

**Bisher al Rawi- Getting Back to Normal**

Well it will never be the same. But I hope the lessons learned I will always have. And I hope my old me, part of that, a big part of that, I'd like to have back. You know, like me, who I feel I am. You know, I would like to have that back. And I think that takes time. That takes a long time, a lot longer than I had thought.

*Interviewer: But you're working on it as you said...*

I definitely...I mean it's funny we meet today. But really, really a few things happened the last two or three weeks, and very strange. And nothing...it's not like acting for this interview. But about a...you know a short time ago, really days, weeks, a couple of weeks, I started looking at myself and I'm thinking, *Well, maybe I am closer to where I want to see myself than I think I am.* Like I'm feeling, I'm closer to normal, I'm getting there. I could actually sense it.

I wrote a letter to somebody and I wanted to tell them that. I skipped it. But I was telling them, like—they're going through a hard time—and I said, "Look it's been over four years and I'm just now, I am feeling, I can sense that I am getting normal. I can actually sense it." Before I could sense definitely I'm not normal. I could...and that's when I told my wife this on many, many occasions. I said this, "I am not normal." But now I can sort of, very slightly, I can sort of dare say, "I am getting there."