

Let's live
like this!

Building a bridge



My dad left home a few years ago. My mother and my sister wanted nothing more to do with him. This situation was very painful for me and my only support was the love of my friends in the "Teens for Unity." As time went on, I gradually got the idea of going to see my dad. Talking it over with the other teens, I found the strength, and also the means, to do it.

I didn't know how he would react – nor how I would react! I hadn't seen him in six years and in all that time he never contacted us to tell us anything about himself.

I traveled 550 miles to where he was living. When I finally saw him, I didn't know what to say. I wasn't angry, I just wanted to love him.

Now a bridge has been built between the two of us, and I feel a new freedom in my heart!

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WE OVERCOME
DIFFICULTIES
OF EVERY KIND

"Take courage; I have conquered the world!" (Jn 16:33)

This is what Jesus told his disciples, during the Last Supper, on the night before he would be handed over to those who put him to death on the cross.

*But if they put him to death it seems that he lost, rather than winning a victory! **How can you say that he conquered the world?***

Jesus conquered the world when he rose from the dead. But even before that, he was victorious because of his great love that made him give up his life for us.

*I don't always win and that makes me sad and discouraged, and I feel alone. **How can I be victorious in this kind of situation?***

I'm sure that Jesus lived through very difficult moments, but he showed us that his is the victory of the person who faces suffering by loving and forgiving.

Yes, but that's not easy to do!

Of course not! That's why every time we face any difficulty we have to be certain that Jesus is right there with us and in our midst. He conquered the world and we too can be victorious, if we manage to love no matter what makes us suffer.

During the day...
*How do I handle difficult moments?
How do I manage to keep on loving?*

**How did I face
difficulties today?**

