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Kirk Franklin "The Process"

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Let it Go

My mama gave me up when I was four years old She didn't destroy my body but she killed my soul Now it cold cause Im slipping in my back seat I understand the spirits willing but my flesh is weak (let me speak) Never had a chance to dream 10 years old and finding love in dirty magazinesÂ Ms December remember I bought you twice Now I'm 30 plus and I'm still paying the price

Had a sister that I barely knew Kind of got separated by the age of two Same mama different daddy

Saw my sisters daddy beat her naked Taking serious the Demonds in a mans mind The same man with rape charges now he's doing timeÂ

Crack followed and like daddy prison 13 years Haven't seen her cause she's traded tears for fears

Shout shout let it all outÂ these are the things I can do without So come on (come on)Â Now I'm talking to you so come on

Sex was how I made i throughÂ I wasn't the one to teach with love but said this one ought to do See where I'm from the call you gay say you ain't a man Show em you aint no punk get all the girls you can This simple plan even hunts me even now todayÂ Back to 17 and got a baby on the wayÂ Well dear God all I see is failure in my eyesÂ If your listening and remember I apologizeÂ I was raise all in a churchÂ Made mistakes and heard the Lords cold after service on the parking lot getting highÂ wanting to be accepted so bad i was willing to die Even thrived to tell the pastor but he couldn't see

Years of low self-esteem and InsecurityÂ Church taught me how to stop and speak in tongues Preacher teach me how to live when the tongue is doneÂ

CHORUS + (repeat soul survivor, soul survivor until next verse)

Jesus please I'm on my knees can't you hear my crying You said to put it in your hands and lord I'm really trying \hat{A}

You wasn't lying when you said you reap what you sow $\hat{\mathsf{A}}$

Like that night mama died It's hard to let it go You adopted me cared for me changed my name But I cursed at you lied you and left you painÂ It's now strange I can still see it in my head To know how it was lying dead in that bedÂ If your listening to this record day or night If you mama is still living treat your mama rightÂ Don't be like me and let that moment slip awayÂ And be careful because you can't take back what you sayÂ

To my real mama if your listening I'm letting it go To my father I forgive you cause you didn't knowÂ That the pain was preparation for my destinyÂ And one more thing though let my son be a better man than meÂ

CHORUS

(while Kirk Franklin speaks in the background) $\hat{\mathsf{A}}$

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