

David Beasley
PMN201 OC - Who are you?
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Hello, again. My name is David Beasley, and I'm a 33 year old African-American male from New Orleans, LA. Work with the airlines brought me to New York in 2018. Here at Alliance, I am studying Biblical and Theological Studies - English Language. It has been a dream of mine to study theology, having had a fascination with the Bible from my younger days, Last semester, I started this class, and trying to focus on school, while my life was falling apart outside of school. My marriage ended, and I realized, although I am good at my job (still with the airlines), it is not my passion. I've felt from my youth, that God is calling me to ministry work of some kind, but I've run from Him. Jesus, I know from my upbringing and schooling is the Son of God, But, as i am investigating my faith (one of my reasons for enrolling at a bible college), I am learning He can be my dearest friend if I let Him in, I dream of using the gifts God has given me, the life He has given me to teach His people about Him, and lead them to closer walks with Him, to inspire them to pursue their passions wherever they may be. I am passionate about language, culture, learning, music, and professional tennis. This year, I am reading through the Old Testament straight through to get a better understanding of the full story/bigger picture of the Lord and His love for the world, especially Israel, especially for me. I have many people that I admire, I come to realize. My friend Rudolph for his punctuality. My coworker Andy for his unique and boldness to be himself. My now ex-wife for her persistence and drive in her educational pursuits.

My goal this semester is to do well in my classes, but also to rediscover me as I go along the journey of grief. I have an incredible support system that I am just beginning to tap into. Through the low points of the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023, God has shown that He truly loves me, continuing to talk to me when I found negative ways to cope. I know He has a plan for my life, and that fact alone is enough to get me to the next moment and the end of this sentence. I couldn't say that a few weeks ago. I'm also learning to be there for friends and family as they have been there for me in this time. They've reminded me about the strength and need for community - being encouraged and encouraging others. I hope to find and apply some nuggets from this class - i hope to see it through to the end.