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I came in on Tuesday from 1 to 4. The first day was mostly introductions and getting to know what the internship would look like for the rest of the semester. I came in not really sure about what the internship was going to be and what would be expected of me. Brad Hickey showed me the equipment and how everything works. He showed me the board, the computer and the different mics we use. He let me know that I would essentially have my own show each week. He informed me of what is expected of me each week in terms of times. I will come in and for the first hour and a half I would have time to set up and prepare for the show and then after I can begin the show. Each show can range from 10 minutes to an hour. He informed me to try and keep each show every week under an hour and not go over.

I have the option to talk about mostly whatever I want. We discussed what was possible in regards to the show. I can bring on guests to interview and chat with, as well as having people call into the show if they cannot come in person. I immediately began thinking about different ideas of what I could have shows be about and what topics I could discuss. I asked questions, one being what did past interns typically do so I could get an idea of what is fully expected. He said that each past intern did things a bit differently, one girl played her churches sermons and reflected or commented on them. Another intern did preachings and reward from the Bible. I began brainstorming some ideas and jotted them down. I was thinking of playing some sermons from my church that really touched me and discussing what I thought or how it has been

speaking to my life recently. I also thought about commenting on music that have really spoke to me. I can also answer some questions that I get a lot from my young sisters such as “Why do we worship? Or What is worship?”

He let me know that I can have guests but to not bring guests in too many times as I have to prepare for the final that will require me to have a show for an hour. I asked about what the show format typically looks like so I can appropriately prepare and he said that I can send in about six songs and break up the show into about three segments with two songs in between in which one. That leaves me time to recover and recuperate in between each song if I am not used to talking for so long. I was also thinking about podcast styled shows as I am more used to listening to podcasts than radio shows. He said I could do that as well and play less music. He also warned me of playing songs that were too long.

He recommended writing notes and coming in prepared as it would move more smoothly. There are different ways people prepare and take notes. I learned this in my public speaking class and realized that it applies to this radio show as well. Some people write out everything they will say and other just write notes and reference them. Brad Hickey told me I could do either and that he could assist me when I come in, before the show with any questions.

I was unaware that the internship would be an opportunity to use the voice God gave me and I am actually really excited to have this opportunity this semester. I asked about the other interns time slots as well as I would love to hear about what other students who are pursuing the same major as me have to say and what their passions are about. I was brainstorming on what I should speak about first and Brad Hickey recommended to speak about my passions first because those flow naturally usually and I would have a lot more to talk about. He told me to not be nervous and that I would get used to it after the first few weeks. I feel confident after the first

day, learning about what they do at the radio as well as having my questions answered. I am excited about what I will learn about myself, the school and the radio during this semester and opportunity.