
THE ADVENTURER'S HEART



DEVELOPING CHARACTER

My experience in this Discipleship Training School (DTS) are different from the last two Disciple Training Schools and this group of students are experiencing different challenges from last year's DTS. That is a good thing for developing one's character. Every DTS student has seasons of life where they will experience God more deeply or seasons when God transforms their hearts.

Also, this month has been a time where I have felt my faith beginning to stretch and grow stronger. I have given Him my heart during those moments when I felt conflicts, weaknesses, strengths, joys, and loves,

GROWING IN LOVE

Another thing I have been learning from the scriptures is Matthew 22:37-39:

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

I have read those verses so many times and have pondered many times what love means to me and how to apply it to my life, and how to show that love well. I am intentional in showing love without any romantic hints or expecting something in return. In this season I have realized that in the past I had been seeking love for myself but now, I am seeking God with all intentionality..

BEING INTENTIONAL IN THE COMMUNITY

My primary love language is quality time which means I feel more love when I spend time with and am close to others. However I was working at least 40 hours a week and most of the time I was focusing my time, energy, and money into my homework, preparing for the group activities, and many other things to do. A few weeks ago, I realized I want to be more intentional about spending time with individuals on my team and people outside YWAM ASL DTS team. So, a couple of weeks ago, my team and I went to New York for a day trip. It was so much fun even though we had to wake up at 3:00 am and be on the bus at five. We returned back to the station after midnight. It was a four hour bus trip. I have enjoyed taking the time to get to know them through playing games or during the many car trips we've taken together.

Last weekend, my friend Brandi, who was also a student in my DTS, came to DC interpret for two weeks in this DTS. We were able to catch up on all the news at the brand new ASL Starbucks in DC. It was an awesome to see a coffeeshop in full ASL mode and I was distracted by all the flocking hands!

Finally, Friday night, I got a chance to meet all UNCG friends who live around, or in DC, for a mini-reunion dinner and I enjoyed being able to reconnect with them. I felt I have seen so much change in all of our lives since we were last together two years ago.

I learned to be intentional about enjoying time with friends instead of just working 40 hours a week.

In conclusion, I love being here in DC and Maryland!



Building The Foundation

Right now, I am starting to figure my plans out . I know this seems risky to us but I feel God has shown me I need to build a solid foundation. When you want to start to design your own house you need to know where the good ground is and also you need to know what are the costs of building your own dream house. I want do a coffee ministry and maybe, in the future, I would like to open a coffeeshop, I was interested in working at a coffeeshop about ten years ago. I am not able to plan it on my own and need a team to support my ministry. I have been talking with my friends, Pastor Bruce and David, about a program like YWAM or LEAD online classes as the opportunities I can use.

My hope is to move to Frederick which is in northern Maryland and work in a coffeeshop, and help to run a ministry in Bruce's church. I haven't planned out everything yet but I am thankful for your financial monthly support for my future ministry and expenses. I am looking forward to sharing more stories with you every month.



Prayer needed

- Possible moving to Frederick, Maryland
- Financial supports for living expenses
- Potential job