

First Reflection- Gratitude: Where Would I Be Without God?

Hebrews 12:28 says "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe"

Times like these truly make it difficult to live life with gratitude at the forefront of our minds. Yet, we as people of faith know that there is much to be grateful for. His fidelity cannot be shaken. He has been by our side and we cannot take that for granted. We all need to take a minute or two a day to thank him for the basic things in our lives like food, shelter, shoes on our feet, and the clothes on our back. Now more than ever we need to thank him for the basic things, because we now know that the things we take for granted like family or eating at restaurants, or going to school can all go away so quickly.

A world without God, is a world I would not like to live in. Of course, today there are people who do not believe in God, or people who scrutinize others for believing in God. I've heard people say "do you really think there is a guy in the sky controlling everything" to which I say "well it's a little more complicated than that, but yes," I do not want to know where I would be without his help. I doubt many of you would want to know either. Thankfully that is not a reality we have to face. Thankfully we do have him by our side. And even though there are moments in our lives where we want to shake our fist at him or say "why God, why," He is with us. He has kept in His loving arms. Knowing he is with us is enough to help us get up in the morning, even if we do not want to wake up. We need to greet him with open arms and offer him acceptable worship. Right now, our world needs God more than ever, and even in times of great crisis, it might seem like He is hiding, but we know He isn't. He has always been there, he is here now and he will always be by our side.