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How can Christian perspective guides you in relating with others?

A Christian perspective is connecting with rejoicing God's presence and grace in other lives. In our daily concerns and actions, we find it as intricately intertwined and bones of contention occurrences. But, at the end of the day or as we resolve, we discover its purposes. Along with that as, Catholics, we believe in His principles, such as loving your parents, friends, or even enemies.

My parents, together with my grandparents, are the source of my faith in God. They disciplined me to be wise and respectful whenever or wherever I go to socialize with others. My mother always reminds me to love my neighbors/ friends by how much God loves us. I remember, every Christmas, we buy a bunch of toys and fruits. Then, we will wrap and distribute to my neighbors, relatives, and unprosperous family. I learned that more delightful actions lead to goodness and love brought by God here on Earth. These things are meaningful since He gave us blessings, and we share with others our felicitations. Letting someone have their needs and wants is self-giving or disregarding advantages from others. Some people upbringing self-seeking or purposely fame in others whenever they help, so this kind of action is unvolunteered or unruly behavior.

Also, in my existence, I am not only receiving love from others; but also I am acquainted with pain. One Saturday evening, my friend invited me to watch Vagabond, a Korean series that pertains to revenge for his adopted nephew. While watching this series, I asked myself, what if I get revenge on my old friend or unexpected enemy? Since I feel betrayed by badmouthing or backstabbing me from her friends. Then, I consulted my adviser; she said, "forgive her." At that moment, I felt annoyed. I thought she did not understand my story. But then, I was a little curious and slightly obedient, so I searched some articles on Google for a better understanding and benefits of forgiveness. It stated that Jesus is the primary example of forgiveness. As I read three articles, I realized that forgiveness is not forgetting the pain but lessening the pain of not obliviating. Considering the fact that forgiveness is difficult, but I tried not to mind my pride. I think that it is a better way to try for striving to forgive and letting go of the pain, to move on and have a better version. For instance, Jesus forgave the tax collectors and lepers. He gave his apostles a chance to uplift goodness and spread the good news to God's disciples.

We live in an age of false information and convincing facts, and having principles and limitation makes people unique and honest. As we connect ourselves to others, we influence or either receive love from them. Sharing personal experiences and feelings manifests fondness that touches the heart and inspires the soul of an individual. As they share, they build a sense of captivating belongingness, stunning intimacy, and true friendship.