



Forgiveness For The Man's Soul

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I am so excited about my latest project, *Forgiveness For The Man's Soul*. It is a collection of forgiveness stories written by men. I knew men went through a lot but I was still surprised at the level in which they forgive what some may consider unforgivable.

It was also a blessing when several men that I have known for years chose to release secrets to me that had been bottled up inside of them since childhood. They immediately found comfort in knowing that their stories could minister to someone experiencing a similar situation.

I don't know why... maybe because it is not reported as often, but the magnitude of childhood molestations was startling to me. I could have done a collection of stories solely based on that alone, however, I chose an array of stories because not every man can identify with being violated in such a way. Therefore, the group of stories are brought to you from the penthouse all of the way to the prison and many places in between.

Although I am a woman, several of the stories truly inspired me and I know they will do the same for you.

Please order a few copies for stocking stuffers, not just for men but for women also. There is an **inscription page** so you can sign it over as a gift to someone. Amazon.com has it for \$11.95, however, BarnesAndNoble.com has a pre-order sale.

If your church has a bookstore, please ask the Manager to stock -Forgiveness For The Man's Soul.

And please look out for *Forgiveness For The Womans Soul* in 2010. If you have an awesome story of forgiveness that you would like considered for inclusion, send it to: forgiveness@queenpublications.com

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How can I be interviewed on your Forgiveness Show?

Thanks,

Lauren

Answer to Ask Alethea

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EXCERPT FROM: Forgiveness For The Man's Soul

Given Up By Mama, Redeemed By God *(The Gilbert Palmer Story)*

My mother was a teen aged mother who made a lot of mistakes (who hasn't) coupled with raising a son during the civil rights era, a time period when many people of color suffered from all forms of abuse.

Abuse on any level is destructive in nature. The very word itself conjures pain, agony, over

indulgence, broken relationships/separation leading to both physical and mental scaring and in some cases death. ...leaving an indelible mark that can last a life-time and dictate how you respond to and treat others for years to come.

After learning of the importance of having the ability to forgive and forgive from the heart, I realized it was something, that if not already built in...you'd have to learn how to do.

I speak from a learned stand point. Coming from a dysfunctional family unit (and who hasn't- I once heard a man say that 'dysfunction' means "dis is how we function")...I had the will power and the desire to break the vicious cycle.

My first personal relationship....

My mother (oldest of 9 children) at the age of 13 gave birth to a real live baby-doll...(that's what my aunts, all younger than my mother, thought I was) not knowing that this was going to require parental skills which she lacked.

My grandmother took the place of my mother and raised me as her own. My mother thought it was a good idea during the early years but as she got older she needed more ways to make ends meet so Food Stamps and Cash assistance was her answer...but she needed a child to claim. Used and abused that's what I became. Verbal and Sexual abuse by your mother is embarrassing...take it from me.

Therefore, looking at her day in and day out was torture during the late 60's and early 70's. I would literally wish her dead. My prayers would include, "God just kill her". I know now that.... She may not have realized how much she hurt me while living her life.

The one thing she did was buy me all kinds of books. I could only watch limited amounts of TV, so my world became my books. I recall having a series from Time-Life called "Man, Myth & Magic" of which I'd read about spells you can cast on people...and yes I tried them all- but nothing seemed to work.

It was during the mid 70's that she once again wanted to get rid of me so she falsified documents to send me off to the military. It was during my processing that they pulled me from line and asked me about the false document. I cried because I was embarrassed to tell the recruiter that my mom didn't want me anymore. Even the recruiter cried and gave me a ride to my grandmother's house.