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I grew up in a family where it has always been instilled in us about the importance of the struggle, the importance of why people like Nelson Mandela fought and liberated South Africa.

I had been... it was a Sunday and I had been sent to the shops... em... on that day

When I came back, I found my mother staring at the TV screen and she was crying and

I said to her : « But why are you crying ? » « What's wrong ? » « What's wrong ? »

And, for a good 15, 20 seconds, she did not answer me.

And she held me, and she shook me and she said to me : « This is the day you will never forget for the rest of your life : you are now free ».

That, to me... I'm constantly reminded of that. Each time I see the beauty of South Africa and all its flaws

Nelson Mandela, to a lot of South Africans, stands for peace, he stands for reconciliation. When a lot of black people were calling for revenge when he was released, he was the one who preached peace.

He had said in one of his speeches : « I studied the Afrikaaner for all the 27 years that I was in prison. I'm going to beat them at their own game. I am preaching forgiveness and *that* is how you defeat the enemy. »

That is what he kept on saying.