

## BASED ON A TRUE LIFE STORY

This is based on a true life story, a 49-year-old woman shared her experience and how she ran away from her matrimonial home just to save her life with one of us at the organization [FAMILY FOR CHANGE].

According to the 49-year-old woman Mrs Victoria [not her real name] she's been married for about 20yrs, she met her husband at a church program and he seemed like a Dedicated Christian, educated and well spoken, they courted for about 3 months and they got married.

According to Mrs Victoria her husband was a loving and caring young man when they were dating but a few months into the marriage he started acting different from his usual self that she knew, he complained about practically everything she does and was never satisfied.

Soon after she had their first child he developed the attitude of talking down on her and her family, their home was out of bound for her family and friends and this continued until they welcomed their second child but still he continued to abuse her verbally and gradually she developed LOW SELF-ESTEEM and started to see herself as not good enough, she couldn't tell anyone what was going on in her marriage because she was scared of being mocked.

Two years after the birth of their second child she got pregnant and he got furious when she told him she was pregnant, he wanted two kids but she got pregnant the third time cause they weren't using any form of family planning, they both turned into strangers living under the roof until she gave birth to the child.

Then things gradually went from bad to worse, he started beating up at any given opportunity and this went on for years.

Mrs Victoria said she had to endure for the sake of her children cause her source of income couldn't sustain her kids so she had to endure, the kids witnessed all these and it started to affect them negatively.

Now the kids were grown and in secondary school but their dad still beats up their mum, one day they got into an argument and her beat her up so bad that she ended up in the hospital with broken bones and had to be on clutches for months after being discharged, she moved out of the house with her kids and then finally told her family what she's been going through in her marriage but they weren't surprised and with the support of friends, family and her small business, after few months of separation her husband came back begging promising he was a changed man but she didn't accept his apology, he kept coming back till she forgave him and returned back home with their kids after over a year of separation.

He pretended to be a changed man for a few months and went back to his old self but this time he became worse, started cheating openly, mocks her and her family, cursed the children and started beating her up as usual.

On this particular day I made up my mind to leave for good cause I want to stay alive and take care of my kids she said, that morning we got into an argument just because the kids requested for money to pay for some textbooks they needed in school but he started raining curses on them as usual and I interfered, he beat me up mercilessly as usual, told me he would have been the happiest man on earth if I had died with my brother who at that time just passed away and told me repeatedly that if I don't leave his house he would kill me himself and that it wasn't a threat but a promise so I had to run to save my life.