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When I first encountered the Holy Bible, I had only known it for a few months. I knew nothing about the church—how it operated, why there were different denominations, or even what communion was. I remember trembling during the first sermon I ever heard—not out of fear, but from anxiety and nervousness.

But as I've grown in my relationship with the Almighty God, I've been able to reflect on those early experiences and see how they shaped me. They gave me hope, strength, and the courage to return. Now, I can apply the truths and lessons found in the Bible to my own life. While I cannot change the past, I can use it to draw others closer to God and help them find faith in Him—just as I did.

As I reflect on my lived experiences, I find myself constantly questioning the unknown—those unseen depths of a person's life that remain a mystery. It reminds me of the missing years in Jesus' life, from age 12 to 30, before he began his ministry. We don't know what shaped him during those 18 years, what challenges he faced, or how he grew. Yet, despite this unknown, we still love him, honor him, and strive to follow his example because we BELIEVE in him.

What many may not know about me is that I truly love myself—every aspect of my journey, the highs and lows, the triumphs and struggles, the beautiful and the broken. LIFE has given me a full spectrum of experiences, creating a sense of balance and understanding within me. From a young age, I have faced decisions that pushed me beyond comfort, yet I embraced them, trusting my heart and knowing that some paths have no easy alternatives. I trust that God, in His infinite wisdom, knows why things unfold the way they do. He knows my heart and understands the depths of human suffering and resilience.

I am a reflection of His love, created in His image. Life with God is an endless journey of discovery, where each moment reveals a new layer of His divine plan. With an open heart, I seek and embrace the abundant wisdom He offers, allowing His grace to guide me one step at a time.

I hope this church can find value in my journey and recognize the importance of meeting people where they are, offering them the same grace and understanding that brought me closer to Him.

*Blessings,
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