not know God and attending the church and youth group opened my eyes to the more important things in life. Going to the church influenced me to attend a private school even though they are not my same denomination they help me through the tough times also and helped me grow even further in my faith.

Another time of mercy and triumph in my life is when I was little from the ages of 4-8 I was considered to be morbidly obese and I did not know what to do to change it. I prayed to God over and over to help me lose the weight and have the motivation but it wasn't til one day in 3rd grade that I woke up one morning and realized it was time to change my life forever. I signed up for the weight loss program at Akron children's

hospital and after that summer and fall I lost 50 pounds and I was able to play football because I made the weight limit. This was one of the most important moments of my life to me and it was even before I really knew God he was still there for me and he helped me every step of the way through the process and I'm grateful and thank him every day for the impact he made on my life the day I was first able to play football. I owe so much to him for giving me such a great life and great opportunities.

God I know is still with me today with everything I do and I know he will guide me down the right path because his mercy is unparalleled to any other person or thing that I know. I cannot thank him enough for everything he has done for me from giving me strength to helping me stand my ground in certain situations with people. I will never give up when I have God's mercy on my side and becoming a Christian is one of the best choices I have ever made.