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### Living My Calling

Nyack Heritage is a class where I can learn more about the college I attend and the history of how the Christian institution evolved into what it is today. Throughout this class I've learned about many topics including places Alliance has spread Gods Word to International people, heard stories from guest speakers, A.B. Simpson, Alliance itself, etc. This class has shown me a lot and I've heard and seen plenty of things about alliance. Pastor and evangelist A.B. Simpson (1843–1919), a Canadian-born man, created the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) movement.

During this class I read the Fourfold Gospel seven parts in order called Christ Our Savior, Christ Our Sanctifier, Christ Our Healer, Christ Our Coming Lord, The Walk With God, Kept, and Epilogue. The Fourfold Gospel has been a foundational scripture in the Christian faith for centuries because, taken as a whole, it paints a complete picture of Jesus Christ and his teachings. Another main topic was the Solemn Covenant where we read one by A.B. Simpson and one written by ourselves. A solemn covenant is a formal, serious, and frequently religious or spiritually significant agreement or promise made by two or more people. I learned

about Mary B. Mullen who is a woman who helped Alliance get to where it is now. She helped Black students get the education they need and called one of the best teachers.

While here at Alliance University I realized there's a reason I came here and found out about this school at the last minute. Before coming to this school I was going to attend another, but God moved my pieces around for me to find out about this school and be accepted. Even though it was last minute and hard decision I came anyways wanting to be closer to God. At first, I was questioning coming to New York for college and commuting by train to get to class. I realized that I'm very independent and can handle myself because God is looking over me. God had a reason when he brought my close friend to telling me about this school, convincing me apply. It was a hard decision for me because I've already de-committed from my original school to come to Alliance. Alliance was my last chance to go to college to be a Student Athlete. Even though it was a scary decision I knew God was right by my side to make the decision I did.

At the moment I don't feel like God is calling me somewhere but eventually I will know for sure. I can say I do think I know what he is calling me to do but I am still questioning if it's real or not. In my presentation I said my primary calling is "Living, listening, and staying in tune with God." Which is me saying I need to put myself in a place where I can read God's Word, talk to him, learn about his teachings, etc. Also believe me, living my life and listening is a big part of me and where I go in the future. In my secondary calling I said, "To push through my sport and see God has a

reason and path for me to follow.” Which is talking about me pushing through my sport. Going into that, this year I wasn’t able to play the sport I love due to issues with my High School. Led me to only practice with my team and sometimes go to games which made me feel left out on some team bonding. I felt I wasn’t improving in my sport because I wasn’t playing, made me feel like not trying and possibly giving up. I started to realize that God must have a reason for me not to play my freshman year at Alliance University. I now know better things are to come next year at Alliance University. God kept me in a positive mindset and didn’t let me give up on my dream to play College softball.

I feel I don’t fully know what my mission is, but I am waiting for it. Hopefully soon enough I will know my mission and where I need to be in life. This class has given different perspectives on God and how others see him. I believe this class helped me understand a little more about God and Alliance University. Knowing what I know about God I can start to build a real relationship with him to understand where I came from and why I’m here.

