The average teenage girl’s life is full of parties, shopping malls, concerts, movies, and make-up. Whether if it’s looking for the “orange is the new pink” article in fashion magazines, going to watch the latest oh-my-goodness-it’s-Chad-Michael-Murray movie, or playing that dreadful game of truth or dare to find out who your friends’ newest crush is, most girls encounter these events through the years of their teenage life with their friends. It’s sad to say, but many friendships don’t last for more than a couple years. Once school is over for the year, or you move up to senior high, many bonds between friends are broken and are never mended back together. But, I’m glad to say that some friendships do last for what seems like a lifetime.

Beginning with Chrissie, Irene, Ashley, and I, Megan, at around the age of 3, we started to play together with those rubber squeaky toys while learning to be potty trained. Each one of us had different personalities as we were growing up. Chrissie was the strong, but innocent athletic karate girl. Irene was the bookworm, always reading a book. Ashley was the girly girl and loved to watch TV. And as for me, I was the computer dork who played hours of Age of Empires and

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collected stickers. Years passed while we kept our bonds linked together, and then came Stacy. Stacy used to be the shy, seemingly-mute girl who never really spoke to us. We soon found that assumption wrong; she became one of the most talkative of us all! After Stacy, came Janelle, the weird humored and Pokémon-lover-whose-mom-ripped-up-her-Pokémon-cards girl. Shannon and April then entered in the picture. Shannon was the Polly Pocket, I-love-science girl and she brought April, the chubby, shop-loving girl, to our church, Dallas Chinese Fellowship Church (DCFC). We all knew about one another and we all were at least acquaintances, but it wasn’t until seventh grade where we all finally connected.

It was Grace, a genuinely friendly and loving counselor at our youth group (PAC), who took us in and educated us about the meaning of life and God’s love for us. After the second bible study meeting, all of us were finally attending regularly. We became closely bonded and it seemed like nothing would ever separate us. However, to our surprise, we did separate physically, but our emotional and spiritual bonds are still tightly in tact.

Through these strong and everlasting bonds with the rest of the girls, I’ve found that one of the most important components to a long, lasting friendship is faith. Faith that your friend won’t let you down. Faith that your friend will come through for you in the darkest times. Faith that nothing will ever separate you from them. And finally, faith that they will continue to love you unconditionally -- no matter if the person behind the beautiful mask turns out to be a hideous beast, or if you’re just as beautiful on the inside as you are on the outside -- they’ll still love you for who you are on the inside.

Editor’s Note:
Hi, my name is Megan and I’m the writer and designer of this magazine spread. This story is factual and all photos have been taken by me. I hope you enjoyed my story and my design as much as I enjoyed making this.

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