

The future image that God desires for me

My life is always filled with twists and turns. I go to church every Sunday like every other christian person. However, I do not go to church because I would like to grow closer and know God more and because of the food they give us at the end of worship. I only go to church because my parents tell me to, I never really liked going to church because it was a real pain getting up in bed. But, I had to go to church because my parents would always get mad if I said that I didn't want to go to church. In the end, I go to church listening to the message but the message goes in one ear and comes out the other. However, I would always need to remember one thing from the message because my mom would ask me what I learned from that day's message. I remember when I got to eat bibimbap, bibimbap was the best food that I had at church. I was always happy when I ate food, not when I was listening to the gospel, but my parents didn't really know that I didn't like going to church. Every sunday, I would get out of my bed, brush my teeth, get dressed and go to church. I am now a 6th grader and I am getting really bored of going to church. As always, I would not listen properly to the message and I would mostly be thinking about the food that they will serve after the service. During school, my science grade is dropping. I am having a big argument with my mom because I am trying my best but my grade is not going back up. This is making me and my mom both mad at each other and our house would always be loud because of this. I started to hate everyone including God because my 6th grade promotion was coming near and because my grade was not going up. However, that Sunday, I decided to listen to the message properly instead of dozing off and thinking of something else. During that message, I was moved by what the pastor said. The pastor talked about why people don't trust in God and why a lot of people stop believing in God. This topic really got me hooked because I was starting to doubt God. This felt like God wanted me to know why he was giving me these hard times. Because of the message, I learned that God is giving me hard times because he wants me to turn away from the bad things that I am doing in life. When I heard about this, I really thought about the actions I did before I listened to this message. I eventually realized that I would constantly lie to my parents. I thought that God is giving me these problems because he wants me to tell the truth and live an honest life. After that message, I started to change little by little. I started to pray to God to let me live an honest life every morning and every night. My problems with my mom started to stop and I knew that praying to God is real. This made me feel that God is really answering my prayers and I started to rely on God more. Knowing that God is real made me happier in my daily life, my grades started to rise

back up. However, I slowly stopped praying to God because I thought that I didn't need him anymore because my grades were going back up. But, I made a big mistake, right after I started to stop praying, bad things started to come my way again. I was very upset with myself and God. However, instead of praying to God and asking for his forgiveness, I just hope that all my problems will disappear by tomorrow. I knew that I should have prayed to God but I just decided not to pray to him because I wanted to see if I can solve my problems by myself. In the end, my trying to solve my own problems did not work because God wants me to look and ask for his help. I am always having a roller coaster kind of day because sometimes I will get problems that make me stressed or angry. On other days, I will be happy because I get to do things that make myself happy. I get frustrated because some days are going smoothly while other days are very difficult and makes me question if God really cares about me. My problems were there until I turned into a 7th grader. While I was in 7th grade, I would always play soccer and I got into many tournaments and I won a lot of them. This made me feel very accomplished and it made me feel that I didn't really need God to be in my life. However, my days as a soccer player were starting to get worse. This is because while I was playing soccer games and tournaments with my teammates, I started to play very badly. This got me upset because I wanted to be one of the best soccer players in my team, so not doing so well made me depressed and angry at myself. I would always make huge mistakes that would make the other opponent have a chance to score a goal. This would make me angry because of my mistake, it cost my team a game. However, starting from that point on, I started to pray to God more than before. I know that all my problems are because I do not pay much attention to God and I only care about myself. This made me feel guilty because God has done a lot of amazing things just for me but I never paid respect to God for helping me in my life. Because of the actions that I have done, I regret my life decisions and if I had the ability to go back to the past, I would have thanked God with my whole heart and I would 100% focus on the worship that my pastor spoke. Ever since I started to pray to God with all my heart, I started to get better and better. I knew that this was God's doing, so I prayed to God saying that I am thankful for all the help that he has given me. I was never truly grateful for what God has done for me unless I do something good or when something good happens to me. So praying to God thanking him for all the help that he has given me was the first time I really said it with all of my heart. When I thanked God, it felt kinda nice because there was this warmth in my heart that made me think that God always loves me and he always will love me. This made me feel more happy and confident in my daily life because he has given me more courage to do many different types of things. My life as a 7th grader passed and now I am an 8th grader. I had many troubling times but God has helped me get back up and continue on my journey to continue to serve him. My life is pretty normal for a middle schooler. My grades were good, I was doing good in sports, and I was doing good for mostly everything that I was doing. I was

doing good in all of my school and outside activities until I started to play games. Ever since I started playing games, I started to get more and more interested in the game. Because I was more interested in the game than God, I decided to barely pray to him because during that time I could play that game. Playing games made me physically happy because I am enjoying the time playing games with my friends. But spiritually, I was suffering because I was not enjoying my time with God and because I barely prayed to God anymore. This made me realize once again that no matter how hard I try, God will give me problems because he wants me to look for him and ask for his help. I looked back into my past and realized that I only prayed to God when I needed his help and when I didn't need his help, I barely prayed to him. I realized that problems came to me because he wanted me to go back to him instead of being trapped in worldly desires. I prayed to God sincerely during church and while I was at home. I also realized that God has helped me overcome many challenges and I knew that I am in this world because he wants me to share the goodness of God and his word. While I would enjoy reading the bible and writing bible verses down, I knew that God was really alive and he was always there for me and he was always beside me. This made me happy because no one really stayed by my side all the time except for my parents. I felt glad that God was in my life because ever since I started to enjoy God's word again, I got into my middle school soccer team. Getting into the soccer team is very hard because there are so many people that try out and the coach can only pick a few kids that can be on the team. This made me feel like God really wants me to have a good future and a good relationship with God. Knowing this, I decided to thank God more than I have ever done before. I was grateful knowing that God has helped me every step of the way and he never gave up on me. God has always been there and he wants me to go back to him. This made me want to praise God even more and I was even more impressed by the miracles and powers that God has. Even though I was thankful and trusted him a lot, I still had a bit of doubt. I doubted God if he was really there sometimes because if I pray for something good to happen to me, that good thing doesn't usually happen. This made me question God if he is always there for me or if he is even listening to my prayers. But, while I was reading the bible, I found a bible verse that said, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." This bible verse really made me realize that God will really listen to our prayers and he will answer them sooner or later. I am really glad that God made me realize that I am alive to share the gospel with others and to establish world evangelism. I am thankful for what God has done for me all this time while I was alive. I had a mix of feelings because sometimes, I doubted God and sometimes I really loved and believed in him. But after a while I was really glad that God was with me and how he has given me the chance to know him better. I am happy that I was born into a family where we got to go to church and listen and get to know God better.

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