

Is all creation groaning?
Is a new creation coming?
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

Lyrics from Is He Worthy by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

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Hi everyone!

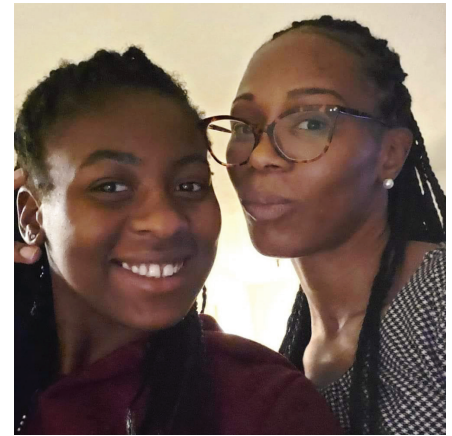
Trust. Yes, one word that brings about so much undercurrent of emotion. Google's definition is "Firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something. Example: 'relations have to be built on trust.'"

To say that this year has been about trust in Jesus is an understatement. So much has happened and will continue to happen as a result of the 2020 election. We have no choice but to trust in Jesus. If you look back at your year, what are the ways the Lord has called you into a place of trust? When I look back, I think of events like my brother surviving COVID-19, our family staying safe, and Lily's surgery. I think of tremendous relationships with neighbors and others despite COVID-19. I think of all the ways the Lord has moved in hearts and lives. All of this deepens our trust in Jesus.

While I could expound in more detail about the ways our trust in Christ has deepened, I wanted to share a student's story told through her mom. Janiya has been with us since arriving here at Fort Drum. We have connected with her parents and family in many ways. She attended the gospel service where we are ministering, and the youth Sunday school class Dan teaches. I was able to take her senior photos and have had some excellent conversations with her. God continues to move in her heart. So, as you read her story, I hope you are encouraged by the ways you have had an impact on her life.

JANIYA'S STORY

It is every Christian mother's prayer that their children will love God and accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. What happens when a mother is confronted with a child who is unresponsive to the gospel? My name is Taliyba Reinberry, and this is my daughter Janiya Reinberry's story. My



daughter went to church, Bible study, and volunteered for various church activities. I began to discern a disconnect between her works and her faith. Janiya began to do many works grudgingly as if we were forcing her to do them. Her body language changed when getting questioned about the Lord. She became very agitated and would completely withdraw from the conversation.

I knew something was wrong. I could not stand by and watch my daughter reject Christ. I spent many nights crying out to God to remove her heart of stone and give her a heart of flesh. The more I prayed, the worse she seemed to get. It was so disheartening to see her not find joy in the Lord, but I kept praying. I soon reached out to Dan and Becke Haas, my friends and youth ministry leaders at Fort Drum, NY. I confessed to them that my attempts to evangelize my daughter seemed to fall upon deaf ears and a stony heart. They compassionately listened as I almost broke out in tears because I was so discouraged. We prayed, and they began to work with Janiya, even though they experienced some resistance from her. However, they never gave up on her, and neither did I.

We fervently prayed for the Lord to touch Janiya's heart, and little by little, you could see her walls coming down. Almost two years

As we close this year, we need more monthly team members. Would you consider giving and being a part of students' and families' lives like the Reinberrys? Year-end giving is a beautiful way to invest in lives here in New York.

Also, we are collecting gifts for stockings for students and some soldiers we get to talk with. Due to COVID-19, some folks will not be going home for Christmas. Would you consider sending a gift? Some ideas are games, gift cards, or activities that people could enjoy together. Other ideas are stocking stuffer items, like snacks, hats, cards, a copy of one of your favorite books, Bibles, or devotionals.

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later, Janiya was getting ready to go off to college. As she prepared to leave, she began packing all her books, particularly her Bible and study notes she received during her time at youth group. As she gathered her things, she looked up with a smile on her face and said, "Mom, I should call and thank Mr. Dan and Mrs. Becke." My heart



was overjoyed as my daughter expressed her gratefulness for them. The morning we arrived at her school, she led a devotion with me and expressed her need to find a place to worship on campus. Janiya's heart was open and responsive. Janiya also continued to share her feelings with me about Mr. Dan and Becke being in her life.

I rushed back to my hotel room, where I was staying, to call and rejoice with Dan and Becke. With tears of joy, I reminded them of what it says in 1 Corinthians 15:58. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I am so grateful to have witnessed the Lord working through His vessels, Dan and Becke Haas. I believe their commitment to reaching the youth and teaching them about the importance of having a relationship with Christ helped my daughter get to this point in her life.

Thank you,
Taliyba Reinberry



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