



"What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go search for the one that is straying? If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray." -Matt 18:12-13

I was born and raised in Greece. My family and I would visit an Orthodox church only for special days like Christmas and Easter. Sometimes my mom would take me to church on Sundays, although I never asked or understood any of it. I thought that if my deeds were good enough I would go to heaven.

When I came to USF, I was not right with God and I was simply living college life, going to parties and seeking attention, but I was never really fulfilled. In the summer of 2020, after many days of waking up feeling lonely and empty, I attended Cornerstone

where I met a lot of people that helped me begin my journey with God. I started to get to know Jesus more and more and my life began to change as God showed me His purpose for me.

One year later, I fell short and fell back to sin. My life had never been darker than that. I stopped going to church and reading my Bible. I tried to hide and keep my life a secret. But even through my darkness, God was still there for me. I experienced Godly sorrow which led me to confess to the pastors of my church. They prayed for me and I repented. I knew I was forgiven and no longer felt the guilt of my sin. That was the moment I truly got to know God's mercy and His unconditional love and the freedom that comes with what Jesus did for me on the cross. I grow closer and closer to God everyday, but there is no finish line. Giving up my will and my own desires is a choice that I am called to make every day. I am very grateful for the way God has helped me grow in almost 3 years and I am so excited to see what He has in store for me as I am a new creation in Christ! -Elena

This fall semester we have had to amazing opportunity to pray with 43 college students to follow Christ with their whole lives. This generation is being impacted because of your faithful and generous giving. We are truly thankful for your partnership!

Please Pray:

- That the students in Bible studies would see the priceless value of God's Word.

- That our student Bible Study Leaders will be bold in sharing the Gospel with their fellow students this year.

- For Jayda & Kiki to experience the love of God and give their lives to Jesus.

- For Zoë, Marie, Mallory, Paola and Gabi to continue to grow in their new relationships with Christ.

- For the Lord to lead us in new and creative ways to meet the students that He wants us to meet.

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