



**Hello my name is Danaea,
and this is my story of what God has taught me.**

Recently I have struggled with a hate and distrust to my father because he walked out of my life and broke all his promises to my mother and I. Over the years I had let the hurt fuel up my anger.

Because of this I've been distrustful and often guarded when around him. And, as a result I have often questioned God, occasionally blaming Him and questioning His love for me.

But then my eyes were opened to my mom and how she didn't hate her dad even though he did exactly what my father did. I didn't want to wait till I was 20 something and then let it go, I didn't want to be bitter and distant to my father. My mom was a big help to me. She was the one who taught me the baby steps and encouraged me when I fell.

As a result of her teaching and role modeling I asked God to help me with my hate and distrust towards my father. Something I learned was that God can take away the sting, even if the sting is like a million bulldozers tearing down your fragile heart, microscopic shard by microscopic shard. I myself was only hateful and distrustful because I was hurt and living in the past, not the present.

Because of what I have learned I would like to travel telling those who are hurting and bitter towards God, telling them my story and what God did for me. One of the biggest surprises I found was that it was possible to see more to my dad than what he did in the past.

In conclusion, I would love it if you would pray that I could be a living testimony to many others.

***“Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto
those things which are before”
Philippians 3:13***