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## **The Bully Suicide Project - Survivor Stories(8)**

1. Tell Me About Yourself (What are your hobbies, beliefs, likes, etc)

My Name is Faith Brewer. I am 18 and I am currently attending community college while studying Early Education. I plan to finish my degree at Dallas Baptist University. I absolutely love children with a passion. I love to travel, and I have been to South America, Africa, along with many places in the United States. I run a charity called Shoes for Smiles, It takes up a lot of my time.

My beliefs are simple. I don't believe in a specific religion; Jesus is my best friend and Savior, as simple as that. My God is crazy about me-just as he is everyone.

2. Tell Me About Your Personality

I'm definitely a "cup half full" kind of girl. I have been very humbled through many experiences that have happened in my life. I would give you the shirt off my back, the shoes off my feet, and any money I had even if I had just met you. I'm extremely laid back, yet passionate and determined.

3. Tell Me About the First Time you remember being bullied (where, how you felt, the names, you were called, how you dealt with it).

I didn't really get made fun of much in middle school. It really hit when I got into high school. My sophomore year, I started dating a guy. In the beginning, he was great; but a few months into it I saw his true colors. The emotional abuse started out small, and I let it pass. But every week that went by was worse and worse. By 8 months, was getting verbal and physical abuse weekly. He wouldn't let me talk to anyone so girls in high school thought I was "stuck up" and a "slut."

4. Names you have been called

Useless, Worthless, Bitch on a leash, dumbass. I was often told that I was only put on this earth to serve him. Slut, stuck up

5. Tell Me About how bullying has affected you

Whoever said "Sticks and Stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me" is completely wrong. Two years later after that incident those words still pop in my head and really make me question myself. Sometimes when I make a mistake or do something wrong I can almost envision him calling me a mess up and worthless. Its certainly a battle from time to time.

6. Have you thought about suicide? If so, what did you do about it.

Suicide has maybe crossed my mind once or twice my whole life. My faith in Jesus is what saves me. Those thoughts-They are nothing but lies from the devil. Let us not forget the thief will come in the night to Steal, Kill and Destroy.

7. What are ways you have dealt with suicidal thoughts?

The first thing I do is pray. I write down my thoughts constantly and listen to encouraging music. I talked to my mom alot when I was feeling down, and she knew exactly how to lift me up.

8. What makes you a survivor?

What makes me a survivor is that I know that I'm not worthless. I have found my dignity and respect, and now I am using it to mentor middle school girls about their self worth. I'm a survivor because I proved him wrong. Im a survior because I took that situation and turned it into everything he told me I couldnt do. That makes me a Survivor.

9. What is your message of hope to the person just like yourself?

Every person in this world is built for a specific plan and purpose. Never give up, Never give in, Because its true, That doesnt kill you, will only make you stronger! Keep the faith, your story could change someones life.

10. The quote that you live by today because of your experience is...

Just one? hmmh.

"There comes a time when every life goes off course. In this desperate moment, you much chose your direction. Will you fight to stay on the path while others try to tell you who YOU are? Or will you Label yourself? Will you be honored by your choice or will you embrace your new path? Each morning we have the choice to move forward, or simply give up."

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