HELEN SANDERS 4-29-2024 BE A MENTOR

We are all the result of what we have or have not learned. There have been many mentors in my life, but there was one lady that deeply touched my heart. Her name was Jean.

Jean was the choir director in our church for both the adults and the young people. She had an amazing voice and taught us more than just music. She had a beautiful godly character about her that drew me to her. She always gave everyone a chance to sing regardless of their ability. She loved music and it showed.

A tragedy hit Jean when her son died at his own hands. It was such a traumatic tragedy, but worse than that because of what happened, the church I attended dismissed her as choir director. This beautiful woman that I came to love stepped down from that position. Instead of being bitter, she came to choir and submitted to the new wealthy choir director.

Jean's display of love for the Lord shone through her even through this tragic time in her life. She not only taught me music, but a valuable lesson in character that I still treasure to this day.

What are you doing with your life to mentor others? Do you let the love shine through you even when you are at your darkest moment in life? Do others see your faith when it would be easy just to give up and become bitter?

I treasure knowing Jean. I can only pray that my life will be an example for someone else because of what I learned from her and through my journey as a Christian.

In closing, this verse comes to mind as the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. Paul had been a murderer and hated Christians. After he received Christ, everything changed for him. 1 Corinthians 11:1 says, **"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of** *Christ.*"

If we follow Christ, we can never get off the right path. Jean did that until the Lord called her home.