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"THE MOUNTAINS ARE A BLESSING TO ME. THEY'RE ALWAYS HERE. YOU CAN ESCAPE. THEY ARE A GROWN-UP'S PLAYGROUND CREATED BY OUR MAKER."

Justin Blythe, Monday Morning

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Don't know where to turn? Check out www.teenadviceonline.org/gethelp/numbers.html for help with abusive relationships and other problems.



What is true love? Find out in **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**.

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"LOVE IS KIND"

"He did it again," Juanita cried as she held the ice pack to her black eye. "He's been under so much pressure, trying to pass his finals; and his family is always on his case."

As I listened to her excuses, I grew angry. *Why is she settling for his abuse? She deserves better. Is this the life she wants? As her friend, should I keep my mouth shut; or should I tell her that Jimmy's a loser and that she should dump him?*

Juanita was staring at me, waiting for a response.

"Juanita, you're my friend; and I want the best for you. Jimmy does not love you. Remember what we learned in Sunday school? 'Love is kind' (1 Corinthians 13:4). Is Jimmy kind to you?"

Juanita shook her head: "No."

I continued, "Leave him. It will hurt, but hurts heal. If you stay with him, you could end up . . ."

Blinded by tears, I labored on. "I love you. You're my best friend, and you deserve better than this. I don't mean to hurt you, but I'd rather speak now than over your grave."

Juanita agreed, "It's true, Michelle. I deserve better."

Michelle Dyett-Welcome
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ABUSED

You Deserve Better: If you are in an abusive dating relationship, get out immediately. If you can't do it on your own, ask a trusted adult or a friend to help. God has a better life planned for you—check out Jeremiah 29:11.

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