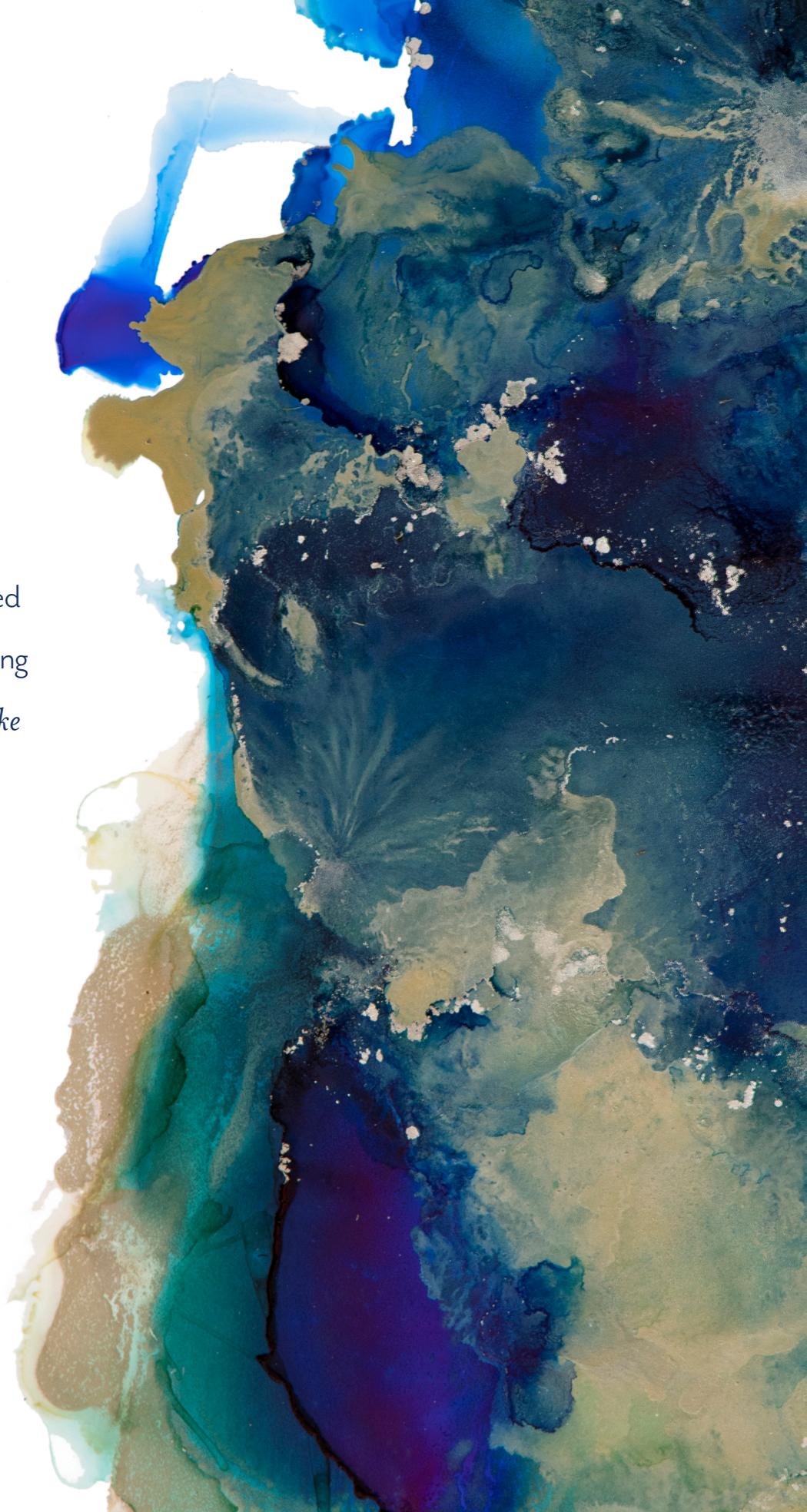




MADE FOR MORE

PNMs

What if God is
more concerned
with your trusting
Him *as you make*
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MADE FOR MORE

A ten-day devotional for PNMs in Sorority Recruitment



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CAN YOU BELIEVE RECRUITMENT IS HERE?!

Some of you have dreamed of Greek letters your whole life, some of you decided last week to just give it a shot, some of you are really excited to begin Recruitment week, and some of you are feeling pretty anxious about the whole thing. This is such an anticipated week and we can imagine all the ups and downs you are feeling right now! This ten-day devotional will walk you through each day of Recruitment. We want you to believe that you were **Made for More** than just these years in college.

You and me, each one of us, were made to know God and be fulfilled in Him alone. **2 Corinthians 4:6** says, “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.” Like the dawning day, that brilliant light that God has shone into you and into me is the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior. When we gaze into the face of Jesus and see Him by his love for us, we know Him. Not just knowledge of Him or about Him; we know HIM. His heart, his grace, his patience, his forgiveness towards us. That is our purpose and fulfillment in life; to know Christ for who He truly is, and be known fully by Him.

No matter where you are in your relationship with God, we hope you will use this devotional to read and reflect on who God is, His message of hope, and the intimacy you can experience with Him when life seems so uncertain. Before jumping in, we want to share with you about who we are!

Made for More is written by a few Greek women and prayed for by many more. One of us never thought they would join a sorority. One of us always dreamed of going her legacy house to please her family but decided to join a different sorority that was best for her. One of us came from a great home. One of us didn’t. We are united by our sisterhood in Christ, and we are thrilled to release this devotional to you, believing in faith that it’s God’s encouragement to you.

We believe that despite what we see in the world around us and the hurts inside ourselves, there is Good News of how we can be restored to God through Jesus. This is the most foundational truth of all - the Gospel! Look at the graphic and let us ask, “Where are you?”

where are you?

GOD'S PERFECT DESIGN

Out of his love, God made people to enjoy a deeply connected relationship with Him and to represent Him through our lives. (Genesis 1:26-28, 31)

BROKENNESS

Yet, when we look around our world, we see brokenness- oppression, injustice, disaster, corruption. If we are honest, we also see brokenness inside ourselves - jealousy, hatred, self-indulgence. This is because we have rejected God's perfect design and chosen to follow our own way of living.

Our rejection of God and His ways is what the Bible calls sin.

Our sin results in separation from God which the Bible calls death.

Unless our sin is forgiven, we will be separated from God forever. (Romans 1:20-21; Romans 3:23)

JESUS

But God did not leave us in our brokenness! He graciously provided a way to forgive our sin and freely give us eternal life - a life connected to God both now and forever. (Romans 6:23; John 17:3)

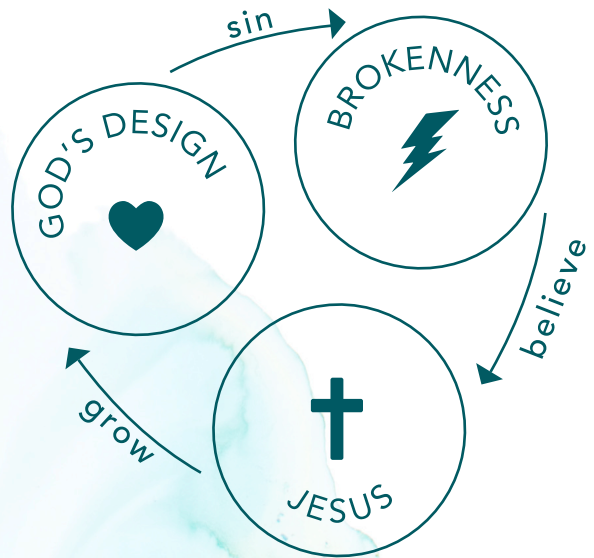
God's only Son, Jesus, picked up all of our rejection and sin and died in our place. Then, Jesus rose from the dead. Since He is God, even death could not beat him. He conquered sin and death forever. (1 Corinthians 15:3-5; Romans 5:8)

BELIEVE

It's not enough to just read these things, we must respond to Jesus by believing in Him. Anyone can choose to thank God for this gift of rescue, believe Jesus has conquered and forgiven their sin and receive eternal life with God. This is the only way we can know God personally and experience the life we were designed to live. (John 3:16-17)

To believe in Jesus means that you no longer try to earn God's approval through what you do, nor do you deny that you need forgiveness and rescue. Instead, you accept God's free gift of eternal life and learn to grow in a healthy relationship with Him. (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Have you believed in Jesus? Have you put your trust in Him alone to be reconciled to God?



Do you want to take your first step with Jesus?

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Day One is tomorrow with a great week of Recruitment to follow, woohoo! Before the week gets started, we encourage you to take inventory of how you're feeling. These questions are intended to help you reflect on where you are personally. Throughout this week, we hope you feel the freedom and comfort to think on these questions, and flip back here later to remember your personal why.

What words would you use to describe your expectations?

What are you feeling most excited about?

What are you feeling most anxious about?

Why did you decide to go through Recruitment?

What do you hope to gain through this experience?

Is there anything you need to let go of heading into this week?

If there's any encouragement we can give you right off the bat it's this:

This week will be full of opportunity! There is no other time where you will get to have so many conversations and meet so many new faces. You have an opportunity to impact others. To create new friendships inside and outside of the houses and make others feel loved and valued through your conversations with them.

Everyone is just as nervous and excited as you are! Be yourself and remember that Christ is the One who sets your steps and calls you His own. No matter how this week goes, with all its ups and downs, you're in this process for a reason, and there is purpose behind you reading these words even now. What if God has more for you this week than just visiting different chapters?

We invite you to dive into these pages for the next ten days and discover what it means to be **Made for More**.

WE ASKED ACTIVE SORORITY MEMBERS...
WHAT IS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING RECRUITMENT STORY?

"I ran into a wall on my first day and it turned into the best icebreaker. It helped me realize not to take myself too seriously!"

"While I was waiting in line to enter a house, my nose started to bleed pretty badly. I had to hold a coffee filter to my nose as I walked into the house. Luckily, the girls were so sweet and genuinely concerned for me!"

"On Pref Night, I ate it outside of the house, the house I ended up going. It was embarrassing, but now it's really funny to look back on!"

"Someone accidentally stepped on my sandal and it ripped in half in the middle of the round, and I had to walk out of the house with one shoe on! Always bring a backup pair of shoes!"

DAY 1

PURPOSE

Why does a week like this matter? You might have some way to answer that question like, “It matters because my mom did this.”, “It matters because I want to make new friends.”, or “It matters because my big could be in this chapter.” All of these things are great, true, and can be motivating as you step into a full week of Recruitment, but I want to respond to that question with answers that are always true... regardless of the week or day you’re stepping into.

Each moment of your life matters. Hang with me... life is not just about Recruitment, college, or even mundane Mondays. Each day that you wake up breathing matters because God chose to put breath in your lungs on that specific day. He dreamed you up, on purpose, long before you were in your mother’s womb. He wrote out the days (the exact amount) and plans for your life before one of them came to be. He says He has good plans for your life for you to walk in. He handpicked YOU for this time on earth, with purpose! And believe it or not, it wasn’t just to eat, sleep, get a degree, be in a great sorority, make friends, get married, have some kids, and die. (**Psalm 139:13-18**)

The Bible talks about how God created humans out of an abundance of love. He created us so that we could be in a relationship with Him and KNOW HIM (**Genesis 1:26-28**). Really knowing Him is the best kind of overwhelming. He is an abundance of grace, kindness, patience, generosity... the list goes

on and on. Which is the second reason He created us... to help other people know Him and all that grace, kindness, patience, and generosity! *To know Him yourself and to make Him known: That’s the whole purpose you were created.*

It seems so simple, but if that’s the whole reason God created you, it’s enough to spend all the days of your life on. Think about a pen. It was created to write. When it lays in the back of a drawer, its existence doesn’t really matter. If I try to cut my chicken with the pen, it falls short. However, when I pull that pen out and sign things, that pen has purpose. It is doing what it was created to do. You were created to know God and out of that abundance, make Him known.

This doesn’t look one way. God is creative and individual in the ways He invites us to know Him and make Him known. And He creates ways each day, for each of us, no matter where we are and who we are with. He isn’t limited to camps, mission trips, or even church buildings. Although those are all great places to know God and make Him known, this is good news for weeks like Recruitment. It means Recruitment isn’t meaningless or something you just have to hustle through to get onto the actual stuff that “matters” in life... You can lean in this week, expectant for new ways to know God and allow Him to use you to make Him known... because that’s what really matters!

What do you know about God? What from your list do you want others to know?

Which moments do you feel like matter? Which do you write off?

What does it look like to keep your purpose at the front of your mind this week? Make a plan!

DAY 2

IDENTITY

As an incoming freshman going through Recruitment, I remember feeling so nervous. I didn't really know who I was or who I wanted to be, but I felt a pressure to create a new identity for myself that fit my ideal of a "successful college student". The first step was joining a sorority, because I was convinced that would set the foundation of who I was in college.

It sounds crazy now - why would I think an organization could define who I am and the success I would have in college? But sure enough, no matter the time or place, we all want to be recognized and known by what we own, who our friends are, and what we can accomplish. If we search for relationships, grades, campus involvement, friend groups, or anything else besides God himself to create and affirm who we are, then we are chasing after things we will never catch. If we try to decide what makes us who we are, we will never measure up because there is no finish line for how much more we can improve ourselves. The standard for our "success" will always move out of reach once again.

Jesus came to bring abundant life (**John 10:10**). He

makes a new creation (**2 Corinthians 5:17**) of anyone who is in Christ. This means although we were once known by our mistakes, heartaches, and our lack of measuring up, we are no longer. God created you; you have breath right now! Therefore He loves you. He created you to have a deep, loving relationship with Him through Jesus. Faith in Jesus alone brings you into the family of God. Children of God receive a new, unshakeable identity that is defined by God.

Identity in Christ is a beautiful, lasting identity defined by grace and love! When we realize that we don't need to strive for perfection or conform ourselves to unreachable standards, we experience a freedom that only comes from allowing God to define who we are (**John 1:12**). So if you're hoping to redefine yourself during Recruitment like I did, whether you feel like you've heard it all before, or this is the first moment it is sinking in, look to God and to His Word, and ask yourself this question: "Do I believe that I am a daughter of God and that Jesus alone defines my identity?"

Do you believe this about God?

What is hardest for you to believe? What is easiest for you to believe? Why?

Ask God to help you believe these things. Ask Him to anchor your identity in these unchanging truths. How can it change how you live?

Who am I? How am I finding my identity in things outside of God? Is it working?

How can I trust the identity God has given me? (**Galatians 2:20**)

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You are redeemed

Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end— Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in! That's how much you mean to me! That's how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you.

ISAIAH 43:2-3 (MSG)

DAY 3

BARRIERS

So, we have talked about God's clear and creative purpose for your life and how much He adores you. However, I don't want to rattle all these truths off and act like, just because you hear them, you believe them.

It's hard to believe the things we've talked about, even though they are TRUE. Here's why: there is a real enemy. The Bible talks about him explicitly. He hates God. He wants people to love him and NOT God. He does NOT want you to believe the things God says about you. He knows that when you believe the things God says about you, you live differently. When you're focused on knowing God and making Him known wherever you are and believing that you really matter to God... this is a threat to the enemy. The more we know and believe who God is and who He says we are, the less we believe the lies of the enemy. The Bible says the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy you. He is evil, all the time, and he is sneaky. He puts lots of

barriers out to trip you up... we will talk about some specific barriers in the days ahead.

Before we get specific, I want to assure you of some truth from Scripture. It can feel scary to acknowledge an enemy, but when we do, it helps us get serious and recognize him for who he is. Now, here's the good news. God is victorious over this enemy already (**Hebrews 2:14**) and He will kick him once and for all (**Revelation 12:9**). So in the meantime, the enemy can prowl and try to trip you up but rest assured, he CANNOT take your salvation, your place in Heaven, or your relationship with God. (**Romans 8:38-39, John 10:29**) In addition to security, when you are saved, God seals you with His Spirit and the Spirit that lives in you is MORE POWERFUL than the enemy (**Ephesians 1:13**). So you are equipped. That means you have the tools to fight him. I believe fighting starts with noticing where he's trying to trip you up.

What's getting in your way today? What's keeping you from seeking more of God or giving God away to other people?

What do you need to move out of focus so that God can come front and center?

For God to be pleased with you, what do you think you should be doing?

Read **Ephesians 6:10-20**.

How could your life change if you actively thought about putting on the armor of God?

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither
angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything
else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the
love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39



DAY 4

COMPARISON

One of the biggest barriers to fully embracing our identity and purpose in life is comparison with others. Comparison distracts us from joy and kills our delight. It twists and turns our thoughts about who we are and what we have and convinces us that what God has given is not enough. Comparison is out to make war with our identity in Christ and true purpose in life; to know Him for yourself and make Him known!

For Saul, the comparison struggle was real, and ultimately destructive. Saul was king of Israel at the time that David was a young shepherd. David had just defeated Goliath, the terrible Philistine giant, and the towns in Israel were celebrating this victory. But Saul was growing jealous of David's success. **1 Samuel 18:7-8** says, "And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands.' And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, 'They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?'" Instead of celebrating David's victory over their enemies, King Saul compared himself to David, became angry, and wished he would gain nothing more in life. For Saul, comparison led to destruction. Saul's distrust in David revealed his distrust in God's people. So God's plan remained unchanged, but Saul's legacy came to a crashing end.

Comparison is like a drippy faucet of lies in our hearts and minds. We saw this in Saul's life too. It's not one

catastrophic event that floods comparison into our lives instantly. It's the slow drip of wrong thoughts, attitudes, actions, that we don't even realize at first are there. These thoughts are lies! The devil is set on distorting our hearts and minds away from God's gifts.

If you are struggling with comparison this week, fight back lies to win back your mind and heart. Start today! Replace the lies with Truth from Scripture. One time I visited a farm and at one point they told a story about a healthy, thriving patch of mint. Before the mint grew, the spot was just a nasty patch of weeds that they could not stop from spreading and killing the other plants nearby. They tried so many things to kill the weeds, but nothing worked. Finally, they learned about mint. Mint grows rapidly, and as it does, it cannot co-exist with weeds. So, the family threw a small handful of mint seeds beside the weeds and within a short time, the weeded area had transformed into the flourishing mint patch that it still is today.

In the same way, if we aim to quit comparison, we have to replace it with something powerful, thriving, and long-lasting. What is the "mint" cure for the weeds of comparison in our hearts? In order to keep comparison from invading our contentment, we have to be diligent to plant seeds of Truth about God, ourselves, and others. The Bible urges us to "set our minds on things above, where Christ is... not on earthly things" (**Colossians 3:1-2**). Only then can we truly kill comparison in our minds and hearts.

What lies are you believing? Replace them with truth from Scripture.

LIES I BELIEVE	TRUTH FROM GOD
I'm too shy; No one will like me. I can't step out of my comfort zone.	I've been given a spirit of power, love, and self-control – not fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)
No one understands how I feel; I am alone.	I can find grace and mercy in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)
I'm not good enough; I will never measure up.	I know that God will complete the good work He started in me. (Philippians 1:6)
I'm not beautiful; I'm not pretty enough.	I am God's workmanship. (Ephesians 2:10); I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)
I am unlovable.	I cannot be separated from the love of God. (Romans 8:35-39)

DAY 5

CELEBRATING OTHERS

Let's be real here. Most likely, you are interacting with dozens of girls this week and with all this time together, you've become more aware of some insecurity. Maybe it's a physical insecurity that has surfaced about the way you look or the way your body is built. Maybe it's an emotional insecurity about some lack you feel in your personality. These are probably buried silently in your mind and heart but plaguing you in some way. I hate that for you and I want to grab your shoulders and tell you every single gift that is woven deep within YOU. I also want to remind you that it's not about the girls surrounding you, it's about an enemy who wants to tear you down and he loves to use the people around you to do this.

Remember, he is on the prowl and trying to trip you up with all sorts of barriers... refer back to day 3. I know it's a hard war for our minds... I battle it daily, too. Going back to Saul's story and the drippy faucet from yesterday, I think it's easy to see something great in her and immediately decide what that means about you. This is how comparison breeds, insecurity rises, and it can be really divisive in our relationships.

I want to tell you that it is possible to see the good in others, without knocking yourself down in the process. What would it be like to notice or think something great about someone else and pause. Before you start

silently tearing her down so that you don't feel bad about yourself OR before you start thinking about what you are not... Could you tell her what she is? **(Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3-4)**

I have found that pausing and speaking affirmation, honor, or praise into someone else actually is a tool to fight comparison. It frees me up from competing. So, why can we celebrate other's strengths and gifts? Because we are confident in what God says about us, thinks about us, and has for us. And what do we benefit from living like this? True friendship instead of competitors. **(Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3-4)**

When you see others thriving and start asking yourself "what am I missing and why am I missing it?", remember that God is good. And good to you. And good at being God. Take confidence from the One who's made you and calls you lovely. He has given you all the relationships, resources, circumstances, physical body, and personality that you have - which are AMAZING!!! Let your joy flow from the place of being called "Beloved" by your Father and by King Jesus.

You can start small and use this week. Branch out, meet new friends, and forge deep relationships built on encouragement and uplifting one another.

When was a time that you felt celebrated or uplifted by someone else? What did that feel like? How can you focus more on helping others feel the way you did on that day?

Who is someone you can encourage today?

What can you give without expecting anything in return? A compliment? A shoulder to lean on? A note?

Restore us, O God;
Make your face
shine on us
that we may
be saved.

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DAY 6

FRIENDSHIP

We've talked about how to fight comparison by celebrating others, and now let's take what we learned in *Celebrating Others* and apply it wide scale to life at large. Solid friendships are built on solid commitments to celebrate and support each other. We go from comparing to celebrating to being real friends who encourage and endure! If we get caught up in comparison, friendship will not flourish and the enemy will be pleased. If we serve and uplift one another, friendship will thrive and God will be so pleased. When we elevate the interests of others above our own interests, we become true friends instead of competitors (**Philippians 2:3-4**).

Some of my best times have been lived out beside others running wholeheartedly towards Jesus. It's the feeling of joyful freedom as you throw off the pressures of this world and fully accept Christ's love for you; then seeing others around you do the same thing in their own lives. In these moments it didn't matter how flat my stomach was, how well I had done on my finals, or if my crush would ever like me back. When you're locked into your relationship with Christ and rooted in a community of friends doing the same, these lesser desires tend to fade away. **Hebrews 12: 1-2** says it this way, "Therefore, since we are

surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." A life with Christ is still difficult, no doubt, but remembering what Christ has accomplished for us and the unity we have with other followers of Jesus reminds us that life is not about us, and God is bigger than our present trials. As Christians, we run the race of life set before us with Jesus as the goal; and as we run, we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

Begin praying now for these solid friendships! For me, finding these friends at times meant building up the courage to actively seek them out. If there was someone I admired who seemed like she would be a great example in my life, I straight up told her and asked if she'd ever want to get coffee. It may be scary, but some of my most meaningful and influential friendships were formed just like that. Ask God to show you the places to find these friends: in your sorority, at your local church, at a bible study, etc. You can start small and use this week. Branch out, meet new friends, and forge deep relationships built on encouragement and uplifting one another.

What are a few words you'd use to describe the friendships you're searching for in college?

In what ways can you grow in being a godly friend?

How and where can you actively seek out godly friends?

Why would the enemy prefer you to compete with those around you? Why is friendship a threat to him?

DAY 7

DISAPPOINTMENT

Looking back on my Recruitment, this was the hardest day for me. Overall, I really enjoyed Recruitment! I had fun talking with so many people, felt welcomed into college life, and made lots of new friends. But this day for me... oh, it was tough. That morning when my card did not list some of my favorite houses, insecurity, doubt, and what felt like betrayal washed over me. "What did I do wrong?" "I thought I really connected with those girls." "Did I seem uninterested?" "Did I say something wrong?" "Was I too much?" "Was I not enough?" and the negative thought-spiral kept on going down. I felt fragile and defeated.

Today what I needed to hear back then, and what I want to tell you now, is what God -- not Satan -- has to say in times of disappointment, stress, rejection, and feeling overwhelmed. Where is God in the midst of hard things? In the gut-wrenching, "I don't know a way out of this" kind of feelings. What does God think, say, and do about it?

You see, the enemy is the schemer behind insecurity, doubt, betrayal, and defeat. He would love for you and I to remain fragile and defeated, with those terrible thoughts and questions swirling round our heads. He'd love if those negative thoughts of ourselves turned into ugly thoughts towards others, making it really hard for us to feel happy for our friends. The enemy is out to kill, steal, and destroy. Our friendships, our mental and emotional health, our trust in God, the

purposefulness of our lives; he's out to get every single thing in our lives for himself.

But God, being rich in mercy and great love for us, assigns those who trust in Him invaluable worth, permanent acceptance, and gives immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness to those in Christ (**Ephesians 2:4-7**). God is not outside of our hardship, coaching us how to get through hard things from above. No, because Jesus put on flesh and became like us, He is familiar with our grief, temptation, and suffering (**Isaiah 53; Hebrews 2:17-18**). Not like a far away coach yelling the next play, but like a loving father or sincere friend who gently guides your head to His chest and sits with you in the pain. He understands in a way no else ever can because He created you and He knows your future.

God also gets up with you when it's time to get up. He sits patiently and wants to hear your cries, then He gives you strength and gets up with you. He has plans for you. Plans that have always been part of your story, from before you were born. He walks with you into the life He's always planned for you. By His side.

Tomorrow we will take a look at how to choose to believe God has a way when it seems like there is no way. What it looks like to trust God even when you can't see the next step.

When you feel disappointed or sad, what is it usually about?

How have hard things pushed you closer to or further away from God?

Why do you think God lets us struggle, even though He is still with us in it?

What thoughts are you hearing today? List them out... good, bad, ugly...

What do you think God wants you to believe about Him today? What's holding you back from believing it?

WE ASKED ACTIVE SORORITY MEMBERS...
**IN TIMES OF FEAR, ANXIETY, OR LACK OF CONTROL
DURING RECRUITMENT, HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO STAY
ANCHORED IN YOUR FAITH?**

"I kept reminding myself that God was going to have me right where He wanted me. He knows the course of my life, and I found comfort in that."

"I wrote verses down on a sticky note and I would remind myself to look at them before going into each house to calm my nerves and bring me rest! These verses would also remind me that my identity wasn't found in the sorority that was I invited to be a part of at the end of the week, but in the One who first served and loved us."

"Go talk to your Rho Gammas when you have anxiety or fear! They are seriously the best and God put those specific girls as your Rho Gammas for a reason and they are amazing and seriously love and want to help their girls out!"

"I read my Bible app on the bus on the way to the Row. There's a lot of girls around you, and you'll be tempted to compare yourself to them. Just remember God made you special, and He has a plan for you!"



DAY 8

DOUBT

We've all experienced that feeling of being paralyzed in a decision. We began to ask ourselves questions like, "Is this the right decision?" "How do I even make this decision?" "Is there a way to feel mostly confident in this? If so, how?!" Any of that seem relevant to you today? It sure did for me on this day. "God, show me!" rushed into my mind and out of my mouth as more of a demand than a request for help. Why does making a hard decision bring our hearts to be so afraid and unsettled? As if to say there must only be one right way and if I don't figure it out, I will fail.

But what if there are multiple right ways and each will bring the things you're searching for - belonging, purpose, friendship, peace. What if God is more concerned with your trusting Him as you make the decision than He is that you make the "correct" decision? He wants faith from us, not fear. He wants trust from us, not conditions. He wants to see his children walk to Him in faith step-by-step as He reveals the path, more than He wants us to try to map out the entire path before taking the first step. (As if we even could!) Like we've been saying over these days, we can have so much assurance in God's plan for us, because He loves us and He does not leave us -- or even ask us! -- to figure it all out for ourselves.

God is not like us, and that is a good thing. He doesn't change His mind; He doesn't forget details; He doesn't worry about the future. His ways are always good and always loving; His thoughts are not our thoughts.

Do you trust that God's desires for you are good?

Do you think you control your life better than He does?

What does it look like to relinquish control?

Which thing that you have heard or read about God do you doubt the most? What is hardest for you to believe about Him?

Do you have any questions for God? Ask them. Sit long enough to listen.

As surely as the rain waters the earth, making the flowers bloom and grass sprout, God's Word and His promises will not return to Him without fulfilling its purpose. God is providing deeply for His people and deeply for you. Today and now. As you walk to the next round, into the next day of Recruitment, He is fulfilling promises to you as you walk forward, trusting Him in faith. Isaiah 55:8-11 says, "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,' declares the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.'"

The reality is we cannot see into the future. We can't know the ways and plans that will become real life. As much as we like to have control and make back-up plans, we really can't know. But, we have a leader who does know the future and who loves us so much! A purposeful life of knowing Jesus, of following Him, and making him known is a life of surrender to the unknown. Which sounds kind of scary but honestly, so FUN. What an adventure we get to live with Jesus, trusting Him for what's next and boldly walking in it.

“I have been shown how to rely on God to be my source of **comfort** in the busiest seasons of my life and my source of **peace** when I feel like sometimes I don’t have any. These last few years of college have truly been used by God to show me that He shows up in every area of my life, and His plan is so good even when I can’t tell where He is leading me.”

- A SENIOR SORORITY MEMBER

DAY 9

ROOTED

So we've talked about some barriers that get in the way of our closeness to God, but maybe you're wondering, okay... so what's this actually mean going forward? Well we want to see and fight and continually fight these barriers that strive to separate us from God. And to do that we also need to be diligent to stay connected to God, our source of life. Without actively coming to Him, we drift away. We start to feel like something is always missing—like there's a longing that you keep trying to fill but nothing seems to be working.

Tie yourself back to the Truth. God is the One able to fill all the gaps, and He really wants to. He knows that nothing can satisfy you like He can. He created you, He knows you, He loves you, and He likes you.

If we lean in and pursue God, by His grace, the emptiness we feel transforms into fullness. Once we realize we really are in deep need, that we really can't climb our way out, fill ourselves up, or distract our minds long enough to numb through the pain, we see that God is already there, pouring love into the lonely places of our hearts, without invitation and without warning. Yes, His love is that extensive and unending. From complete darkness, to complete light, He transforms us. **Colossians 1:13** says it this way, "He delivered us from the power of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son He loves."

Jesus came to give us all that we ever need for a

What's keeping you from trusting God with every part of your life? Is there anything that you need freedom from?

What do you want to leave behind? What do you want to move toward?

What has God shown you about Himself this week? About yourself?

Do you feel like He wants something from you? What is it?

complete, joy-filled life. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (**Ephesians 2:10**).

Following Jesus means depending on God more than my own abilities and desires in life, which was (and still is!) not an easy pill to swallow. But pretending to be the queen of composure and "just be strong" all the time is exhausting and ultimately useless. It's like covering your ears and eyes in the midst of a bad storm, hoping that will take it all away. The covering up is only hiding from reality.

But when we dig deep roots into who God is and what He says to us, we are secure, courageous, and set up to endure. **Jeremiah 17:7-8** says, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

When we trust in the Lord, we are like a tree planted by the stream of life, rooted and established in love, not fearing seasons of loss or loneliness, but always having enough since we are connected to the Stream.



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DAY 10

AT HOME

Bid Day... The phrase “you are home” is one that you often hear on Bid Day. I remember walking into the house I had preffered first on Bid Day and actually not feeling very at home and wondering, “Did I make the right choice? Will I ever feel at home here?” I did eventually feel very at home, especially after a year living in the house, but Bid Day reminds me of how much we all want to feel like we have a home to belong to and that we are at home in our heart.

Some of you grew up in a home that really felt like home; a place where you feel fully “at home”. But some of you did not. What we all really want is to have a forever home; one that stays the same. One where we are known, we are seen, and we are loved, just for being. That home is what Paul describes in **Ephesians 2**. “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked... But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” (**Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-7**). Paul says that going our own direction (to sin) means we are far away from God. But through the blood of Jesus we have been

brought near to Him. Once we were divided, but now once we have trusted Jesus to save us from our sins, we are in His family forever. We will never be forgotten; we will never be rejected. In this house we are forever accepted by the Beloved, not because of anything we have accomplished, but because of what Jesus accomplished for us.

You are not just a part of this grand household, but you are also intimately known. **Isaiah 49:15, 16** says, “Can a nursing mother forget the child that she has given birth to? Yes, even if she does, I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you. Your name is engraved in the palm of my hands. Your walls are ever before me.” Wow. Far more than belonging because we have certain Greek letters across a shirt that we’re wearing, we belong because our name is engraved, tattooed, on the palm of Jesus’s hands. His hands that were scarred for us.

So walk into your new Greek home utterly secure, knowing that your forever home, your forever family, is the same. Today, yesterday, and forever. You were Made for More than the Greek letters above the front door of your new Greek home. You were made to be part of a greater Household, where unconditional love reigns and Jesus is the one who ushers us to our place in the family.

How can you continue to lean in and pursue Jesus this semester?

What do you need to hear to place all your trust in Jesus?

Do you feel like God is holding out on you?

What does it look like for you to move forward from here?



AUTHOR'S NOTE

We hope this resource, Made for More, has been helpful to you over the past ten days of Recruitment. All the main authors take part in a ministry called Legacy: Greek Ministries that exists as a resource to sorority women during their college years and beyond. Our vision is to build generations of Christ-centered laborers who make and multiply disciples in their chapter, Greek community, campus, and around the world.

Our prayers for you will continue beyond Recruitment, specifically that you seek Christ during your time in a sorority and that you would find a community of faith in your local church that encourages you toward abundant life found in Christ!

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