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My EXPERIENCE AT STRIVE WAS
I KNOW THAT I AT THE AGE OF 46
HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN LIFE BECAUSE
I HAVE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH AT AN EARLY
AGE, I THINK BACK AT SOME OF THE THINGS
I HAVE DONE, I AM LUCKY TO HAVE MADE IT
THIS ~~AGE~~ THE AGE THAT I'M AT. STRIVE HAS
TAUGHT ME THAT EVEN THOUGH I'M AT THE AGE
THAT I AM AT I STILL CAN MAKE A
CHANGE. THE FIRST TIME I STEP INTO THE
CLASS WAS MY BIRTHDAY, THE LAST THING I WANTED
TO DO WAS SPEND MY BIRTHDAY IN A WORKSHOP
BUT I DID, I WAS FEELING STAFF OUT, LIKE STAFF
WAS FEELING ME OUT, IT WAS OK. I MADE IT THE
FIRST WEEK. IN THAT FIRST WEEK I LEARN THAT
IT OK TO ASK FOR HELP. IF YOU LET PRIDE GO,
BEING A MAN THAT'S VERY HARD TO DO. I LIKE
THE FACT THAT I LEARN THE WAY I FILLED OUT
APPLICATION'S WAS WRONG. EVERY THING THAT WAS
SAID I TOOK IN, THE THINGS THAT I DIDN'T NEED
I LET GO. STRIVE HAS ~~TAUGHT~~ ^{SHOWED} ME THAT NO MATTER
HOW OLD YOU ARE YOU CAN CHANGE IF YOU ARE
READY TO PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE. TO TAKE THE
TIME TO REALLY LOOK AT YOURSELF THE THING
THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO PUT YOURSELF
IN THE STATE THAT YOU ARE IN, I LOOK AT

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my GRANDKIDS AND I WANT THEM TO
HAVE BETTER, AND IT HURTS ME THAT I
CAN'T GIVE THEM THAT, BUT I KNOW THAT I HAVE
BEEN IN STRIVE. I KNOW THAT I HAVE A CHANCE
THE SKILL'S I HAVE LEARN THROUGH LISTENING
THE WRIGHT WAY TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION
THE WAY TO KEEP PERSONAL LIFE AND STREET LIFE
APART. CHOSE THE POSTIVE PEOPLE TO BE AROUND
ALL THOUGH I STILL TEND TO BE ALONE. THE
LAST FEW MONTH'S HAS BEEN HARD FOR ME
JUST TRYING TO KEEP MY HEAD ABOVE WATER
I THANK GOD THAT MY KID'S ARE GROWN
AND I DID ALL I CAN TO ~~MAKE THEM~~ ^{GIVE THEM}
ALL THEY NEEDED. KNOW IT IS TIME TO
GIVE MYSELF WHAT I NEED AND THAT
IS TO BE TRULY HAPPY. I SORRY THAT
I GOT OFF OF THE TOPIC BUT SOMETIME
YOU NEED TO LET GO OF THING'S. THANK YOU
STRIVE, FOR OPEN MY EYES AND SHOWING ME
THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE TO LIFE THAN
BEING IN THE BOX. TAKE A CHANCE LEARN
SOMETHING, USE IT AND GROW. RIGHT KNOW
I'M LOST FOR WORD'S, BECAUSE THERE'S SO
MUCH GOING THROUGH MY ~~MIND~~ ^{MIND} OR BRAIN
I DO KNOW ONE THING I HAVE A NEW OUT LOOK
ON LIFE, AND I THANK STRIVE FOR IT