

Purple Trees and a Will to Believe:

Life Lessons

- Do unto others as you would have done unto you.
- Love yourself for who you are on the INSIDE and not just what you look like on the OUTSIDE (scars do not define who you are as a person).
- Forgiveness does not condone a person's behavior.
- Follow your heart, do what feels right, and take life one day at a time.
- Count your blessings (learn to be grateful for the little things in life such as safety)
- Support your loved ones in times of hardship or need.
- Never give up or lose hope.
- Accept what you cannot change and have the courage to change what you can (from "The Serenity Prayer")
- All that glitters isn't gold (the grass isn't always greener on the other side).
- You can't change the situation, but you CAN change your reaction to it.
- God will always walk beside you in all your trials and sorrows (we only see a snapshot of our life, but God sees the big picture).

- You are not responsible for OTHER PEOPLE'S behavior; you are only responsible for your OWN.