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#### Autobiography Project: Chapter 5: Significant Events and Developments

**Write a chapter about the significant experiences during your adolescent and teen years. What has been memorable? Interesting? Important? Life-changing? Inspiring? Challenging? Below are some items to consider as you write this chapter. Include details as you recount stories and memories.**

1. What are your favorite memories of your “post-childhood” life?
2. What have been some of the “mile-marker” events in your life?
3. What experiences have been traumatic or painful? Which ones have been joyous and euphoric?
4. What are some of the new responsibilities and opportunities that have come with young adulthood for you?
5. Have there been any specific events or experiences that have been definite markers in your transition from childhood to adulthood (“rites of passage”)?
6. What has it been like to join the youth group? When did you get your driver’s license and what was it like?
7. What people have been role models for you during your growing up years? Who have you admired and who has been influential in your life?
8. How have your friendships developed during this time of your life?
9. What kind of advice have you been given by people in your life? And how has it made a difference in your life?
10. What books have you read in this stage of your life that have changed your thinking or beliefs?
11. What have been the significant struggles in your life? Have you struggled with a habit? A tendency to think in a certain way that isn’t healthy? What has helped you to grow in that area?
12. What about peer pressure? Has that been a challenge for you? How do you handle it? In what ways has peer pressure been good for you? In what ways has it been negative?
13. How has your relationship with God changed or developed in the last 5-7 years? What have been experiences or events that have been educational for you in a religious or spiritual sense?
14. What kind of religious experiences have you had? Have you had answers to prayer? Times when God seemed especially close and real?
15. If you have had a definite conversion-type experience, write about that. What were you feeling in your life that brought you to that point? What happened in your heart and mind in that experience?
16. What experiences have deepened your faith in God and your level of commitment to following Jesus in every area of life?
17. How has your relationship with God changed you? In what ways are you different now as a result of your commitment to follow Him?
18. What are some experiences that have taken you out of your “comfort zone” but have helped you grow in some area?
19. How has your life changed as a result of technology (computers/cell phones/ipods)? In what ways have these devices been helpful and in what ways have they been problematic?
20. What was your first job? What other work experiences have you had? What has taught you how to work?