





PORTRAITS OF FAITH

As life became challenging in Amanda's teenage years, she fell away from the Church looking for new experiences. After several years, Amanda felt empty. Finding happiness began with an important question.

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I was inactive for about eight years. During this time, I got mixed up with the wrong friends. My mom was terminally ill. I was quite down. I felt an emptiness in me. I started wondering, "When was I last truly happy?"

Then I thought about when I was in Young Women. I realized that's when I last felt true happiness. I decided to go back to church the following Sunday. I met with the branch president and began my journey of repentance.

A short time later, I was called to work with the Young Women. When we recited the Young Women theme, I remembered it instantly! Today, each time I recite the theme, I receive a confirmation that the Church is where I belong.

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