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When I was 18 I was in a really bad relationship, ended up getting pregnant and then suffering a miscarriage. They prescribed me rx pain meds in the emergency room. I realize they not only numbed the physical pain, but also the emotional pain. I spent from 18 to 28 addicted to opiates. I was not my best self at all during that time. I lied to the people I loved the most. I was nowhere near the kind of mom, daughter or person that those in my life deserved. Once I finally got off the meds I swore to myself I would never let that happen again. I swore I would never take another pain med in my life. Then in 2015 my boyfriend at the time and I got in a fight and he kicked me in the back down the stairs in front of our house. My tailbone fractured. My hip is so out of alignment and now I have horrible back and hip pain. I knew I couldn't live in this pain and do what I needed to as a mother. But I also knew taking opiates was not an option for me either. So I started googling natural medicines to relieve pain and came across kratom. I was skeptical at first. How could this green powder possibly help me?? But I gave it a shot anyways and it changed my life. Within 30 minutes of the very time 95% of my pain was gone. Even better, it was gone and I wasn't out of it. I wasnt loaded falling asleep on the couch trying to read my kids a book. We went and did things I couldnt before. Went to the park, went shopping, went for walks. I was able to sleep again. and wake up not wanting to die because of how bad my back was hurting me.

My dad died in 2013 from complications from emphysema and copd. His drs had him on so many pills. And I'm positive all that medication made him worse not better. My kids and I are the ones that found him shortly after he had passed away at home. I never ever want my kids to have to go through what I did. I don't want them to watch me whither away. Nor do I want them to lose me to addiction. My husband passed away 3 years ago from an overdose....I cant let them lose me too. Kratom literally saves lives. And taking it away from the people is not only cruel but going to cause so many problems for people who are just trying to get by and live their best lives