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The “Four Fold gospel” comprises of six chapters, including “Christ our Savior” —who died for our sins so we could have a chance to enter heaven. We also examined “Christ our Sanctifier,” who enters our lives and purifies us of sin. Another chapter was titled “Christ our Healer,” who, if we believe and have an open heart towards him, will enter our hearts and heal us. The fourth chapter we studied, “Christ our Coming King,” brought me to a place of forgiveness and getting ready for his arrival. Another chapter, titled “The Walk with God,” discussed how self-judgment hinders spiritual growth and tremendous success in Christ. The counsel and protection that Christ will provide for us are discussed in the book’s last chapter, “Kept,” which is also written by A.B. Simpson. Overall, I found this book to be incredibly inspirational and motivational. I will continue to do the works of my Father which is in Heaven because he is yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever more.

The examination of the chapter titled “ The Walk with God” was one aspect of this seminar that particularly caught my attention. According to the text, having a strong desire to be like Christ and pleading with God to grant us an elevated view of him are the keys to living a life that is like him. As we learn more about God, we develop a closer relationship with him. This chapter has pushed me to be a more obedient follower of Christ in a way that will bring me closer to him. Another chapter that stood out to me is, “Christ our Coming King” which spoke about Jesus Christ and how he will appear to his own; the entire world as a Bridegroom, then

King and Judge, respectively. This Chapter has a lot to say about my generation and how we ought to get ready for him to come. In order to prepare for end-time ministries, it is crucial for us as young Christians to read and understand Revelation. I have been motivated by this chapter to win souls for God's Kingdom and watch for his coming.

Throughout this course, I learned about A.B Simpson, the founder of Nyack College, now called Alliance University. A.B. Simpson was born on December 15, 1845. Simpson was born and raised in Bayview, Prince Edward Island, Canada. In 1858 at the age of 15 Simpson decided to give his life to Christ. In 1861 Simpson wrote a Solemn Covenant dedicating himself to the ministry. Simpson thereafter was a man of mission, spreading the word in multiple nations, planting institutes and multiple ministries. Simpson was known to be a preacher and a small theologian. Even though Simpson was chosen by God he faced a lot of physical and emotional breakdowns in his childhood and early ministry. In Simpson's life, he served in 3 different churches including Knox Church, Chestnut Street, and his last stop was 13th Street Presbyterian in New York City. In 1882 'The Christian Alliance and Evangelical Missionary Alliance' was formed which is now called Alliance University. This institution was formed to support missions, and teach believers and non-believers the goodness of God. A.B. Simpson later died in 1919.

In Nyack's history, we have had some great leaders. Starting from A.B. Simpson who was the founder and president of the Missionary Training Institute (MTI) and Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA) during 1881-1919. After the death of Simpson, Paul Rader took the presidency from 1919 to 1924. The leadership was then given to Dr. Senft also known as the "The Forgotten President" who served less than two years before he passed away; he served from 1924 to 1925. After Dr. Senft's death, Dr. Shuman took the presidency from 1926 to 1940. He was also the last president to serve the MTI and CMA. From 1940 to 1958 Dr. Thomas Mosely

reigned as President under the new name of the institute called Nyack Missionary College. After his great leadership, Dr. Harold Boon took the presidency from 1958 to 1975. In 1972 Nyack Missionary College was changed to Nyack College. Dr. Thomas Bailey served as president from 1975 to 1982. During his reign, the Alliance Theological Seminary was formed and now offers a Master of Divinity degree program. In 1982 Dr. Rambo became president of Nyack College; his tenure ended in 1987. However, remained president of the CMA until the year 2000. Dr. Boda served from 1988 to 1993. During his time the adult degree completion program was formed. After his tenure was finished Dr. David Shroeder became president from 1993 to 2005. During his time the Manhattan extension was established in 1995. Dr. Michael Scales then became president in 2006 which brought more degree programs to the table as well as extensions around the globe.

After high school, I learned about Nyack College and I was interested in starting in 2020. I then contacted Nyack Administration, filled out an application, and was then accepted a few months later. During that waiting period, I realized that God was expanding my ministry through the United States Military. God used me to reach those who had never heard of him before and also persons that were lukewarm and needed that fire of God once more. He then called me to Nyack College after I had been in the service for two years. I believe God has called me at this time to make a difference in Nyack's Heritage. God has been using me as a mentor to other students and also working in the Worship collectives at chapel services. I believe that God is preparing me for a greater thing that he is about to do in this institution. Currently, I am studying "Biblical and Theological Studies" and I know that this will increase my ability as a young minister at Alliance University.

I believe God has called me to be a prophet in his kingdom. At age 12 I heard the voice of God for the first time. Since then God has used me in my home country (Jamaica) evangelizing and going on missionary work in my country. After migrating to the United States God has been working on me both physically and spiritually. Since I have been living here God has continued to use me miraculously in every way possible. I have been doing prophetic and deliverance ministry for the past 9 years and I am humbled to be a mouthpiece for God.

God has called me in a time like this to minister to the youths of this generation and also to the traditional believers who await his glory. I believe Jesus will do miraculous things in my life; I know his grace and prophecies will continue to manifest in me. I believe that sinners today will draw near to Christ whenever they see his words manifest before them. People yearn for his demonstration of power before them. God has called me to do this kind of ministry through his grace and power. Based on prophecies in the past about my life, God has raised me up to minister to nations upon nations and win souls for his kingdom. As I believe and wait on his timing I continue to wrap myself in his Glory patiently. After learning so much about A.B. Simpson he reminds me of myself and the mission Jesus Christ has called me to do.

In summary, Nyack Heritage has taught us to be true believers and missionaries of Christ. It has encouraged us to stay close to our Father which is Heaven. It is very important to have a close relationship with God who is our keeper because without him we are nothing. A.B. Simpson has been a great man who did the true work of God in many different ways. A.B. Simpson was a great missionary and evangelist who has become one of my role models today in the body of Christ. The leaders who have passed through Nyack College/ Alliance University have brought great things to this work in progress. As a believer in Christ, I continue to encourage sinners to give their lives to God because he is the ultimate creator of this universe.