

- Introduction

I'm Gabby Paster, and I go to Eden Prairie High School.

- What do I believe?

I believe that God is the highest form of being and wants nothing but good in our lives. As of right now, that is one of the only things that I know, for sure, that I believe. When I was younger, I didn't really understand God and what He meant. I went to church, said my nighttime prayers, and said my prayers before eating. Besides that, I didn't quite understand why exactly we did any of those things. Now, as I'm getting older, I am starting to find my own faith, away from what my family, friends, or even other people in the church believe. This is a journey that will continue going for my entire life, and I will always be wondering and discovering different things about what I believe and what other people think that I should believe.

- How has faith in Jesus Christ impacted your daily life?

Having faith in God has impacted my everyday life in little things like helping me have a sense of what is right and wrong, and how to help other people. But it has also helped me to have hope for various different things in life. I think that believing in an idea or concept that is bigger and more powerful than myself can help me have faith in what is happening to today, and give me reasoning for why certain things are happening to me and my loved ones. God helps me remember that everything happens for a reason and he wants nothing but good to come out of every situation.

- How has faith in Jesus carried you through hard times in your life?

During the few deaths of relatives in my family, I have tried my best to look to God as I grieved. Some attempts to reach out to God have been more successful than others, but it always helps me to know that God has a plan for everyone and everything. The people who have helped me grow the most in my faith are probably my parents and my brother. Whenever I have questions about something, whether or not it has to do with my faith, I know I can always go to them, and whether they may or may not have the answers, they will help me find my answer, even if it takes a couple of years. They help me form opinions on certain things without forcing me to think a certain way.

- Share how to fulfill the confirmation Promises.

I will fulfill my confirmation promises by spreading God's love in ways that are big and small. Things like helping people in need, loving people regardless of who they are, using my privilege to benefit the world, etc. I will continue to grow in my faith and continue to interpret God's word and love in different ways.

- Share your confirmation bible verse and explain why you have chosen it.

My confirmation bible verse is Psalm 139:14, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." I chose this verse because it has always been special to me. When I was younger, I went to go see a show based on this quote, and the show has stuck with me ever since. I interpret this quote to mean that you shouldn't care so much about what other people think about you

or how you look, because God made you like that for a reason. You can change things about yourself, but you shouldn't feel insecure about things that you can't change. I am still learning how to live by this quote, but it is something I will work towards for the rest of my life.

- Share your expression of faith and explain how it summarizes your faith statement. My expression of faith shows a bunch of pictures of my friends and some of my family. I chose to do this because they help me grow in my faith and decide how to act and what kind of person to be.

- Prayer

Let us pray. Dear heavenly father, thank you for making us all fearfully and wonderfully and for loving us no matter who we are or what we have done. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.