

With the exception of the birth of my son, there is not one other day in my life that has brought me such joy than this past Saturday's retreat. Meeting the team and the other great women that were present was inspiring. I must not leave out Fr. [name omitted] who is a delightful and kind man. I will admit at times I did feel that my troubles were less than some, but realized that we were all in the same place to talk, share, not cast judgment and seeking redemption and relief. To say words out loud that I had never said to anyone person let alone a group was cleansing in itself. Then to learn that I had been forgiven was a warm towel after the bath. The smile that is on my face is real, and I am having a hard time turning off the smile, so I will just go with it. I know that I asked if yesterday's Mass counted for today, but I went to Mass today and I felt I should be there and at peace. I can never thank all of you, every single person that I shared Saturday with, enough for my new found freedom. I can only thank you by stating my desire to help you help others. No person should have to face 36 years or 1 day of fear of being disowned by God and everyone for a moment that happened for whatever the reason. My love and best wished to all. Please keep up this wonderful work.