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1. Let us begin with a definition of functional confession. In a functional confession one has the ~~the~~ need to repent, to confess, the chance to be forgiven and the chance to change.

It's been funny Andy. You are a good student.

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There are two reasons why my mother would be considered a significant other in the event of a functional confession. First, she has been given assigned authority over me. This authority includes living an exemplary life before me, counseling me in ~~matter~~ values, and helping me make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks. Because she has this authority I would turn to her in my need to confess what I had done, be forgiven, and trust her to help me see how to change. Even if the sin were not directed against her and I would need to go to another significant other for forgiveness, still she could help me in changing. *Is this "The need to pay?"*

As I ~~go~~ become more mature this authority becomes less prevalent. As a result, she would then be a significant other in the event that the sin was directed towards her and I would need to seek her forgiveness.