

Joshua Smith

Smith, 1

PMN 201 Nyack Heritage OC

Dr. Stephel Nehlsen, DIS

27 January 2023

Who Am I?

My name is Joshua Smith, and I am originally from the Midwest. Born and raised for most of my adolescence I was raised in a small town in Western Nebraska in a town no more than 10,000 people. Just to give you some geography on where Alliance is we are four hours East of Denver, CO and three and half hours West of Rapid City, SD. I was raised along with my older sister Angela in a middle-class family. My dad worked on the Rail Road and he was gone several days out of the week, and my mother was a stay-at home mother. Mom was busy with us kids, cooking, baking, different events, keeping busy with the local Methodist Church, etc...I feel as though I grew up in the Methodist Church. When I was five years old, I gave myself to the Lord and shared my testimony with the church congregation. As my mother will share on how, I always wanted to be at Church, and had a very unique relationship with the Lord. After I graduated from High School, I moved to Arizona to pursue a degree in Massage Therapy. Although that career path was short lived, I was blessed to have the experience working for a men's indoor soccer league. After Massage Therapy, I happened by change to start working as a Marketing Director for a Senior Living community. I feel my time in Senior Living influenced the choice of my major. I had lived in Arizona for a total of eight and a half years. There were some elements that were not allow me to live a

Godly life and I knew that I had to move from Arizona. I made the decision to move along with my Chihuahua, Rocko to New York City in August of 2005. Since living in New York, I have had the experience working in Real Estate, Property Management and back to Senior Living. Through all these career changes, I never felt whole or fulfilled. I kept praying to God to please answer my prayers and give me the signs on what I was supposed to do with my life. Through God's love, grace and mercy my prayers were answered. After enrolling in Nyack, and acknowledging that I'm compassionate to the needs of others, I feel the pieces of the puzzle began to come together. I made the decision to major in Biblical Studies. I intend to further my studies and eventually major in Chaplaincy. I'm praying for God to give me the direction on what area I will focus on. Whether it be in hospital work, public service (Police or Fire Department, Navy) I give it to God.

When I think of Jesus and who he is to me there are many things that come to my mind. I think of Jesus as being our savior, our redeemer, our closest friend and guide. He is our messiah the son of God who became flesh to save his children from perishing in hell for eternity. Jesus is the one who can take all the sin from humanity and can forgive. Jesus is our best physician (healer). Jesus will never stop giving up on loving us and will go to the highest mountain and deepest valley to win our souls to kingdom of heaven. As the bible states, Jesus will never leave or forsake us.

As the years of my life continue on I for see myself wanting to keep preaching the word and Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whether it be in New York City, or perhaps in another foreign land. I want to work for the kingdom of God until his son returns and takes back what is rightfully his.

...