

FULL CIRCLE

BY ANN DUDLEY

I open the lid to my auxiliary jewelry box. The box of what I think of as my overflow area that holds pieces I rarely wear but are too precious for me to let go. In the corner, I spy the ring and slip it on my finger. The surface of the glass feels cool against my skin, and I'm transported back to the spring of 2002.

I had planned on going to Italy with my best friend. But she bagged on the trip as we started to plan it. What was I to do? I decided to go anyway. This was to be my first trip to Europe on my own. My previous trips had always been with my family or my husband.

I was anxious. There were other factors involved other than traveling alone. This was my first trip on my road of recovery

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