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God is good, God is with me.

Are You with me? Mom says so, but are You here? Dad doesn't talk about you much, but he prays at dinner. Are you closer to some then to others? They tell me to look for You in everybody, but they also tell me to stay away from some. I don't understand. The other day I listened to someone who doesn't believe in You, and I really liked what He was saying. I saw You in Him. So why doesn't He see You? Why don't I always see You at church? And why does mom tell me You'll always give enough, when she's always worried about money? She prays over every meal, but after the prayer we rarely talk about You at all. How are You both everything and nothing?

I could really use Your help Lord. I'm going to camp tomorrow and well, I'm not sure I'll have too much time to talk to You out loud. So ya, I'm gonna write here if that's ok.

Ok, please be with me. Thank You for this day that You've made,

Amen Jesus

7/15:

Dear God, please be close today. I'm unsure what it'll be like there, but I do hope I can shine. That's what mom said I should do. Dad said I should just have a good time. Please help me to be whatever it is that you'd like me to be.
I Love You,

Amen Father God.

Dear Father, this is tough. Everyone's older and I'm unsure if any of them will be friends. I pray for a friend Father. Just one to make this time ok. Ok, I Love You,

Amen Jesus.

Dear Lord, why am I here? It really doesn't seem like a good place to be. I just don't know

why You'd let me come here if it's like this? I am not ok God. I'm scared. I don't like this at all. They want me to be someone I'm not and I don't know if I'll have the strength to tell them no. Please give me the strength. Thank you for all that you have already done. Thank you that I have already won. Help me to see You in them too.

Amen Jesus.

Dear God, why doesn't Bryce see things the way I do? Is he right? Why have You taught me these things, but not him? Why does he seem to be at peace without You? How has he done so much with so many girls without feeling bad? Mom says that you give a piece of your soul to everyone you sleep with. Why is he fine then? He's slept with a lot of girls God. Why am I doing this if it's not a real thing? Are You there? How can You be there for some and not for others?

Amen Father God.

Dear God, Thank you for this day. Thank you for the friend. Thank you for Lexi. I pray you take this to exactly where You'd like it go. I am Yours,

Amen Jesus.

7/16:

Dear Lord Jesus Christ the Creator of all, thank You for this wonderful morning. Thank You for loving me through the bad. Thank You for the friends I've made so far. Please be with Lexi and I as we get to know each other better. I Love You Lord,

Amen Jesus.

Why God? Why her? Why'd You let me get attached to her. Am I wrong? Am I the stupid one? Am I the one who's lost their way? This hurt, and I'm supposed to turn my cheek to feel the rest of the pain? Why in the world would I

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do that? Why should I pretend that all this matters', when so many don't and are fine?
Where do I set my worries? Who is listening?
Why do I have to care so much? Why can't I just sit there and not feel any of this?

Why'd you let Bryce sleep with Lexi?

Why was that ok?

When I told Bryce, I wanted to wait today, He laughed at me. Told me that He did too. Is this just the age that we grow out of You?

Is that what's supposed to happen now? Should I just finally let go? Pick you back up when I get older and have kids, so I can teach them how to say please and thank you.

So, I can scare them off from sex, and get them to ask for less for Christmas presents?

Is that what You are? Just a selfish lie.

You're not here. You're not anywhere are You.

7/17:

Thank You. I'm so sorry. Thank You Lord for loving me through the bad.

Thank You for being there last night. Thank You for keeping me safe. Thank You for Your strength. I didn't deserve that. Thank You for Your love.

She needed to be seen the way You've seen me. Thank You for using me. She's wonderful. I pray I can help her continue to see how wonderful she is. I pray she comes to know You too. I don't want her to know the world without You. It's so dark out there. Thank You for Your light. Thank You for loving me so I can love others.

I'm not sure how I could have lost sight so quickly. I pray You watch over my emotions; I pray You keep them safe. Please take them

captive to the obedience of Christ Jesus. Please cast down all high thoughts that do not align with who You are.

Please protect my heart soul and mind with the helmet of salvation, the chest plate of righteousness, the belt of truth, shield of faith, sword of the spirit, and shoes of the gospel.

I am nothing without You. I am not exempt to anything. It is Your strength alone that sets me apart.

I'm so sorry for doubting You. Oh, how weak I am alone. Thank You for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your kindness. Thank You for Your love. Today, tomorrow, into forever. I am Yours Lord. Thank You for being my God.

Amen

Dear Lord, I pray for Bryce.

I pray You help him to see His value too. I pray You help him to feel the Love only You can give. I pray that You flush all the guilt that may be there away. I pray You help him to feel like he is enough.

I'm sorry for the evil thoughts I've thought about him. I do not want to attack my brother. He is not the enemy. He never was and never will be. Thank You for Your forgiveness.

I pray for Your protection against the enemy.

He is brilliant Father, and I'm sorry for underestimating Him yesterday.

I don't want to walk a single step without You.

Please be with us all Father God.

We need You today more than ever.

Amen Jesus, my God, the Protector of all that is good :)