BLESSED
BE THE LORD,
WHO DAILY LOADS
US WITH BENEFITS,
THE GOD OF OUR
SALVATION!

PSALM 68:19

Rejoice always, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, *in everything* GIVE *thanks*, FOR THIS IS THE *will of* GOD IN *Christ* JESUS FOR YOU.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



This Journal Belongs To:

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He fills my life WITH *good things*, SO THAT I STAY YOUNG AND STRONG LIKE AN *eagle*.

PSALM 103:5

John 3:16 The gospel in one verse
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life"
Salvation's cause:
"For God so loved the world"
The motivating factor behind God's plan for salvation is His love for us.
Ephesians 3:18, 1 John 4:16
We are redeemed through a living relationship with Him
Despite all its faults, despite all its brokeness God loves the world → Despite all my sin, despite my constant failure God love me
Salvation's Cost:
"He gave His only son"
Freedom is never free → It must be bought with blood

Jesus did not simply speak of His love for us. He willingly paid the ultimate price
What does this mean for my life bought by His blood?
What sacrifices am I called to make?
Romans 5:8 God shows His love for us
Salvations Condition:
"That whoever believes in Him"
Salvation is already done. There is nothing I can do to earn it
My role is to believe, to transfer my trust from myself and my own efforts to Him and His finished work on the cross
I must transfer my trust to Him alone
Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord
It is not enough to simply believe in the existance of or agree with the teachings of Christ. We have to Put all our faith in Him. We have to trust Him with our lives
Salvation is through faith and

Faith alone
Salvation's consequence:
"Shall not perish, but have everlasting life"
Such an incredible promise!!
But remember... Those without Christ are going to perish
An eternal promise that we are called to share
In Summary:
God's love reaches down to us, made possible by the payment of Christ, and is recieved by grace through faith alone; believing in the Lord Jesus Christ
For God... The greatest Lover
So loved... The greatest degree
the World... The greatest Company that
He gave... The greatest act
His only Son... The greatest gift
that whoever... The greatest opportunity

believes... The greatest simplicity
in Him... The greatest attraction
Should not Perish... The greatest promise
but... The greatest difference
have... The greatest certainly
eternal life... The greatest possession
-Unknown

Love is a choice, Love is an action
God showed His love for me by
making the ultimate sacrifice.
What will be my reaction?

Arise, shine, FOR THY *light* IS COME,
AND THE *glory* OF THE *Lord*
IS RISEN UPON THEE.

ISAIAH 60:1

Lord,
I always come to you with such good intentions. I think "this time I'm going to do it right, this time Im going to trust the Lord, this time I will actually surrender. But I never do, forgive me for my unbelief for going into every spiritual experience still holding some doubts about you. Forgive me for closing up the minute things get intimate, the minute things get hard, for building a fortress of fear, never letting your perfect love penetrate me and then getting frustrated and doubting you once again when my prayers bounced off the roof I feel like I have prayed that prayer of surrender so many times before, but, Lord it is going to be different this time. Not by

my own Strength, not by my own Words, not by My own intentions, ~~Beloved~~ From this day on I Proclaim that I will be guided by you. Everything I once held dear I count it all a loss. Lord take my family guide me in my relationships with them. Show me how to be kind but also honest selflessly loving them without getting taken advantage of. Guide my steps in giving forgiveness and healing relationships. Help me to do it in a way free from blame because each of us has made mistakes we are all responsible for our actions. Lord take my future. No longer will I be guided by selfishness and fear, Help me to be prayerful and mindful in everything that I do, not taking a step forward without first consulting you. Lord forgive me for letting

Other people get in the way of my relationship with you, for being a competitive Christian, worrying about saying the right thing looking holy but never bothering to be sanctified by you. Forgive me for letting create my image of you rather than seeking you and with the guidance of your Word seeking it myself. Lord forgive me for running from you. I know you were there holding me when I felt completely alone and abandoned, forgive me for refusing to feel your presence, for trying to block out your voice. I stop here Lord and surrender because I can run no more. Carry me forward in my brokenness and

rebuild me completly, this time with my identity in you. Guide me to your purpose, shape me for your glory. This time I mean it, not by my own strength, but by your spirit I surrender it all. All I am is yours.

You can find peace in your storms, not by detaching from them, but by resting in me

Face your battles and find strength in me

Acknowledge

Peace	battle
Strength	Storms
rest	pain

Thoughts coming off of worship: 10/27
Stop pretending, Mariya, Stop running, Mariya, Stay in this place of honest brokenness and you will know me.
I don't want your words I want your heart. Don't just pray a prayer of surrender again... Prove it, this ~~time~~ time you have to prove it.
Focus on me and they will come focus on them and lose everything.
You are <u>not</u> alone, you can never be alone
Even in the pain of breaking you apart I am still singing my love song to you because you can do this and I want you to do this.
Come to <u>me</u> with your doubts, come to <u>me</u> with your anger come to <u>me</u>

With your frustration end it will be absolved.
Because Lord I didn't recognize it but you always knew that in order for me to become a new creation I first had to be broken completly.
It's going to hurt but it's worth it, it's going to hurt but your not alone.
You dont remember their words you remember mine. They won't remember your words, they will remember mine.
The unity and intimacy you seek is impossible without honesty.
Tyler's vision: Like a ball of yarn being unraveled getting out all the kinks remaking it perfectly. It is hard but it is for His glory and the end result is worth it. You are never alone

Trust in the Lord WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART, AND *lean not on your own* UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS *acknowledge Him*, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

~~Devotional to worship~~ Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

For theirs is the Kingdom in Heaven

Poor in Spirit: The deep humility of recognizing ones utter spiritual bankrupcy apart from God

I am in a place of complete humility, painfully aware that I am nothing without God. I have been stripped down to my foundation in order to rebuild, this time correctly, this time with God. I never saw it, Lord, but you always knew in order to become found I first had to be lost completley. In my rebellion I lost myself, but now, Lord, you

Will guide me out. The world built up My proud independence and you broke it completley. Keep in me a poor Spirit Lord a poor spirit and a faithful heart. Lord help me not to conform to the ways of this world, give me strength and give me faith to follow you path and know that true glory will never exist in this world, but will be available in abudence at your feet in heaven. Lord even as my life changes as I move on from this place, help me to remain, constantly, in this state of humble brokenness. Help me to remember that all I have to lose first belonged to you; help me to resist the urge to build my own tower instead relying full-heartedly on you.

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Oh, give thanks TO THE *Lord* FOR HE IS GOOD! FOR HIS *mercies* ENDURE FOREVER.

PSALM 107:1

The sphere of Humiliation. (oct 2nd)

~Reflection on my Utmost for His Highest

"After every time of exaltation we are brought down to a place where it is neither beautiful, nor poetic, nor thrilling"

~I've struggled so much with this "sudden rush" with going from a place of intense emotion and clarity from God to feeling nothing in my mundane life, instantly. I just get so frustrated with how quickly I fall from the mountain top to the valley with how quickly I go from overwhelming emotions to feeling nothing at all.

"It is in the sphere of Humiliation that we find our true worth to God, that is where our faithfulness is revealed."

~"Can you come to me in surrender

without expecting anything in return"
I think I've always surrendered to God
with some sort of ulterior motive, I've
prayed these well-meaning prayers declaring
that my life is His really just in hopes
that after praying this prayer I will
be exalted by Him, I will feel the
spirit rush over me, and will somehow
suddenly experience God in the way
everyone around me seems to be.
But it never works, I come out feeling
no less empty, and all those things
I claimed to surrender immediately
fall back into my control. I think that
in this valley I am being called to
prove my faithfulness in surrender,
to step by step give things over to God
without expectation. Walking in surrender
is hard for me and its going to be
even harder to do it without any
sort of positive reinforcement or reward.
But in surrendering all expecting nothing
I can begin to break the selfishness at
my heart and walk in true relationship with
Him.

Ask, AND IT WILL BE *given* TO YOU,
seek, and you WILL FIND; *knock*,
AND IT WILL BE *opened* TO YOU.

MATTHEW 7:7

"It takes the valley of humiliation to root the skepticism out of us" I am a still a "Cuming Skepic" about the power of God I want Him and His power to somehow fall into place in my own human mind. When I'm on the mount when I can feel God I believe whole-heartedly in Him and all that He can do, but then when I enter back in to my culture and my world trusting in God is so difficult. It often feels like everything around me disproves His presence or His goodness. So here I am walking through the valley and having to do it in faith. Because even when I don't feel it, I know that God is here and God is good. I'm learning to walk in surrender out of love for God, not out of any expectation of my own. I trust that

as I learn to surrender selflessly and grow in my relationship with God, this might not neccesarily get easier, but it will come more naturally. As I continue to be filled by the spirit I will begin to see the world through Gods eyes, with His heart, because it is in the valley that God will mold me to fit His vision. My everyday trials are not in vain, rather I am being "battered to shape and use by God" God has a plan for me, but ultimatley it is up to me to follow it. It is up to me to stay firmly faithfully in difficult situations believing that God is working in me. I have to learn to live everyday in faith of what I saw on the mount, in reliance of my visions or revelations until I get to the "veritable reality" "Can I face things as they actually are in the light of the reality of Jesus Christ, or do things as they are efface altogether my faith in Him, and put me into a panic?"

For it is by grace YOU HAVE BEEN *saved,*
THROUGH *faith* – AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE *gift of God...*

EPHESIANS 2:8

Thank you God that this is not from myself, that I don't have to make it to a certain place, that I don't have to do a certain thing to be loved by you. I always fall back into this pattern, this seeking of you through myself, this comparision of my own faith to that of others. I so want to prove myself I so want to earn your love, but I have nothing to prove. You love me in my fear you will guide me in my doubts. You are good and all I have to do is love and rely on you. I so want there to be a formula to faith, some sure way to grow my relationship with you, but relationship never looks that way, So here I am Lord, not trying, just trusting trusting that you are good trusting that you

love me, and walking through every day with you. Because I don't have to get to a certain level of faith to be loved by you, I don't have to have some experience to be guided by your spirit. I am no more and no less than the people around me.

I love you Mariya and it breaks my heart when you don't hear that. Write your testimony in Spanish, be honest, take your pride and your fear out of this. I love you and they will too but I remember you don't need them, you could have the entire world against you and still be full in me, allow yourself to be filled by me. Fear is cast out by my perfect love, not by anything you can do.

11/17

BUT THE *fruit of the Spirit* IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, *goodness*, *faithfulness*, *gentleness*, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

I feel convicted by the story of King Solomon. I think if God said to me "ask what you wish and it will be granted" I too would probably ask for wisdom. I long for wisdom, for discernment, for an understanding heart. I worry, however that I'm more hungry for knowledge of ~~this~~ God than for a relationship with Him. I don't want to enter into intimate relationship with a God I don't understand, but the only way to grow in my understanding of God is to enter into relationship with Him. I feel like I right this things over and over again like it all makes sense in my head but I'm too scared to actually act on it. So there's that but the

reason the story is so convicting to me is that it demonstrates both the benefits of using wisdom for God and the consequence, of not. The early part of Solomon's reign was very successful He pleased the Lord He was prosperous, and the people feared God through Him. ~~The scene~~ This time ~~foreshadowed~~ demonstrates the blessings Israel received when they kept God's covinent. But Solomon turns to idolatry and ends up ~~@~~ breaking the Davidic Covenant and ~~ending~~ dividing ~~the~~ the Israelites. It seems to me like what leads to all this is Solomon's reliance on His own knowledge rather than the Lord's. Solomon marries all of His wives in what is actually a very wise political move, but this policy to increase His power ends up leading Him into ~~to~~ the idolatry the ends his kingdom. The choices Solomon made would be considered wise by this world

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
HE IS A *new creation*; THE OLD HAS
GONE, THE NEW *has come!*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

but they lead Him to abandon God.
I've been thinking a lot about the
stark differences between the
beginning of Solomon's reign and the
end. God was pleased by Solomon's
desire for wisdom and when Solomon
relied on God for that wisdom and
~~he was blessed~~ used that wisdom
to serve God's kingdom He was
blessed. When Solomon relies on human
wisdom to advance His own kingdom
He ruins everything. I fear that I
have the potential to enter into
the idolatry that Solomon did, to
rely on my own ambition, my
own pursuit of glory, my own wisdom,
and in doing so move away from
God completely. The early reign of
Solomon shows that wisdom can be

used for God when your heart is right with God. If used correctly my hunger for knowledge will help me serve God and His Kingdom, but it also has the potential to overtake the event God as the purpose driving my life, leading me into idolatry.

- Vanity: The futile attempt to be satisfied apart from God
- Knowledge when pursued as God an end in itself will leave me empty
- It is impossible for me to understand God or His creation. Why do I keep trying?
- Two things are Certain Gods love and His judgement. I am called not to live in knowledge but rather in faith and fear.
- Greater understanding of God comes from living in relationship.
- Ultimately my head knowledge will fail me, pursue revelation not information if it never connects in my heart

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Jesus Christ IS THE SAME
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND forever.

HEBREWS 13:8

"Break my heart for what breaks yours everything I am for yor kingdom's cause" "Show me how to love like you have loved me"

I dont want to pray for brokenes I know that I cannot recieve or give Gods love unless my heart is completley broken for Him, but I dont want to pray for brokenes. I want to be filled, but ~~I know~~ first I have to be emptied, emptied of my Pride, my unbelief my own sense of purpose, my independence, and my need to understand.

I want people to look at me and see love, but I dont think that's possible until

And we know THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER *for good* TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO *His purpose.*

ROMANS 8:28

What does it look like to be ambitous for God? Ambition seems like such a worldly strength, it seems by its very definition to be self and world focus. "People who are especially talented in the achiever theme have a great deal of stamina and work hard. They take great satisfaction from being busy and productive" I think this is why I so often fall into the trap of pursuing faith through works. Achievement means to get or attain by effort, it feels like the complete opposite of faith, so what do I do with that. How do I use this personality trait to further the kingdom. I know we are supposed to build on our own

Strength, that we aren't supposed to compare, that all strengths are equal but it just feels like my strengths are meant to serve the world like I am going to have to fight in order to mold myself into a person of faith, but I know that's not what I'm called to do, that's not how it's supposed to work. God, help me have faith that you created me to serve your purpose, that these things don't have to be consumed by the world but rather can serve your kingdom. Is it true that as your capacity for intelligence increases your capacity for faith decreases. What am I supposed to do with that. Do I have to constantly fight my desire to learn in order to truly trust in God? Does my intelligence have to be my cross to bear?

FOR THE *Lord is good*; HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING; AND *His truth endureth* TO ALL GENERATIONS.

PSALM 100:5

Worship without the show. I'm not really sure how to do this Lord, how to come before you rawly and ~~pure~~ purely without the human crutch I've become so reliant on. But even when I don't understand you are good even when I don't know how you are worthy to be praised. It doesn't take spotlights or scarf dances to come into your presence, Lord, all it takes is Love all I need is love. Why is that so hard for me to accept why do I cling so hard to these humanized half-representations of you, when you in all of your glory are reaching out for relationship with me. Why do I so fear true relationship with you.

You were created to be a warrior
So prepare for battle, but stop
fighting me. You can only win this
battle in your weakness. I will
use your strengths, but only if you
stop relying on them instead of me.
Don't try to come before me
healed, don't try to come before
me changed.

Mercy, unto you, AND PEACE
AND LOVE, BE *multiplied.*

JUDE 1:2

Day One in Argentina:
Struggled with street evangelism today
It just felt like exactly the kind of
evangelism I hate it doesn't feel relational
or loving. Can handing out pamflets really
change someones heart? I have to constantly
remind myself that

For I KNOW THE PLANS I have for you, DECLARES THE Lord, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO give you hope AND A FUTURE.

JEREMIAH 29:11

I guess if I've learned anything in these last three months, it's that God doesn't work in a way I understand, God will never work in a way I understand. Sometimes you evangalise to someone, you completley pour into them and they still go to the witch. Sometimes God's miracles aren't obvious, but rather look more like a seed planted in a closed off heart. Sometimes Gods works don't happen all at once, but rather things build slowly in a person, encouraging them towards Him. I was so scared by the idea of casting out spirits, but in the moment I almost didn't realize what was happening because I felt so much

Peace. I was so scared to pray and evangelize, but in the moment I felt so much power.

Peace, Prosperity, and health also has a new meaning to me. We have peace within our families no broken hearts, no cut ties, We have peace within our hearts. never having to ~~[illegible]~~ chose between going to work and caring for our children
We have prosperity beyond belief how can we use that to help others? how can we insure that that does not become a barrier between us and these people. We have health, mentally we are not fighting a battle our children are safe from harm, free from scars. We have health physical our bodies work our environment is clean. Glory to God for peace, Prosperity, and health.

He fills my life WITH *good things*, SO THAT I STAY YOUNG AND STRONG LIKE AN *eagle*.

PSALM 103:5

This is about breaking my pride again. This is about me wanting to be recognized. This is about me wanting to take control. Im not used to not being the best. Im not used to not being praised. Im not used to feeling like the weakest link. This is about coming before God and coming before others honest about my inadequacy, and honest about my fear. Its not about trying to discover my gifts its about lifting up the gifts of others believing that someday mine will be revealed. This isnt a competition. This isnt about comparing myself to others. Unity will not come if I cant step back, lift up, and support

others. Recognizing that ultimately none of us are more than vessels for the work of the Lord. This isn't about building myself up, this isn't even about building others up. This is about building Him up, this is about fighting, sacrificing for His name.

Lord give me a spirit of humility a willingness to rely on you, to ask for help, because I don't know what I'm doing. Lord I'm so driven to do well, but I feel like when it comes to you, when it comes to what matters I never do. ~~Repent~~ And I know it's because I'm still relying on my own strength, still concerned about my own pride. It's a daily fight it's not a one-time revelation. Show me how to daily fight my pride.

Worship 12/29

A friend LOVES AT all TIMES.

PROVERBS 17:17

I've always really loved the idea of the sunrise being a daily reminder of the resurrection. The perfectionist in me gets frustrated because in my attempt to live for God I find myself failing every single day and I'm going to fail it's part of being fallen, but somehow God's mercy is so great that ~~the moment I have failed~~ He has before I even have the chance to fail He has forgiven me. Everyday our sun rises just as His son did and Gods mercy and grace is lavished upon us anew. How could I not want to give everything to a God as majestic and loving as that?

I can't do this again. I'm not sure I meant it when I said I would walk back through all of this again in order to have a relationship with you. It's such an easy thing to say once your out of the suffering but now I'm back in this place and I'm confused and I'm alone and I'm lost and begging for guidence from you and I feel nothing. And I just talked about believing that you're working, believing that you're here where I feel nothing but it's so much harder when your actually in it. And I can feel the doubt and the fear and the anger build up inside of me and I don't want it to. Lord in your name I renounce the anger I renounce the fear I renounce the resentment that I feel. I know that you are good. I know that I am loved. I know

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AND THE glory OF THE Lord
IS RISEN UPON THEE.
ISAIAH 60:1

that you are here. I know that you are working. I want to do this right this time. I don't want to walk through this again. I don't ever want to feel the way I did last year and I don't have to. I walk through this again because I'm going to walk through it with you. I'm not gonna run in fear and anger. I'm going to take my own advice and believe that you are good, that you are working, that you love me. I'm gonna rest in your peace. I'm gonna rest in your strength. Lord build me up. I can't do this without you. You are all I have, but you are enough. You are always enough. I

believe that you are going to guide me through this. That you are going to show me how to do this correctly. Show me how to balance mercy and justice. Show me how to love both mum and JJ while still holding them accountable. Show me how to be honest, but graceful, in my anger. I don't have to do this again. This time we are going to do this. I can't do this Lord, but you can. Work in my heart give me strength. Give me grace, give me wisdom. Work in mom's heart give her control, give her love, give her maturity, give her responsibility. Work in JJ's heart. Lord, work in JJ's heart. Show him that he is loved that he is purposed for you give him responsibility too, help

him be honest, heal his hurt.
Lord I don't even know but I
know you work miracles. I know
you have a plan. I know you
see the beauty in Him and
have a plan for His life. Please
Lord work in my brothers heart.
~~Show me to~~ Speak through me
work through me. Help me show
him you. Work in daddy too
Lord. I believe that you can
work miracles that you can
change hearts. If we are going
to go through this again
please use it to bring us closer
to you. Please guide my family
Please work in my family. I
don't want a quick fix
I don't want it to look
alright for another year.

Use this for your glory, use me & to do your will. I know this wasn't in your plan for us, for me, but I know that you can use it. Break any chains holding me my brother, my mom, and my dad. Fill us with your spirit that we all could be unified in you. Show me how to handle this situation from happening, how much to focus on it, how much to give in. Show me how to love them and speak into them even from afar. I can't do this again, Lord. I need you. I will rely on you through this. This time I'm not going to run in anger, in guilt, in fear. I'm going to walk in your spirit, in forgiveness, in you. If I'm gonna do this again I'm gonna do it with you.

"Therefore... let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1 Being here is frustrating and tiring and hard. It feels like I have to fight the same battle every single day, but "it is for discipline that you endure. (12:7)" because each day as I fight my fear and surrender my pride I am being further disciplined further shaped by Him. Jesus endured the Cross so that I "may not grow weary or fainthearted (12:3)" Looking to Him as an example I can face another day, through His strength and discipline I can "lift my drooping hands and strengthen my weak knees" (12:12) Because He is worth serving through any suffering. Discipline

means being of service to God and in reverence of Him regardless of how I feel. Lord continue to break my pride in faith that I can be disciplined and I can grow in you that I would not be content with what is comfortable or easy but would rather hunger and thirst only for you. That 100% of the time I would be 100% sold out for you. Lord forgive me for the "root of bitterness" that I have allowed to spring up out of my own pride and insecurity. I want to be teachable, to be moldable. I dont want to hinder anyone from serving you. No longer will I hold bitterness or resentment to my brothers for being used by you. No longer will I compare my own walk or my own gifts to another. I don't want a self-centered faith, constantly focused on how I am to be used. I will fix my eyes only on you and in obidience endure

Trust in the Lord WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART, AND *lean not on your own* UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS *acknowledge Him*, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Lord, thank you for being so much bigger than my own human understanding. Thank you that your plans are so much greater than my own. Being here was never a part of the plan. Nothing that happened this year was. I know that you did not plan for my family to struggle you did not plan for me to suffer, but still you are with me and you ~~redeem even these~~ are working in every situation. Thank you for lifting broken people, restoring broken families and mending broken hearts. Thank you that even though it feels like this year

is going to end exactly how it started its not because I am different. Because this time I will rest in you, not run from you. Because this time I will trust in you to heal my family rather than trying to do it myself.

Oh, give thanks TO THE *Lord* FOR HE IS GOOD! FOR HIS *mercies* ENDURE FOREVER.

PSALM 107:1

Thank you for Jordyn and her constant support and love
Thank you for providing everything for me to be here in Argentina
Thank you for bringing me here even though it was never part of my plan
Thank you for being so much bigger than my own understanding
Thank you for being faithful when I am faithless
Thank you for working in spite of me and my plans
Thank you for Rebecca and Jose and all of the relations I have formed at YWAM
Thank you for Rock and the Wests and Zach and Zoey and all the people who encouraged me this summer.

Thank you for everything I learned throughout lecture phase.
Thank you for everything I learned and everybody who impacted me at Liberty.
Thank you for your love, so much bigger than I can comprehend
Thank you for bringing me to a place of authenticity before you
Thank you for the hospitality and love of the Argentine people.
Thank you for all the blessings you have provided me with. Help me to use them responsibly remembering that they come from you.
Thank you for closing doors I wasn't meant to go through
Thank you for loving me even when though I dont deserve it.
Thanks for being here always
Thank you that you are good.

Ask, AND IT WILL BE *given* TO YOU,
seek, and you WILL FIND; *knock*,
AND IT WILL BE *opened* TO YOU.

MATTHEW 7:7

I always come out of mission trips feeling this way like I didn't quite give all of myself to the people around me, like I didn't form relationships as intamately as the people around me did, like I will be much easier to forget. Why can't I just give myself fully to the people around me? Why do I have to discount relationships before they even begin? Why is it so hard for me to love unconditionaly? I don't want to be this guarded this slow to trust, this afraid of getting hurt. Even within the team I feel like Im just now starting to trust in people and form relationships, but we don't have much more time It's never to late to love

Lord, help me to be quick to love, to pour myself into people, to be honest, connected, and vulnerable, to open up my heart. I dont want to miss the opportunity to impact someone, I dont want to miss the opportunity to have someone impact me. I wish I had a personality that was just naturally relational, but I dont so I need you. Help me to push out of my comfort zone to love without fear, to give without abandon to connect with people in you spirit more quickly and more intamately than I am able to do on my own. Help me to love the way you have loved me giving of myself completley because ultimatley Its all yours to give, Its not to late to start to love

For it is by grace YOU HAVE BEEN *saved,*
THROUGH *faith* – AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE *gift of God...*

EPHESIANS 2:8

Once again I was looking for physical deliverence. I was praying your will be done but really saying God get me out of this Situation. I didn't want to fight anymore. I wanted to give up and have you save me. And to a certain extent I think I already had given up. I had given in to the anger, bitterness and resentment inside of me. Im sorry that in my anger I hurt your son and daughter, that in my ~~desperate plea for unity~~ desperation for unity I was willing to unify against two people. Im sorry that we were preaching forgiveness and grace while living in bitter resentment. Im sorry that I was

Preaching the beauty of living in true relationship with you, but choosing not to pursue you. January 8th 2016 I commit to starting outreach over new to being filled up by you and choosing to fight again. I commit to fighting in these last three weeks to have outreach be focused on serving you. Because at this point its all still words, and we've had plenty of that ~~good words~~ pretty words, happy feelings, good intentions and nothing has changed. This time Im not going to rely on othe people to change this experience for me. Im coming into you, pursuing you with all I have. Im holding on to you, making this outreach about you and me. Help me to be the change I want to see, to walk in unity with you forgiving and extending grace

BUT THE *fruit of the Spirit* IS LOVE, JOY,
PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, *goodness*,
faithfulness, *gentleness*, SELF-CONTROL;
AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

Isiah 6:8 "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us' Then I said "Here I am send me"
God's call isn't directed at Isiah Isiah just overhears it and chooses to say "Here I am send me" Our obidience to God doesn't rely on whether or not He calls us because He is constantly calling everyone. It instead is dependent on whether or not we choose to obey. I spent a lot of time waiting for my calling, like one day, God would decide He was ready to use me and a big flashing arrow would come down from the sky saying "Mariya, this is the role you

Play in my Kingdom. Here is how I want you to serve me for the rest of your life" If God called us in this way I think ~~Because~~ every one of us would easily follow in Isiahs footsteps, saying here I am send me. I thought obedience to God's call was ment waiting patiently but it actually means listening carefully. Because hearing God's call doesn't depend on ~~me~~ God Him being ready to use me; It depends on me being ready to be used. How arrogant of me to think God needed me so badly to serve His Kingdom, that He would call in a way that made it impossible to say no. God allows me to serve His Kingdom, but only out of obidience to and love for Him, He wants me to choose in perfect freedom to serve Him.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
HE IS A *new creation;* THE OLD HAS
GONE, THE NEW *has come!*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Steadfastness

With less than two weeks left in outreach, what does it look like for me to be steadfast in my faith? How am I going to finish this race well, running with endurance?

- Speak life into my teammates, not getting caught up in our teams tendency to put eachother down but rather setting an example of what it looks like to love with our words
- Be disciplined in my time with the Lord, prioritising Him above all else and being willing to sacrifice in order to be constantly pursuing a deeper relationship
- Be focused on my time here, not become overwhelmed or disheartened by all the unknowns back home but rather believing that God will guide

me through it.
- Continue to genuinley pursue relationships with those around me, both the members of my team and the kids in the camp. I dont want to discount relationships or miss out on the change to truly impact or be impacted by someone just because my time here is limited
- Take advantage of and have full apreciation for the beautiful place I am living and all the blessings God has provided in Argentina
- Be Slow to judge and quick to forgive my team focusing on how I can be better, not how they can. Focusing on what I love about each member not what frustrates me
- ~~Commit~~ Commit to Bible study with Susan

What does it look like for me to serve every member of my team in this last week?
Susan: Read the Bible/talk to her everyday. Maybe find a specific time to do it.
Ana: Say something encouraging to her everyday. Don't cut her down with my words, Sunrise
Keila: Make the effort to have at least one real conversation with her everyday
Jacob: Read his evolution article. Have at least 3 conversations about something he is passionate about before we leave.
Alyssa: Have one open, honest conversation before we leave.
Cristian: Actually forgive Him, stop looking for reasons not to respect, trust, love him
Guillermo: Try to translate for him if we are in a group and he doesn't

understand. Have one conversation with him before we leave.

Finally, brothers, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, *whatever is right, whatever is pure*, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE - IF ANYTHING IS *excellent* OR *praiseworthy* - THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

I love mariya esperanza Garland ♡

Words for friends

Joe: Endurance, God reminded me of the Senior State track meet. We all wanted you just to finish, to run slow, the whole way and finish without tearing anything but that's not who you are you ran as fast as you could and came out in pain. Joe run this race the way you ran that one, you may be in a season of pain, you may give it all you have and still come in last, but Joe its worth it to fight hard for the Lord never lose your fighting spirit, Your willingness to give it

Your all For God
Hebrews 12:1-3 → Jesus is the ultimate example of a fighter.
Hebrews 12:12-13 → Fight through the pain and you will be healed
Sam: Be radical, Romans 12:2
I feel like God is really calling you to step away from everything more to come into a radical relationship with Him. A relationship that completley changes the way you view yourself and this world. You are not defined by your family culture or the culture of CSU. You are called to be radically different from both of them in order to be a light into each. Are you willing to give up things that have already defined you in order to really be used by Him?
Liz: 1 John 2:27, you are anointed. if you are seeking and pursuing

And we know THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER *for good* TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO *His purpose.*

ROMANS 8:28

God genuinely you cant do it wrong He will provide for you and He will work through you

Jacob: Remain in Him James 1:17 I think God wants to remind you of all the blessings He has bestowed upon your life. The part of this verse that really stoup out to me was the last phrase to. This year has been one of immense change for all of us, but remember that even as your circumstances change, Gods presence in your life does not. ~~Just because we exit~~ ~~out of~~ I think this transition can be so trying for our faith. We are no longer expected to pursue God and

FOR THE *Lord is good*, HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING; AND *His truth endureth* TO ALL GENERATIONS.

PSALM 100:5

Outreach Reflection 1/26

Favorite Memory: Jacobs birthda
it was so much fun to go out to dinner just us as a team. The food wasn't great but no one complained, we just all enjoyed the time together. David made me laugh so hard with the fish and I got to bake a pie.

Challenge: Team dynamics as a whole. Feeling disconnected from team / Argentine people/ God clearly on!

Still trying to process: What does it look like to pour into a person when you know the relationship is terminal.

How did I grow in outreach: Learned that everything I have been

pursuing comes out of having a real relationship with God and began to genuinely pursue that relationship out of my own will. Began to stop focusing on the shortcomings of others and really focus on bettering myself. Learned to do things I cannot do trusting the spirit to move in me.

How did I change within DTS. as a whole: Realised and overcame a lot of anger. learned that no ministry, no church is perfect because we are all fallen but if I genuinly pursue and pour out to God in any place He will work through me.

What did I want to get out of DTS: I wanted to learn Spanish and be a more disciplined christian. I wanted to

Gradually we see new parts of
Israel and see the world.
DTS looked nothing like I had
expected but what I got
out of it was so much
better than what I wanted.
I began to pursue a real
relationship with God that
is infinitely better than Spanish
fluency. I wanted to form
a community of people
following God, to make
deep, long-lasting, goofy
friendships. I'm disappointed
that that didn't happen
What expectations were and
were not met in lecture
phase: I expected and still
wish we had had more lessons
on effective cross cultural

ministry in lecture phase. I expected there to be more mentorship in both lecture and outreach.

What expectations were and were not met in outreach?

Outreach was nothing like I expected. I thought it would have structured ministry, busy days, physical labor, more outreach and evangelism to unbelievers. I thought I would speak more Spanish, be led by a missionary or pastor who had a plan, be part of a unified team. The external situation was often really difficult in outreach partially because it was so different from what I expected, but my heart and mind changed so much within it. Nothing like what I wanted but what I needed

For I KNOW THE PLANS I have for you, DECLARES THE Lord, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO give you hope AND A FUTURE.

JEREMIAH 29:11

What did I do well in DTS?
I was kind to people, I focused on my relationship with God over my relationship with man. I was hungry to learn and ge everything out of lecture phase and outreach (at first), by the end of outreach I became disciplined in my faith, I was present.

What didn't I do well?
I was undisciplined until the last month, I was often judgmental, I didn't value my words, I didn't put enough effort into forming relationships with others, I sometimes had a bad attitude, I got frustrated

with the flaws of others instead of focusing on myself.
What do I need to focus on at home? Staying disciplined and focused amidst a lot of spiritual opposition and difficulty choosing to pour into people even when it's hard.
How do you feel about going home? It terrifies me
How will you be received/understood? I will be well recieved but only because my family wants me to come in and take care of their problems which I can do. I will not be understood at all which is really scary. I'm worried I'm not strong enough to maintain all of this without any help.
What would be a succesful transition home? Being able to really rest in and focus on my

relationship with God, letting
Him guide me through difficult
situations and pointing my family
towards Him for guidance as well.
What am I looking foward to?
freedom, friends, comfort, food,
dog
What will I miss: Being a part
of a community that is seeking
God, the love Argentina have
the everyday adventure of
being in another culture, the
diversity of God, Spanish.
How can I stay connected:
For me I think more than
anything its about choosing
not to disconnect, choosing
to make an effort, to value
these people/experiences enough
to maintain relationship with them

Staying here feels safe. Im so scared that my faith isn't going to stand up against the battle at home. Is it bad to stay here so I don't have to see? Is it bad to set myself up to sucess?, to prepare myself a little more before jumping into this world? I don't want to stay here because it is my last option but that's how I got here and I'm so grateful for it. I've never felt called to stay in YWAM, to continue in missions. Have I just not been listening? Is it possible for staying here to not be Gods plan? It feels like I can't go wrong staying in this place but I have no passion for it, it doesn't feel like home. Is it bad to choose not to stay because I'm tired of the people? Does wanting to be out of this community represent

Some sort of defecit in me? I think I have more people to forgive. I think I decide held these people to too high of standards. I think I need to forgive our DTS as a whole for focusing on human relationship over God. I need to release this frustration, so I can come to peace with these people and this experience. I dont think I should decide against on a secondary school so that I can avoid these people. I think we just need to be honest, open real about our pain but slow to blame others for it. Recognizing that this is messy and hard and broken and that it

Blessed ARE THE *pure* OF HEART:
FOR *they* SHALL SEE *God.*

MATHEW 5:8

I don't know what to say at graduation. I know you were there I know you were working but it didn't look the way mission are "supposed to" and I'm not sure how to help them understand. How can I be honest and authentic in this time, Lord. Show me what to share, guide me in how to say it. How do I say it was hard but He was there, we did nothing but He worked. How do I give you glory tomorrow night? I just want to give you glory.

WITH *God* ALL THINGS ARE *possible.*

MATTHEW 19:26

Moments on Outreach where I saw God work:

- Ana & David in worship
- Jacob & my teaching
- Coming into relationship with & out of resentment for Josh
- Interceding for that little boy
- Ministry time
- When my prayer scared that man
- In our relationships with the camp kids
- Josh & David mentoring Lucus
- Cristian & Keila in ministry and deliverence
- Through the sacrifices & love of the Argentine people
- Debrief in the hotel
- Calm & present despite distractions at home
- Bus ride to San Clemente w/ Sus
- Praying for the Wizards clients

Trust in the Lord WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART, AND *lean not on your own* UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS *acknowledge Him*, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Getting on the plane to fly home in Buenos Aires I looked over at Ana and said Argentina you were an experience. It got to the point where there was really no other way to describe those two months, an other experience ~~Sometimes joyful Sometimes~~ trying or even better a collection of experiences some joyful some confusing many trying but all God-filled

Getting on the plane to fly home in Buenos Aires I looked out at the sad Argentine you see we were on expenses. It got to the point where there was really no other way to describe those two months on which expense something Awful Something of Ever Better's collection Purchasing many things But all Good Stuff

Oh, give thanks TO THE *Lord* FOR HE IS GOOD! FOR HIS *mercies* ENDURE FOREVER.

PSALM 107:1

Sam: Be Radical

~ Romans 12:2

I feel like God is really calling you to

Ask, AND IT WILL BE *given* TO YOU,
seek, and you WILL FIND; *knock*,
AND IT WILL BE *opened* TO YOU.

MATTHEW 7:7

