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In this world there are many challenges and obstacles that everyone must endure, but I believe that with the help of God, we can all accomplish things beyond the world's expectations. The world may see a drug addict and think of them as a lost cause or a bad person. God sees these people as lost sheep that need to be found, and I believe that it is our job to find them.

First Corinthians 10:13 says "no temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." This verse choose to follow him not be forced. This verse also comforts me in knowing that I will never be put in a situation that I cannot handle.

I believe that every person that God has ever placed on this Earth has been put here for a reason. I believe that my purpose is to tell others of Jesus and bring people closer to God. My spiritual gifts are faith, pasturing, and evangelism. I will use these gifts to the best of my abilities and glorify God in all that I do. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3/

Faith is more than just a deed; it is the whole reason why we believe what we believe. John 5:24 says "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." Without faith no one can come to the Lord. In my life, I will use my gift of faith to bring others to Christ by showing them that having faith in the Lord brings joy and blessings to my life. "A faithful man will be richly blessed." Proverbs 28:20. Strong faith is also good when you are telling others about God because if your faith is weak, people could more easily sway you from your own beliefs.

I will use my spiritual gift of evangelism by freely and openly sharing the word of God. When I see an opportunity to share the word with people, I will take it. For example, one day at school, I was wearing a shirt that my dad had just bought me from Chicago. The shirt has an image of praying hands of God on the front of it. When I walked into my last class of the day a friend of mine said, "That's a lame shirt Jamie." I asked her why she thought that and she replied, "Because God isn't real." At first I wasn't sure how to react to such a bold comment, but then without a second thought I just said, "I will pray for you." She was convinced that He didn't exist and therefore couldn't hear me. I told her that I knew that God would hear me. And then right then and there I started to pray. I hope that she and others are able to see Christ in my life and maybe they too will follow him someday. I think that God gave me the courage that day to say what I believed. I hope that she will realize that I care about her and so does God. "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry." Jonah 2:2. God hears our prayers.

My third spiritual gift is pasturing. I can use this gift to teach others about the lessons that the stories in the Bible tell us. I can maybe start out by joining a Bible study or getting involved with C.R.O.S.S. Club at my school and maybe someday leading a Bible study or even being the pastor of a church. I am most interested in doing youth ministry. I hope that God will lead me to someday be some sort of leader in the church so that I can put my spiritual gifts to use.

Right now I am just a teenager, but that doesn't mean that I cannot make a difference in someone's life by showing them God's love. I believe that we all have a purpose; I believe that God will provide; and I believe that with God all things are possible.