

Joshua Duran

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Nyack Heritage

Hi, my name is Joshua Duran, and I was born and raised in Washington Heights (Upper Manhattan). My parents are from the Dominican Republic and migrated to the U.S. 40 years ago. I'm currently studying Biblical Studies and Theology and pursuing my master's in Mental Health counseling. Jesus, to me, is my Lord and savior. Eleven years ago, I gave my life to Christ at a church service downtown N.Y. Over the years, I've been finding myself drawing near to Jesus as I discover more of His love. I have been a dreamer and visionary my whole life, but unfortunately, a few years ago, for personal reasons, I stopped dreaming and hoping for the best in my life. It wasn't until May 2016, when I decided to recommit my life to the Lord and discover a new sense of intimacy with Him, that he installed new dreams in my heart. 2019, I felt God was calling me to start a Bible Study in my neighborhood, and I did. During a 26-week bible study through the book of John, my brother and best friend gave their life to the Lord.

Moreover, my best friend found his now wife, who I was able to marry last summer in Beacon, NY. My ultimate dream is to have a church plant in Washington Heights in the next few years and sees people come to Christ. I am currently a resident at Grace Tabernacle Church in the Bronx. I also dream of becoming a Mental Health Therapist and helping in any way possible. It's not many people I admire, unfortunately, since I grew up in a rough neighborhood where we

don't have many good examples. One person I admired was Kobe Bryant for his dedication to the game.