

## **My Bond with God**

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### **God moments and sightings**

I have had a lot of god sightings in my life time as I have believed in god from a very young age. There is one moment however in particular that I saw god clearer then ever before. That was the night before my grandpa died there was this gorgeous sunset that looked liked god was sending angels down from the ground. His presence was bigger here then ever before because he hadn't even passed away yet, when I saw this sunset. But I knew once I saw it. I had a very strong and uneasy feeling that, that was gods way of telling me that it's soon going to be time to let go. He passed away about 6 hours after I saw that sunset. That was the first time I have ever felt like he was right by my side almost talking to me, it was a very weird feeling but one that unlocked so many more doors in my faith journey.

### **My favorite bible verse**

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. This is my favorite bible verse because it says that when you are in pain god will heal you. It reminds me that god is always gonna be there for me in times of need and that he has a plan even if some pain was caused. It just teaches me to have a complete trust in god. He can't always fix things but he is right beside me always. Hence the foot prints in the sand poem. Moving forward with trust in god.

### **Important people in my life**

A large majority of my faith and what really strengthened my bond with god was not so much a specific person but the loss of a specific person. The loss of my grandfather

made me feel an immense amount of pain as I'm a child and it was my first real experience with the whole process of death and grief. Which I am fortunate for. This impacted my journey in faith because I prayed and prayed for my grandpa to be healed toward the end of his life as he grew sicker and sicker. This did not happen. So I was frustrated with god for a little bit, before I realized that that's not what my grandpa would have wanted and god did not do it to hurt me. He simply answered someone else's prayers. Those were my grandpas as he was in pain. He was ready to join god's kingdom and be relieved of this and that's what took me a little while to see. I have now seen that and I realized that god is only trying to help me. He knows I'm strong and can heal. It helped my love and faith for him grow immensely.

### **Faith Statement**

I fully understand my faith and what it means to be confirmed. I now know what his purpose is in my life and how this decision will forever effect my life and my bond with god. I am not afraid of what he has in store for me. I put all my trust into his arms. I have believed in god for as long as I can remember and I'm happy to finally take it a step further. As my love for him throughout life will only continue to grow.

### **How I will further my journey with god**

My love for god will only continue to grow from now on. I have realized how he is such a big part in my life. He has become a crucial provider for me in so many aspects of life. I have realized that he puts the puzzle pieces of my life together. As long as I continue to love and worship him throughout life he will continue to do the same for me. I know that he is like a built in rock that I can continue to lean on for as long as I am alive. I intended to do so.

