

Student Journal Entry 2

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Since this internship is something that still feels very fresh and new, I am still excited by the prospect of what can be gained and learned; therefore, I continue to appreciate this opportunity to intern for Minister Keith Dobbins. Together, he and I have been able to come up with specific goals that will be beneficial to me and his ministry. Some of these goals included planning a music and worship retreat that we will possibly put together our worship teams. Another goal that was discussed was a music-related database that will make communication between the minister of music, music director, worship leader, worship team, and band easier. We talked about my comfort with his plans, and he provided me with an opportunity offer ideas as a collaborator. His approach to this preparation and planning made me feel very comfortable and valued; though I already have a significant amount of experience leading praise teams and leading worship, I was pleased to have so many opportunities to discuss the plans and offer feedback on what my specific approach and style would be.

As I reflected on my last month of the internship, I realize that I need to work on balance and trusting God more. This last month I have traveled to minister a couple of times, as well as traveling to Houston because of damage that occurred to my property because of Harvey. On top of all of that, my car was stolen from me just last week. Additionally, I am taking sixteen hours, and I have been studying for finals. I am a wife and a mom; so, between cooking dinner, soccer practice, gymnastics, and tutoring, I have been feeling as though I am having a hard time balancing life and it has been a bit overwhelming. I literally prayed this week that God will give me the grace to continue to do it all, and I laid each thing at the feet of God one by one.

My mentor and I take one day that we study the word and pray together, and I didn't realize how valuable that was until now, especially for a worship leader. The character of a person that worships God even after a tough month because their relationship with God is not

based on what He does, but who He is. I believe if all worship leaders renewed their minds, hearts, and spirits, and began to worship on Sundays with this truth permeating through their hearts; transformation would be inevitable. Even though balancing everything hasn't been as smooth as I would have hoped for, I appreciate the time that my mentor and I spend, encouraging one another, and praying together, and I am grateful for this internship. This season is cultivating my heart as a worshipper more and more.

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