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What I've learned in Nyack heritage

This class taught me a lot about God that I didn't even know about; it helped me dig deeper into my faith and gave me the ability to defend it. It has furthered my faith by giving me a safe spiritual atmosphere that presents me with God now and gives me the option to either accept or reject him. And also, the class discussion helped me learn how to be faithful by being rigorous. I've come to appreciate the importance and gift that it is to me. The class is interesting, and I've come to affirm my beliefs because I've come to realize how important they are to me. I was born and raised going to both church and masjid. I grew up going to both church and masjid. At the age of 12, I became a Christian, having started going to a local Baptist church with my guardian a few years earlier after encouragement from a friend at my old school. My motivation for going to church at that time was that it was a safe space for me to develop my time and social life and learn more about Christ the Lord. When I asked Jesus into my life, I was sincere. A few months later, I was baptized, and I was able to maintain a healthy social life while learning more about God. After I graduated from high school, I decided to attempt a Christian school, which is Alliance University, so I could understand more about God. I have prayed throughout my Christian life. I never felt the presence of God or heard him speak. So I decided to join a youth group at my church because I much

preferred a silent approach to worship than the noisy, happy environment I was used to in a Baptist church. But after being in Nyack heritage class, I came to understand the importance of having a personal relationship with God, which means a personal connection with him as well.

Who is God calling me to be? And what is he calling me for?

When I am still in silence, I see a vision that Jesus is knocking on my door. It was all just in my head; I literally heard three knocks at my front door, and I jumped up and ran to the door, but it was nighttime, so I didn't open it. In 2018, the pandemic entered, and that's when I realized that Jesus was calling me home; he came for me. I remember reading an article about the African locust and thinking it seemed so biblical, along with the pandemic that shut down the entire country, and I started getting recommendations for listening to them. In my youth years, I recalled learning about revelation, and after rereading it, God changed my whole life. Jesus saved my life more than I even knew at the time, when I was struggling with life or taking the wrong paths. I was able to talk to the Holy Spirit every day. I hear a voice coming to me whenever I'm in the church or listening to Christian music. To make a long story short, I thought I had lost the Holy Spirit, but this week I awoke with the words going over me, and in my mind, I will stand by you. I will stand by you... I will stand by you... the words wouldn't stop coming out of my mouth, so I googled them, and the song was by Rattle and Hum, and they were singing a song called I want to let go. I will stand by you and help you through. I broke down and started crying because I knew that it was the Holy Spirit telling me that he would always be there no matter what and that he wanted me to let go. All the words in the song are actually in the Bible, so yes, the Holy Spirit does listen to you, even when

you think he hasn't. The show changed my life. I listen to something about Jesus Christ several times—on the train and every single day and night. I've been feeling His presence for the past two days now when I pray at night. First, it was like someone was holding my hand, and then it was like someone was sitting on my bed watching me while I was praying. I felt my heart beat fast, and I tried not to be scared, and then I felt peace because I was thankful to God and I felt safe. Good things have been happening to me since I started to acknowledge him as my only savior and my light. The Father is so amazing that it's really touching, and I feel happy when I talk to him or ask him for help and salvation.

What is my mission?

My mission in life is to accomplish my goals of being an American, having a good education here, and being able to play in a professional basketball league so I can make my mom proud. For a long time, my purpose was to make my parents proud, find a good school to study at, be independent, and have a house and my own family. But this was always another person's dream. My mom dreams. Now I have learned that I have to find my own purpose, and I feel like, even after what I've been through, anything is possible once you have your trust in God and believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord. I have to live my life for me and not for someone else, but I don't even know why I even live it. That's why I have faith in God and trust him completely. Because my mission and dreams are to become a professional basketball player, God will show me the way for me to support my family in Nigeria, which is why I enjoy praying to him at night, in the morning, at church, or in a quiet place. I believe it is not too late for all of us to return to God and admit how wrong we were when we refused him at times. I've been asking

God to help me reconnect with a previous version of myself and to help me deeply reflect on what God and Jesus have done in my own personal journey. God has been deeply bringing new forms of revelation where he will simply remind me of something from the past and rekindle my love for him. Each time I realize a new lesson, it deepens my appreciation and love for God. He is still teaching and growing me through experiences I thought were behind me. It just goes to show God's amazing perspective, in which he sees our lives as a whole, as opposed to us, who are struck in pieces and become disconnected from our own lives.