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The Nyack Heritage class has been very informative and interesting. Learning of A.B. Simpson his ministry, accomplishments, his decision to be baptized by immersion, and his life journey was very inspiring. He had a heart and love for God, His word, and His people. He knew there were many needs and through God's power, he wanted to fulfill them. He established many institutions, and many people would benefit from them. One of those institutions would be a home for “fallen women” which created opportunities for women so that they would have alternatives to being on the streets in a life of prostitution.

Simpson had a vision and later launched the Missionary Training Institute which later became Nyack College. The institute would prepare workers by properly training them for home ministry and Missionary service.

In addition, It was very interesting rewriting the Solemn covenant in my own words, having my own personal written agreement with God, and expressing my deepest feelings, thoughts, and desires concerning my life with Him. It caused me to re-evaluate my relationship with God and work on getting closer to Him. I wrote deep words of prayer and faith and thanked Him for His many blessings and for loving me unconditionally.

The fourfold Gospel was very enlightening. There was so much information and elaboration on God and what He had done and does for us. A few things of things that resonated with me were, how this study has helped thousands of God's children for forty years and continues to do so.

I learned so much through this reading. Although I knew many of the things mentioned, I gained a deeper understanding of who Christ is to me. He is my Saviour. Through His salvation, he saved me from the wrath of God and the wages of sin. Most interesting was knowing it frees us from fear of death. I don't have to worry about dying because I am a part of His family and when my time here on earth is done, I am promised an eternity with him. His salvation brings us into God's favor and gives us the grace to live day to day. A few things I learned about salvation is it is called "my own salvation" because I must appropriate it. It is also called "the common salvation", because it is free if I accept it, and it is called a "great salvation" because it is big enough to supply all my needs. In Christ our Sanctifier I learned what sanctification is not. Sin is not in the body, it's in the heart, soul, and will. In Christ our healer, I learned about divine healing. It is not a faith cure or prayer cure. Christ our coming lord discussed the 7 special facts concerning Christ's reign on earth and what will take place during that time. The walk with God is so important and it tells us we must love one another as God loves us. Lastly, the chapter on Kept reiterated what I've always known, He will keep me no matter where I am or where I go. I'm never out of His presence.

I am so grateful that I am a part of Alliance University. A former student recommended I enroll in September 2020, and I have been attending ever since. Since the very beginning, I have learned so much and experienced staff that have been so understanding and supportive. When I first became a student, I was doing well and enjoyed every class. I even made it to the dean's list one semester. However, shortly after, my father who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease began to decline and is now in End Stage Parkinson's. It has been very tough, but I am making it by God's grace. My professors have been very understanding and have worked with me through the rough patches. I am determined to complete my studies and pass every class. There is so

much more I want to learn and many who need help, and Alliance University will help me to achieve that goal.

I believe God is calling me to help those in need. He has given me a heart for people and a desire to empower them. I believe He is calling me to open a multipurpose center that will offer counseling, a food pantry, employment services, clothing, youth centers, etc. So many people are suffering and hurting. Mental health is at an all-time high. So many are unemployed and giving up hope. I want to be one of the ones that give hope to the hopeless, encourages someone who may feel like giving up, and talk that one off the ledge who feels they have no alternative. Many just need someone to care and listen. To make them feel that they matter.

God has been so awesome to me and my family, despite what we've been through. I believe that if I shared only half of the things God has done for me, someone would be inspired to come to know who He is. I recently shared the awesome blessings of God with a young man I recently met. He and his wife are going through hard times right now. I told him about God, His saving grace, and prayer, and I gave him a bible. He said he is doing so much better now, and he read his bible and prays every night. The next step would be to convince him to turn his life over to Christ. He says he is one day soon. My heart is rejoicing knowing I helped someone consider living for Christ so that He can change their life. I believe there are many who God wants me to reach and tell of God's amazing grace and His salvation. I believe if they could see the God in me and the difference He has made in my life, they would freely accept and turn their lives over to Him. Many people live in places where there are no bibles, there is no teaching about God, nothing about who he is, what he does, and how His salvation frees us from the wages of sin. I want to bring as many people to Christ as I can, so that on that great day when He returns there will be a few more people who will meet God in eternity.