

## **Loyalty and Family Matters**

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A personal experience in my life that I have overcome in my past has helped me develop a particular core value. Core values are what shape us into who we are and how we view situations in our lives. The core values I developed due to a personal experience in my life would be loyalty and family. My personal experience that helped me develop these core values have to do with my mom and her ex-husband. He was a big part of my life and he was my best friend. He was pretty much always going out and doing things with me, my mom and his daughter. We used to do everything together as a family and then things started falling apart. He stopped being around us, my mom and him started to argue often, he got frustrated over little things, etc. This hurt me pretty badly because I looked up to him and he upset my mom. My mom is my biggest inspiration and I never want to see her get hurt. When my mom is hurt it hurts me as well. He was keeping secrets behind our backs and eventually the truth came out. My mom was heart broken because of the decisions he was making and I could never forgive him for what he has done to our family. From this experience I learned that loyalty is the most important part in a relationship with anyone. You need to be open and honest with the people you love, that way they can help you and work things out. Keeping secrets only tears people apart. My mom and I had a hard time getting over the situation which taught me the importance of family. Me and my mom grew stronger together and got through many things by sticking together. She is my rock and I admire her for her strength. At the end of the day, family and loyalty is the only thing that

matters. Family never turns their back on one another no matter what and loyalty only keeps you closer. This is why loyalty and family are my core values because of my personal experience, it showed me that not everyone is exactly who they seem to be and loyalty is a key component in keeping a family together.