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ABSTRACT

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The focus of this study is to unveil the experience of conversion of those selected Christian preachers who have been in drug addiction.

The study specifically sought to answer the following questions: 1. How do the participants describe their experiences of addiction?; 2. How do the participants describe the process of conversion from addiction?; 3. How do the participants bring out the experience of conversion from addiction?; and 4. How can the learnings, themes, and insights be integrated more adequately in the field of religious education?

The main data came from an in-depth personal interview with the participants, including their gestures, tones, and feelings while describing the whole phenomenon. It was supported by an audio recording to avoid obscurity during the interview process.

This is a qualitative study, wherein the essence of the phenomenon was abstracted and patterned to Moustakas' Phenomenological research. There were a total of five (5) participants who actively participated in the in-depth interview process. The criteria for choosing the respondents are as

follows: a. at least 18 years old, b. males, c. currently a Christian Preacher, and d. who have been in drug addiction.

The findings reveal that addicts have a lot of story to tell. They are victims of the negative circumstances. The pattern of addiction has something to do with the family curse. In order to help them get rid from addiction, there is a need to break and cut the pact that binds them. Then, the primordial element in conversion is the openness of oneself to get in touch with the inner child. It is an encounter between them and Christ on the cross, having the same sufferings and pains.

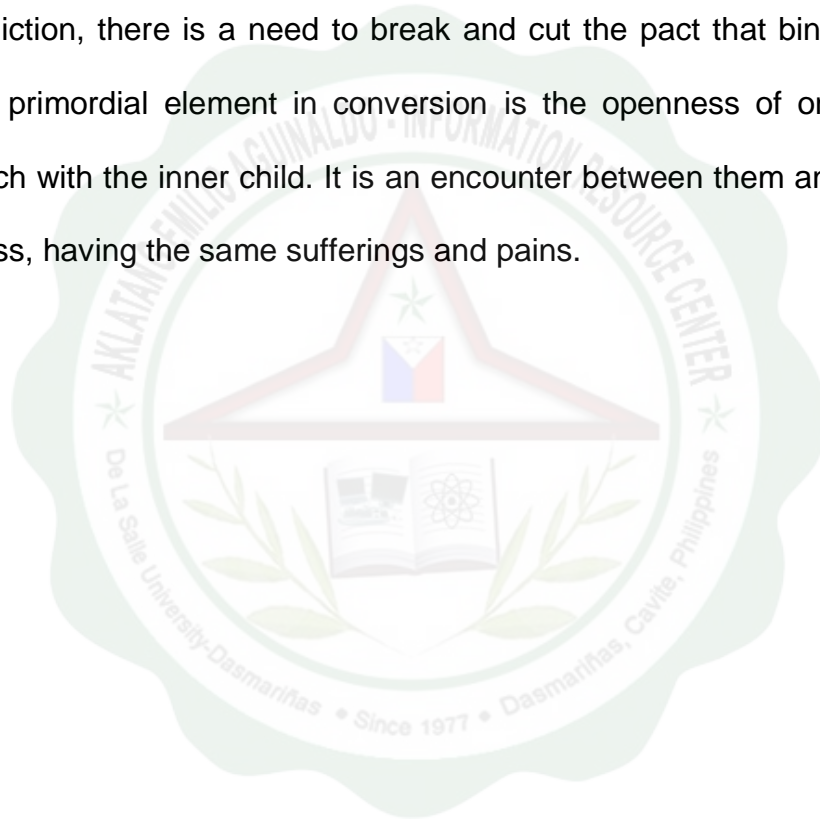


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