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In life, everyone must have experienced a situation that has changed his or her life. Life is a combination of positive and negative experiences. However, all these experiences can aid a person in learning lessons that may facilitate in the future decision-making process (Nelson, 1992). While reflecting upon my life experiences, there was an incident that brought me closer to my family.

While I was in a high school, like many other students, I was also struggling to manage the pressure of all the assignments, quizzes, exams, and social life. Hailing from a middle-class family, it was my dream to attain good grades so that I can have a bright future. Every day was a beginning towards a new challenge and life was going perfectly fine until one day when all the things in my life changed. I still remember a horrible day when my aunt had a car accident. My aunt used to live three blocks away from our house and she had three children. On the day of her accident I, as usual, woke up and cleaned my room and then left for school.

While on my way to school, I met my aunt and her three-year-old son. My aunt was on her way to buy groceries. Although, we used to meet very often, something was different that day. I was confused about why I just wanted to talk to her and did not want to go to school. However, as I was getting late, I rushed to reach the school on time. As soon as I reached the corner of the road, I heard a voice of crashing cars. I immediately turned to see what happened and I was shocked to see that my aunt’s car had crashed into the wall of the local grocery shop. I ran towards her and with the help of some people, I took her to the hospital. She had several injuries and her head was bleeding. Her cousin was fine but was in shock.

I called my parents so that they could handle all the hospital’s required procedures. When my parents came to the hospital, they told me to take responsibility for my aunt’s children as they were too young. So, I went to their home so that I can take care of them. The kids were crying as they were missing their mother. They started asking that when they would be able to meet their mother. However, I had no answer to their questions. I told them to complete their homework but they said that their mother used to help them in doing homework. Even when I told them to eat, they denied as their mother used to feed them the food with spoon herself. After putting them to bed, I realized the importance of a mother. I was so overwhelmed with emotions that the next morning, I went straight to the hospital and hugged my mother. I was so ashamed of myself for not spending enough time with her and also not appreciating her efforts. After a week, my aunt returned to her home and the joy that her children had could not be explained in words.

In our daily life, we do not realize the importance of family. We are too busy in giving priority to various things in our life that we often forget our family (Hershfield & Carstensen, 2013). When my aunt was in the hospital, I realized how our mothers sacrifice their life and happiness just to make us happy and in return, they want nothing from us (Kuppens & Diener, 2008). This incident brought me closer to my family. Not only I realized the importance of family but also that how life is incomplete without a family.

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