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Statement of Faith Rodgers

Taking a stand against R. Kelly, someone who has been termed “the King of R&B” and is loved by many has not been easy.

I decided after a great deal of thought that I should speak my truth, however, because it is time that I stand up for myself.

I trusted him and he betrayed my trust. Once I recognized my worth, I knew I had to walk away.

No woman should be victim shamed, harassed or retaliated against because she asserted her rights and spoke her truth.

Robert Kelly, the Faith Rodgers you met when she was 19 years old was vulnerable and impressionable. The 21 year old Faith Rodgers you are seeing now is stronger and wiser. I have learned not to ignore the signs of abuse, manipulation and intimidation.

I also have a message for young women that have heard my story. Take heed and precaution when you involve yourself in a relationship.

Also, if you are abused, don't be afraid to acknowledge it, and don't be afraid to report it.

There is no excuse for abuse and no one deserves to be afraid. Please recognize that any man who truly loves you will not abuse you.

If you are in a relationship with someone who is a celebrity or someone whom you believe is just more powerful than you are, please understand that your life has value as well and that you deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

I will never again allow myself to be disrespected and neither should you.

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