



MADE FOR MORE

What if God is more
concerned with your
trusting Him *as you*
make the decision than
He is that you make the
correct decision?





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A ten-day devotional for PNM's in Sorority Recruitment

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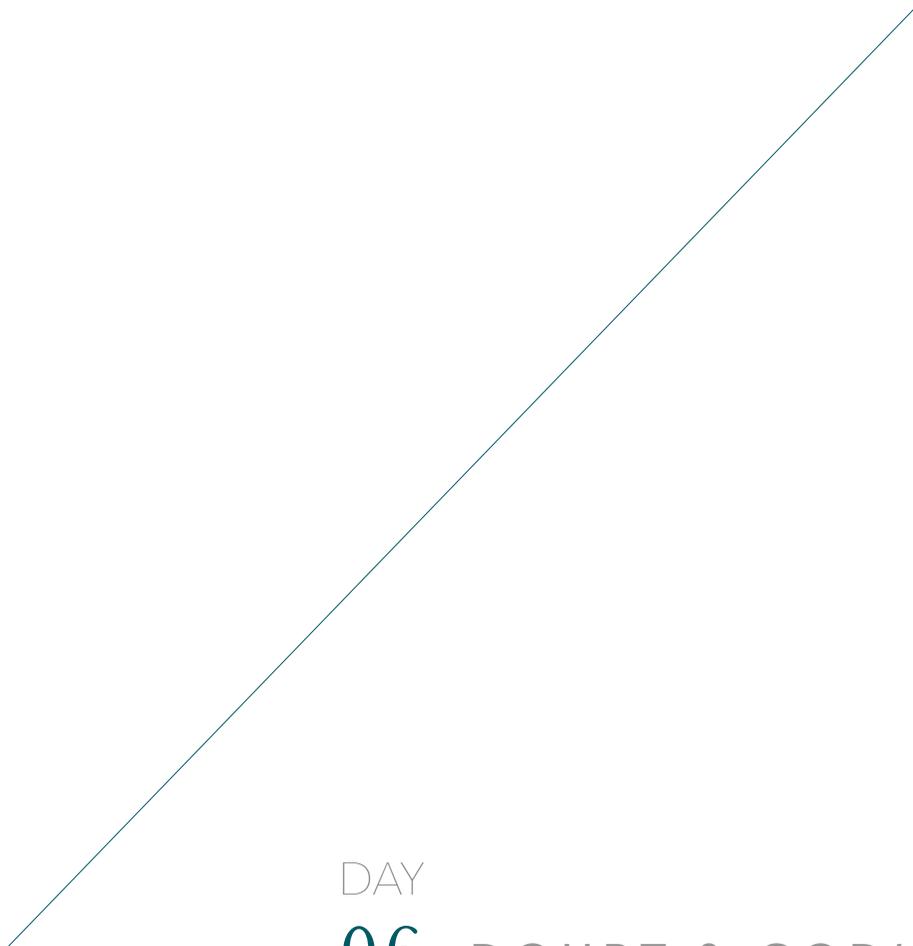
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CAN YOU BELIEVE RECRUITMENT IS HERE?

Some of you have dreamed of Greek letters your whole life, some of you decided last week to just give it a shot, some of you are really excited to begin Recruitment week, and some of you are feeling pretty anxious about the whole thing. This is such an anticipated week and we can imagine all the up's and down's you are feeling right now! Recruitment is an exciting and fun experience, but it can also come with some challenges. This ten-day devotional will walk you through each day of Recruitment and into the start of classes. We want you to know and believe that you were Made for More than just this week, these four years in college, or any season of life.

You and me, each one of us, were made to know God and be fulfilled in Him alone. 2 Corinthians 4:6 says, "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." Like the dawning day, that brilliant light that God has shone into you and into me is the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior. When we gaze into the face of Jesus and see Him by his love for us, we know Him. Not just knowledge of Him or about Him; we know HIM. His heart, his grace, his patience, his forgiveness towards us. That is our purpose and fulfillment in life; to know Christ for who He truly is, and be known fully by Him.

No matter where you are in your relationship with God, we hope you will use this devotional to read and reflect on who God is, His message of hope, and the intimacy you can experience with Him when life seems so uncertain. Before jumping in, we want to share with you about who we are!

Made for More is mainly written by six women and prayed for by many more. Three of us are current Greeks all in different sororities and class years. Three of us have graduated college and are Greek alumnae. One of us never thought they would join a sorority. One of us always dreamed of going her legacy house to please her family but decided to join a different sorority that was best for her. One of us came from a great home. One of us didn't. We are united by our sisterhood in Christ, and we are thrilled to release this devotional to you, believing in faith that it's God's encouragement to each of you.

We believe that despite what we see in the world around us and the hurts inside ourselves, there is Good News of how we can be restored to God through Jesus. This is the most foundational truth of all - the Gospel! Look at the graphic and let us ask, "Where are you?"

where are you?

GOD'S DESIGN

God designed our world and us to live in a thriving relationship with Him!

BROKENNESS

Yet as we look around our world, we see brokenness— injustice, hatred, corruption. We also see brokenness inside ourselves.

We chose to reject God's design, (the Bible calls this sin) and now our relationship with God is broken (the Bible calls this death).

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

JESUS

Because of His great love, God did not leave us in brokenness. He sent His own Son, Jesus, to rescue us!

Jesus lived the life we could not live (without sin).

Jesus died the death we deserved.

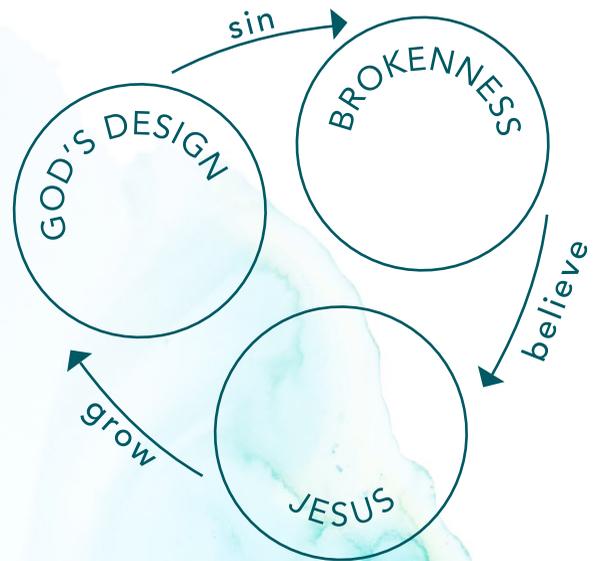
God raised Him from the dead, defeating sin and death.

"But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

BELIEVE

Trust in Jesus. When we believe, our sins are forgiven, and we know we have eternal life. We can now begin to grow in our relationship with Him.

"For you are saved (rescued) by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift." Ephesians 2:8



ARE YOU LIVING IN BROKENNESS OR GOD'S DESIGN?

WE'D LOVE TO TALK TO YOU!

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Day One is tomorrow with a great week of Recruitment to follow, woohoo! Before the week gets started, we encourage you to take inventory of your emotions. These questions are intended to help you reflect on where you are personally and why you decided to go through Recruitment. Anytime that you feel lost or confused this week, we hope you feel safe to flip back here and remember your personal why.

How are you feeling about everything so far?

What words would you use to describe your expectations?

What are the things you feel most excited about?

What might you feel anxious about?

Why did you decide to go through Recruitment?

What do you hope to gain through this experience?

Is there anything you need to let go of heading into this week?

If there's any encouragement we can give you right off the bat it's this: Christ is who makes you right. No bid or invitation back to a house can remotely compete with your identity as a child of God. Likewise, not getting an invitation or bid does absolutely nothing to change your place as a child of God. Because Christ has done it all, you did nothing to earn your place as his child and you can do nothing to lose your place as his child. Don't let any process or person convince you otherwise. We invite you to dive into these pages for the next ten days and discover what it means to be Made for More.

Will you join us?

WE ASKED ACTIVE SORORITY MEMBERS...
WHAT IS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING RECRUITMENT STORY?

“I ran into a wall on my first day and it turned into the best icebreaker. It helped me realize not to take myself too seriously!”

“While I was waiting in line to enter a house, my nose started to bleed pretty badly. I had to hold a coffee filter to my nose as I walked into the house. Luckily, the girls were so sweet and genuinely concerned for me!”

“On Pref Night, I ate it outside of the house, the house I ended up going. It was embarrassing, but now it’s really funny to look back on!”

“Someone accidentally stepped on my sandal and it ripped in half in the middle of the round, and I had to walk out of the house with one shoe on! Always bring a backup pair of shoes!”

DAY ONE

IDENTITY & BELONGING

Four years ago, as an incoming freshman going through Recruitment, I remember feeling so nervous. I didn't really know who I was or who I wanted to be, but I felt a pressure to create a new identity for myself that fit the ideal of a successful college student. The first step was joining a sorority, because I was convinced that the letters on my t-shirt would set the foundation of who I was, and then I could continue building it from there. Can you guess what I learned about my Greek letters? I discovered that they don't define who I am. The experiences I've had in my sorority have absolutely shaped me as a person, but my letters are not my identity.

Despite coming to that realization pretty quickly in college, I still thought that the other things I did defined who I was as a person. I focused hard on my grades, got involved in several organizations, and wanted others to know that I was thriving. I believed my worth was determined by my GPA, how many boys were pursuing me, the number of likes on my Instagram, and how well-networked my friend group was. The director of Breakaway Ministries said something that has stuck with me for a long time; he said, "always questioning your enoughness turns your entire college experience into an audition." Not only is living our lives as a constant audition

exhausting, but it puts our value as a person into question. The more time we spend chasing the things that we think bring us worth, the more likely we are to miss the purpose of this life.

We will dive into our purpose during tomorrow's devotional, so today we want you to consider first your identity as a daughter of God. Jesus said, "...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (**John 10:10**). We don't always experience abundant life though, because there are things in this life that aren't in line with God's design and desire for us. These things are called sin. There are things that have happened to you that are outside of God's best, and you likely have done things outside of His best for you. Jesus Christ paid the ultimate cost of your and my sin when He died on the cross, and then He rose from the grave conquering sin and death. Christ is the only One who unites us back to God. Through Jesus we now have access to our right, new, true identity. **2 Corinthians 5:17** says that, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." Though we were once known by our mistakes and heartaches, we are no longer. If anyone accepts Christ as Lord, they are now reconciled to God through Christ. They are completely new; what seemed like the

end is just the beginning now.

This new identity as a child of God releases us from the pressure of having to cultivate our own earthly identity. We have already been given a beautiful eternal identity defined by grace and love! When we realize that we don't need to strive for perfection or conform to the standards of society, we can experience a freedom that only comes from allowing God to define who we are. So if you're hoping to redefine yourself during Recruitment like I did, look to God and to His Word, and ask yourself this question: "Do I believe that I

am God's child and that Jesus alone defines my identity?"

If the answer is yes, I want you to know that new identity does not take away the temptations of the world. I still struggle with my own self-doubts and insecurities, but I can tell you that the freedom and fullness of life you will find in Christ can't be found anywhere else, no matter how hard you try. I hope you live fully knowing and believing that you were made for abundant life in Christ, and that nothing you do, good or bad, can change that fact.

Who are you? Who do you want to be? Does that line up with who God says you are? How does knowing you have a new identity in Christ change the way you view Recruitment?

Pray. Ask God to make it clear to you if and when you made a decision to become His child. Thank Him for this relationship.

If you are uncertain about whether you have made this decision, ask yourself, **Do you want to make a decision to place your trust in Him?** Take some time to pray and ask God to lead you.

DAY TWO

PURPOSE

Have you ever sat and pondered what your purpose is in life? I think we all long to be purposeful, useful, and beneficial to others. We want to know that we matter and that we bring something unique to this world. Our loved ones say it all the time, “You are special sweetie; you will change the world!” and we typically roll our eyes at the cheesiness. But in a way, your loved ones were right! The Bible says that you are special to God, that He created you with purpose and without mistakes. The Bible also says we all have our greatest purpose in common: to know God and be known by Him; to be in a personal relationship with Him.

In **John 5:24** Jesus says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” Not he or she who believes “will have” eternal life; no, it says she who believes “has” eternal life — now! In other words, eternal life is not something you wait for after death. Eternal life doesn’t begin the moment you die, it begins the moment you believe. It is something you have NOW if you believe in Jesus today. **John 17:3** says it this way, “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” Not this is eternal life: that you make good grades, have good friends, or never let anyone down. No, if you believe Jesus is the only true God, eternal life

for you begins now. So, every believer can be confident of their standing with God by his grace. If this is true, then pleasing God is now our ultimate aim and hope, and thus we never have to be crushed by lesser unmet goals and dreams.

We want to be significant, and we rarely look to an invisible God for that significance. Oh, but we already do matter, and we already are seen! Read this Psalm, know that you are fearfully and wonderfully made, and all your days are ordained for the Lord.

Psalm 139:14-18

¹⁴ I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. ¹⁵ My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began. ¹⁷ God, how precious your thoughts are to me; how vast their sum is! ¹⁸ If I counted them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; when I wake up, I am still with you.

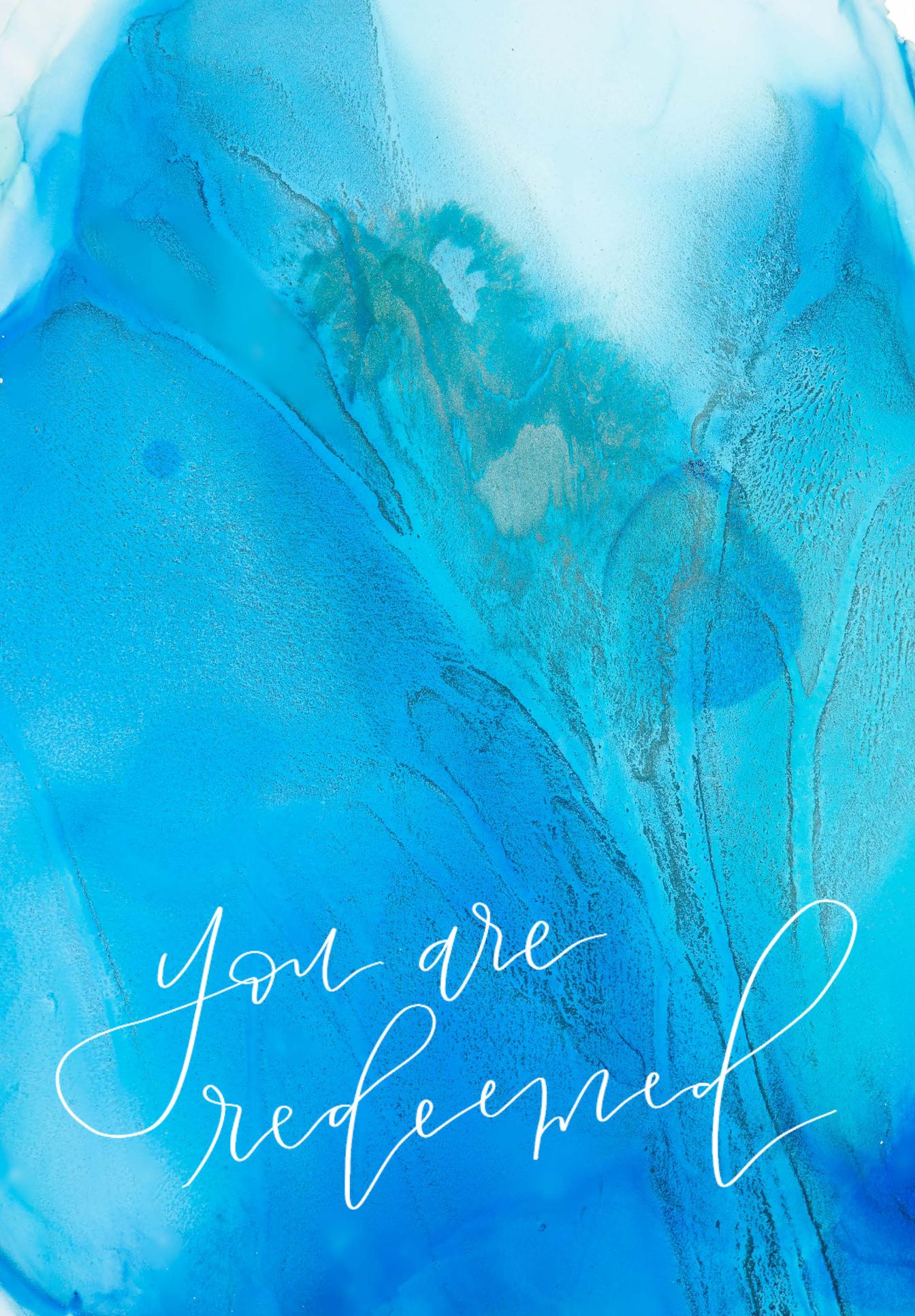
Someone I admire in her fervor and radical acceptance of Christ as her Rescuer is the woman at the well in **John 4**. She starts out as a woman who sleeps around and then has to sneak around because of her questionable reputation. Because of her shame and guilt, she would go and draw water by herself at a different time of day when she knew no one else would be there. One day, Jesus met her there. She had been seeking satisfaction in worldly things that never fully quenched her thirst for fulfillment. Jesus offered her living water, a water that would never make her thirst again. She believed that He was the Messiah, and here's my favorite part - she completely

forgets about her jug that she needed to fill and runs back into town to the people she had been hiding from and shouts with joy about Jesus the Messiah saying, ““Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?” (**John 4:29**). Later, in **John 4:39** it says, “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of that woman’s testimony.” When we believe that what Jesus offers us is the only thing that satisfies, heart transformation and eagerness to share should be our natural reaction! Realizing such a freedom that we are unable to keep the news to ourselves!

What do you think about the purpose we have been assigned? How can you take the next step in your relationship with God?

If you don't know Jesus personally, look at the “Where are you?” graphic in the introduction. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a follower of Jesus, please send us an email or DM us! We would love to enjoy a cup of coffee with you!

Pray. Ask God to show you how your purpose fits into sorority life. Thank God for His guidance and good plans for your life, even if you can't see them just yet.



*You are
redeemed*



*Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.
I've called your name. You're mine.
When you're in over your head, I'll be
there with you. When you're in rough
waters, you will not go down. When
you're between a rock and a hard place,
it won't be a dead end— Because I am
God, your personal God, The Holy of
Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price
for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and
Seba thrown in! That's how much you
mean to me! That's how much I love
you! I'd sell off the whole world to get
you back, trade the creation just for you.*

ISAIAH 43:2-3 (MSG)

DAY THREE

COMPARISON

Comparison takes on many forms; I assume you know them well. Witnessing the person who cheated in math class and made straight A's while you studied relentlessly for a B. Watching the most popular girl become cheerleading captain, while you desire just to be noticed. All the things that come easily to those "picture-perfect" neighbors down the street while everything in your world seems to be crumbling down. Comparison isn't the witnessing of those things, it's what we do in our hearts and attitudes after those things happen in front of us. It's when we respond in criticism toward the person, numb ourselves to feel less pain, or just flee the situation to avoid responsibility altogether. Whatever our responses may be, we can all admit that comparison has burrowed its way into our hearts. Maybe it was a fleeting thought, maybe just a season, or maybe comparison is a life-long struggle. Comparison kills our delight, doesn't it? It distracts us from what we do have, convincing us that what God has given is not enough to settle our wanting hearts.

For Saul, the struggle was real, and ultimately destructive. Saul was king of Israel at the time that David was a young shepherd. David had just defeated Goliath, the terrible Philistine giant, and the towns in Israel were celebrating this victory. But Saul was growing jealous of David's success. **1 Samuel 18:7-8**

says, "And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands.' And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, 'They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?'" King Saul compared himself to David with such drive that he became obsessed. While fixated on David, he became an impulsive and unreliable leader. For Saul, comparison led to destruction. Saul's distrust in David revealed his distrust in God's people. So God's plan remained unchanged, but Saul's legacy came to a crashing end.

Just as it was in Saul's life, comparison is like a drippy faucet. It's not one catastrophic event that floods comparison into our lives instantly. It's the slow drip of thoughts, attitudes, and actions, that we don't even realize at first are there. First, comparison arrives in our hearts as discontentment or self-doubt, but if unattended to, it grows into bitterness which distorts our view of reality. This is sadly what happened to King Saul. David went from his beloved armor-bearer to being a hunted enemy, all because of Saul's jealousy.

If you are struggling with comparison this week, I urge you to fight to win back your mind and heart. Replace the ick with truth from Scripture. I visited a family farm once

and on the tour, they stopped to explain the history of a large, healthy patch of mint growing near their home. They said it used to be the location of a nasty patch of weeds that they could not control from spreading and overtaking the other plants nearby. They tried so many things to kill the weeds, but nothing worked. Finally, they learned about mint. Mint grows rapidly, and as it does, it cannot co-exist with weeds. So, the family planted a small handful of mint beside the weeds and within a short time, the weeded area had transformed into a flourishing mint patch.

If we aim to quit comparison, we must replace it with something powerful, thriving, and long-lasting. What is the “mint” for the weeds of comparison in our hearts? In order to keep comparison from invading our contentment, we must be diligent to plant seeds of Truth about God, ourselves, and others. **Colossians 3:1-2** says, “Since,

then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Only then can we truly kill comparison in our minds and hearts. As I walked by that mint patch, I added a couple leaves to my lemonade, and smiled at how creative God is to provide solutions for our messy, seemingly uncontrollable problems.

When you see something that you want and start asking “what am I missing and why am I missing it?”, remind yourself that God is good. And good to you. And good at being God. Take confidence from the One who’s made you. He has given you all the relationships, resources, circumstances, physical body, and personality that you have. Let your satisfaction overflow from being called “beloved” by the King, by your Father.

What verses from Scripture can you meditate on this week as you cultivate a comparison-free mind and heart?

Pray that God would reveal to you the ways that comparison may be creeping in. Pray for the courage to win back your mind and heart against comparison.

DAY FOUR

CELEBRATE OTHERS

Think about the women around you. Each of them is unique, beautiful, gifted, and incredibly valuable. One is not better than another, including yourself. The reality is, we were born into a broken world and we are all messed up people. But the good news is that we have been created in God's image, giving us the ability to radiate God's character to those around us. We can only do that through the power of the Holy Spirit, not from anything we could produce ourselves. **Philippians 2:3-4** says, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

There are two different attitudes that you could have during Recruitment. The first is the competitive approach, in which you fend for yourself (and maybe a few close friends), and do whatever you need to do to be noticed and praised by the sorority you want and by the people around you. The second is the faith approach, in which you take yourself out of the equation to fully believe that each girl will end up where they're supposed to; therefore you do not have to compete. The faith approach allows you to genuinely love others and celebrate the girls around you for who they are and where God is leading them. When we choose the competitive approach,

it can be easy to put others down (even if it's just in our thoughts) to exalt ourselves. We begin to think we are better, and that we deserve the best. We must humble ourselves. Only then, can we act out of a genuine interest, care, and kindness for others. When I stop seeing the women around me as a threat, I am genuinely able to desire the very best for them, and that helps me rejoice with them despite my desire for something they may have. This is only possible when we choose the faith approach, which leads to life that is not only more joyful, we also better reflect the true image of God!

We are called to love others in the same way that we love ourselves. In **Luke 10:27** Jesus commands us to first love God with everything we've got, and then to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This means we do our best to wish for others what deep down we wish for ourselves!

Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan in **Luke 10:30-37**. Here's how the story goes: A Jewish man was traveling when he got attacked, robbed, and was left half dead on the ground. Two people passed him at different times and neither stopped to help him. Finally the third person, a Samaritan, stopped. He bandaged his wounds, and put him on his donkey to take him somewhere he could take care of

him. The shocking thing about this is that Jews and Samaritans were bitter enemies, yet the Samaritan saw the Jew and chose to

compassionately serve a neighbor in need. Jesus commands us to “Go and do likewise” (**Luke 10:37**).

These girls all around you are your neighbors. How can you see and serve them with great compassion? Here are some reflection questions to get you started. Pray for some women around you by name, and ask God to help you view them the same way He views them - as precious daughters with much to offer their future sorority and this world.

When did you feel celebrated by someone else?

How could you celebrate someone?

When did someone meet an urgent need in your life?

When have you or could you meet an urgent need in someone else's life?

Restore us, O God;
Make your face
shine on us
that we may
be saved.

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DAY 5

STRESSORS

Looking back on my Recruitment process, this was definitely the hardest day for me. Overall, I really enjoyed Recruitment week! I had fun talking with so many people inside and outside the houses, felt welcomed into college life, and made so many new friends. But this day for me... oh, it was tough. That morning when my card did not list several of my favorite houses, insecurity, doubt, and what felt like betrayal washed over me. "What did I do wrong? I thought I really connected with the girls from earlier in the week... Were they not interested in me? Did I not seem interested in them? Did I say something wrong or laugh too loud? Was I not enough? Was I too much?"

As these questions flooded my heart and then my eyes with tears, I felt fragile and defeated. When I had the courage to look up and around Sorority Row, it only seemed like everyone around me got the exact list that they hoped for. Great... I thought. And it was difficult for me to be excited for them. But that's what Days 3 & 4 are for. Today let's look at what God says in times when you and I feel overwhelmed with disappointment, rejection, anxiety, stress, and so many unknowns. Where is God in the midst of hardship? What does He think and what does He do about all this pain that I feel?

A woman named Naomi experienced a lot of hardship, disappointment, and

uncertainty in her life. During a time of famine, her family became refugees in a foreign land. There she lost her husband, and her two sons also died. It seemed that every certainty and hope for her future was lost. In **Ruth 1:20-21**, it says that Naomi "said to them "Do not call me Naomi [meaning 'pleasant']; call me Mara [meaning 'bitter'], for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?" She was swallowed up by sadness after losing her family, her inheritance, and any way to provide for herself. This is not what she had planned, earned, or expected for her life, and now she's pretty upset with God. Have you felt this way before? Do you connect with Naomi's emotions when you have experienced hardship?

Naomi's loyal companion in the midst of tragic loss is her daughter-in-law, Ruth, and together they journey back to Naomi's home. There, a man named Boaz meets Ruth, marries her, and redeems their family. God provides abundantly for Naomi and Ruth through Boaz, with food, shelter, safety, new hope, and even a new son (**Ruth 4:13-17**). When all seemed lost, God provided a redeemer. And with that redeemer, new life and new purpose. And you and I get an

even better deal than that. When all seems lost and hopeless for us, God has provided a redeemer of redeemers. Even greater than Boaz, Jesus Christ is the ultimate Redeemer of New Life, given as an undeserved gift for each of us and received through simple faith.

Naomi turns from complete bitterness (**Ruth 1:20**) to inexplicable joy. **Ruth 4:14-15** says, “Blessed is the Lord who has not left [Naomi] without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age...” Ruth’s son becomes an ancestor of King David. Although Ruth is a Gentile, she is mentioned

in the family line of Jesus in **Matthew 1:5**. God blesses Naomi in amazing ways after all her tragedies! Not only are every one of her needs met in her lifetime, but God sends Jesus, King of Israel and Redeemer of All, through her family line. Through Naomi’s story from sorrow to joy, we see the undeniable grace and care that God has for his children. Even when we walk away and want to be called “bitter” because that’s all we feel towards God, He continues to pursue and bless his children. Soak in that peace today!

How does Naomi’s story encourage you personally?

How is God blessing you despite the stress you may be experiencing this week?

Who can you encourage today with the confidence that God knows our disappointments and pain and cares for us?

Thank God for the times when he has shown his faithfulness to you and changed your sorrow to joy. Ask him to increase your confidence in his love and care for your life.

OUR GOD IS A GOD OF
COMPASSION, PROVISION,
AND GRACE; NOT FEAR,
ANXIETY, OR PERFECTION.

LIFE MAY THROW FEELINGS
OF UNCERTAINTY AND
REJECTION YOUR WAY, BUT
IF YOU'VE PLACED YOUR
FAITH IN CHRIST, YOU WILL
NEVER LOSE HIS APPROVAL
OR HIS LOVE!



DAY 6

DOUBT & GOD'S PLAN

We've all believed at one time in our lives that we know what's best. We've also all experienced that feeling of being paralyzed in a decision. We began to ask ourselves questions like, "Is this the right decision?" "How do I even make this decision?" "What if I make a decision but still don't feel peace?" "Was it the wrong decision if I still feel anxious?" "Is there a way to feel mostly confident in this? If so, how?!?" Any of that seem relevant to you today? It sure did for me on this day. "God, show me!" rushed into my mind and out of my mouth as more of a demand than a request help. Why does making a hard decision bring our hearts to be so afraid and unsettled? As if to say there must only be one right way and if I don't figure it out, I will fail.

What if there are multiple right ways and each will bring you the things you are searching for: peace, belonging, purpose, friendship. What if God is more concerned with your trusting Him as you make the decision than He is that you make the "correct" decision? He wants faith from us, not fear. He wants trust from us, not conditions. He wants to see his children walk to Him in faith step-by-step as He reveals the path, more than He wants us to map out the entire path before taking the first step.

(As if we could even predict the path!) We have so much assurance in God's plan for us, because He loves us and He does not leave us to figure it all out.

Isaiah 55:8-11

⁸ For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."

God is not like us; and that is a good thing. He doesn't change His mind; He doesn't forget details; He doesn't worry about the future. His ways are always good and always loving; His thoughts are not our thoughts. As sure as the rain waters the earth, making the flowers bloom and grass

sprout, God's promises do not return to Him without fulfilling its purpose. God promises that His words will not fall empty "without accomplishing what [He] desire[s], and without succeeding in the matter for which [He] send it" (**Isaiah 55:11**). God is providing deeply for His people and deeply for you. Today and now. As you walk to the next round, into the next day of Recruitment, He is fulfilling promises to you as you walk forward, trusting Him in faith.

But how do we do that? How do we walk by faith?

Like an engine to a car, we are not left without a power source to keep us running! God gives us instructions on how to live well and a way to live it out. Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him" (**John 7:37, 38**). Jesus promised that God's Holy Spirit (the living water) would satisfy the thirst, or deepest longings, of all who believe in Him. God has given us His Spirit permanently so that we can experience intimacy with Him and

enjoy all that He has for us. Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth" (**John 14:16, 17**). But, we cannot experience that intimacy with God and enjoy all He has for us if we fail to depend on His Spirit. If we trust in our own efforts and strength to live the Christian life, we will experience failure and frustration. As long as we live to please ourselves rather than God, we will feel defeated and discouraged in our walk with the Lord. But as we walk in the Spirit, that is, we learn to depend upon the Holy Spirit for His abundant resources as a way of life, we have the ability to live a life that is full and pleasing to God.

Seek the approval of others, and it will never be enough. Seek the approval of God, and you will find purpose and hope everlasting. "Do you think I care about the approval of men or about the approval of God? Do you think I am on a mission to please people? If I am still spinning my wheels trying to please men, then there is no way I can be a servant of the Anointed One, the Liberating King" (**Galatians 1:10**).

Are you making this decision for others or what's best for you? In what ways are you still "spinning your wheels" trying to please people?

Do you sincerely desire to be directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

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WE ASKED ACTIVE SORORITY MEMBERS...
**IN TIMES OF FEAR, ANXIETY, OR LACK OF CONTROL
DURING RECRUITMENT, HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO STAY
ANCHORED IN YOUR FAITH?**

“I kept reminding myself that God was going to have me right where He wanted me. He knows the course of my life, and I found comfort in that.”

“I wrote verses down on a sticky note and I would remind myself to look at them before going into each house to calm my nerves and bring me rest! These verses would also remind me that my identity wasn’t found in the sorority that was I invited to be a part of at the end of the week, but in the One who first served and loved us.”

“Go talk to your Rho Gammas when you have anxiety or fear! They are seriously the best and God put those specific girls as your Rho Gammas for a reason and they are amazing and seriously love and want to help their girls out!”

“I read my Bible app on the bus on the way to the Row. There’s a lot of girls around you, and you’ll be tempted to compare yourself to them. Just remember God made you special, and He has a plan for you!”

DAY 7

REMEMBER YOUR WHY

Bid Day... The phrase “you are home” is one that you often hear on Bid Day. I remember walking into the house I had preffered first on Bid Day and actually not feeling very at home and wondering, “Did I make the right choice? Will I ever feel at home here?” I did eventually feel very at home, especially after spending my entire sophomore year living in the house, but Bid Day reminds me of how much we all want to feel like we have a home and that we are at home.

Some of you have homes that you grew up in that feel like home, where you feel fully at home. But some of you do not. What we all really want is to have a forever home; one that stays the same. One where we are known, we are seen, and we are loved, just

for being. That home is what Paul describes in **Ephesians 2**. “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked...and were by nature children of wrath... But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” (**Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-7**). Paul says that once we were far away from God. But through the blood of Jesus we have been brought near to Him. Once we were divided into groups, but now once we

have trusted Jesus to save us from our sins, we are in His family forever. We will never be forgotten; we will never be rejected. In this house we are forever accepted in the Beloved, not because of anything we have accomplished, but because of what Jesus accomplished for us.

You are not just a part of this household, but you are intimately known. **Isaiah 49:15-16** says, “Can a nursing mother forget the child that she has given birth to? Yes, even if she does, I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you. Your name is engraved in the palm of my hands. Your walls are ever before me.” Wow. Far more than belonging because we have certain Greek letters across

a shirt that we’re wearing, we belong because our name is engraved, tattooed, on the palm of Jesus’s hands. His hands that were scarred for us.

So walk into your new Greek home utterly secure, knowing that your forever home, your forever family, is the same. Today, yesterday, and forever. You were Made for More than the Greek letters above the front door of your new Greek home. You were made to come back to being part of a greater household, where unconditional love reigns and Jesus is the one who ushers us to our place in the family.

Where are you searching for your new Greek home to fulfill you in ways that only Christ can?

Thank God for the gift of redemption that He’s given you through the blood of Christ. Pray that He will help you cling to that gift as your true identity as you belong in the family of God, rather than letting any lesser “family” define you. Thank Him for the hope made available to you through Jesus’s accomplishments, and not your own.

DAY 8

EXPECTATIONS

Some friends I've talked to about their Bid Day experience felt excitement and happiness, and yet most if not all said there was something missing or unexpected about that day. Whether it was built up in their minds to be the most perfect day and just fell short of that, or it was radically different than their expectations, Bid Day can be different than we imagined. Maybe you can relate too.

We have to depend on something truer than our feelings and expectations about Bid Day, something more consistent than the up-and-down circumstances of life. The longer I read the Bible, the more I learn of its truthfulness, long-lasting impact, and unwavering nature. True, long-lasting, and unwavering... now that's the stuff we can depend on! The Bible has taught me two things about how to deal with unexpected disappointment and unmet expectations. One, if I spend my time focusing on what I don't have instead of what I do have, I will not enjoy life. I would use all my energy always looking to the next thing, the next

big test, the next date party, the next road trip — but instead of being full of joy for what I do have, I'm full of discontentment and resentment towards God that I don't have more. Jesus came to earth to give us all that we ever need for a complete, joy-filled life. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (**Ephesians 2:10**). If I truly believe Jesus has prepared in advance good things for me to do, why do I act like I don't believe it? Why am I worried about not having the things that I don't have? Instead of chasing the wind, the things I know won't bring me life, what if instead I focused on asking, "God, where can I experience more of You today?"

There's another thing I've learned that if I do, I will experience sorrow and not joy. It's that if I take God's gifts and turn them into gods, I will not enjoy life. Food, money, relationships, grades, clothes, busy schedules, my sorority... The result for

trying to fill the God-sized hole in our hearts with anything other than God Himself is still emptiness and more disappointment. But if we seek God first, by His grace, the emptiness we feel transforms into fullness. Once we realize we really are in deep need, that we really can't climb our way out, fill ourselves up, or distract our minds long enough to numb the pain, we see that God is already there, pouring love into the lonely places of our hearts, without invitation and without warning. Yes, His love is that pervasive and that unending. From complete darkness, to complete light, He delivers us. **Colossians 1:13** says it this way, "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."

Do you feel like I did the morning after Bid Day? Do you feel any disappointment or

have any unmet expectations that you didn't realize until now? One, you are normal! Most people are overwhelmed by the end of a long Recruitment week; remember your emotions have been thrown all over the place! Two, some unexpected moments from Bid Day does not mean God has placed you in the wrong sorority. He doesn't make mistakes, and He doesn't leave you alone. Our hope, the foundation for our faith, the reason we can wake up today and tomorrow and carry on in confidence is this: "Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! I say, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will put my hope in him'" (**Lamentations 3:22-24**). Rely on the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you. He sees your situation, and He cares for you abundantly.

Voice any unexpected disappointments and unmet expectations to God. Tell Him about your emotions. Then, thank God for His unchanging love for you, despite what you may be feeling now. Trust His provision for you today; He is with you always.

WE ASKED ACTIVE SORORITY MEMBERS...
HOW HAS BEING IN A SORORITY STRENGTHENED YOUR FAITH?

“My sorority offers so many opportunities to dive into a deeper relationship with the Lord! I have personally been blessed with a Big who delights in the Lord and has uplifted me in my faith walk!”

“I have met girls in my sorority who have challenged and encouraged my faith more than ever. These are the friends I have prayed for years!”

“Back home I didn’t have a church, small group, or anything. Through being in a sorority I have found sisters who have encouraged me to find the fellowship I have always wanted.”

“I have been shown how to rely on Him to be my source of comfort in the busiest seasons of my life and my source of peace when I feel like sometimes I don’t have any. These last few years of college have truly been used by God to show me that He shows up in every area of my life, and His plan is so good even when I can’t tell where He is leading me.



DAY 9

FRIENDSHIP

Finding good friends in college who have your back is good and important! And yet, finding good friends often feels like such a drama-filled process. Will these friends stand the test of time? Do they care about me for me, or do they have an agenda in mind? Will they want to talk about the difficult things in life, or just about the cutest boy they know? College is a time to choose people who are like-minded to you in the things that matter; to find a community of people who will push you to become more like Jesus. “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (**Proverbs 27:17**).

Looking back, some of my happiest times were those where I’ve been surrounded by people running wholeheartedly alongside me towards Jesus. Maybe you know the feeling... The feeling of joyful freedom as you throw off the pressures of this world and fully accept Christ’s love for you; then seeing others around you do the same thing in their own lives. In these moments it didn’t matter how flat my stomach was, how well I had done on my finals, or if my crush would ever like me back. When you’re locked into your relationship with Christ and rooted in a

community of friends doing the same, these lesser desires tend to fade away. **Hebrews 12:1-2** says it this way, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” With Christ, life is still difficult, no doubt, but remembering what Christ has accomplished for us and the unity we have with other believers in Christ reminds us that life is not about us, and God is bigger than our present trials. As Christians, we run the race of life set before us with Jesus as the goal; and as we run, we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

Begin praying now for these solid friendships! For me, finding these friends at times meant building up the courage to actively seek them out. If there was someone I admired who seemed like she would be a great example in my life, I straight up told her and asked if she’d ever want to get

coffee. It may be scary, but some of my most meaningful and influential friendships were formed just like that. Ask God to show you the places to find these friends: in your sorority, at your local church, at a bible study, etc.

At the core of thriving community is a unified group with righteous drive found in Christ. Godly friends don't lead others into danger or a ditch. **Proverbs 12:26** puts it this way, "One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." In the same way that ants lead each other one by one, godly friends walk alongside each other in the same direction—toward the upward call of Jesus. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus (**Philippians 3:14**)." He's

the motivation. He's the prize. And we get a front row seat to watch abundant life bloom in the lives of those friends we're running beside.

When we are Christ-centered friends, we encourage others to pursue Jesus wholeheartedly by cheering them on and offering truthful compassion. How privileged are we to get to walk with friends and witness the will and presence of God in their lives? "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (**Hebrews 10:24-25**).

In what ways can you grow in being a godly friend?

How and where can you actively seek out godly friends?

DAY 10

ENDING SELF-RELIANCE

How many times have you been asked “What do you want to do with your life?” or been told how important it is to have a 5 or 10-year plan? Probably countless. Personally, I’m a big planner. I like to set goals and each step to achieve them; I like to plan out what my life should look like, then make it happen. And it’s not bad to do these things, but life doesn’t always go as planned. One of the hardest and best things I’ve learned is that things will likely not go my way, and most of the time, I don’t even know what’s best for myself.

I have been rejected from organizations or leadership positions, not done as well in class as I had wanted, been denied from internships and jobs, lost friends and family members, been dumped by my boyfriend I saw myself ending up with, and many other wrenches in my plans. But now I see how each of those hardships were God’s way of saving me from what I thought was best for myself while teaching me to rely on Him alone when I felt all was lost. I learned more meaning behind **Romans 8:28**, “And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.” I realized that following Jesus meant valuing dependence on God more than my own abilities and desires in life, which was not an easy pill to swallow. As someone who always felt the

need to have control, it sent me into a panic every time trials came or things didn’t go my way, but I still pretend to be the queen of composure and success. But pretending to be strong all the time and pretending that you’re always okay is exhausting and ultimately useless. It’s like covering your ears and eyes in the midst of a bad storm, hoping that will whisk it all away. The covering up is only hiding from reality.

When we try to do things of our own strength and might, we are helpless. But when we remember who we are and whose we are, we become secure, courageous, and set up to endure. **Jeremiah 17:7-8** reminds us, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” When we trust in the Lord, we are like a tree planted by the stream of life, rooted and established in love, not fearing seasons of loss or loneliness, but always having enough since we are connected to the stream.

The stream is God, the Holy Spirit. We cannot experience that intimacy with God and enjoy all He has for us if we fail to depend on His Spirit. If we trust in our own efforts and strength to live the Christian life,

we will experience failure and frustration. But as our trust and confidence in the Lord grows, the Holy Spirit helps us. Just as a tree is fed and fueled by the stream it is planted by, we are directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit who guides us.

One of the phrases that has stuck with me is, “You always make time for the things that are most important to you.” How many times have I said I was too busy for time with God because I had studied 12 hours straight

that day, but then still checked Instagram for 30 minutes before bed? A lot. We can’t let all of the things we fill our time with get in the way of the plans that the Father of the universe has for us. I beg you, dive deep into a relationship with God and understanding of His teachings, for it will be far more fruitful and satisfying than anything the world has to offer.

As you think about Recruitment ending and classes beginning, how can you continue to pursue Christ throughout your days?

What is keeping you back from trusting God with every aspect of life?

AUTHOR'S NOTE

We hope this resource, Made for More, has been helpful to you over the past ten days of Recruitment. All six of us main authors take part in a ministry called Legacy: Greek Ministries that exists as a resource to sorority women during their college years and beyond. Our vision is to build generations of Christ-centered laborers who make and multiply disciples in their chapter, Greek community, campus, and around the world.

Our prayers for you will continue beyond Recruitment, specifically that you seek Christ during your time in a sorority and that you would find a community of faith in your local church that encourages you toward abundant life found in Christ!

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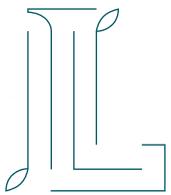
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