

MY FAITH JOURNEY

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This became a struggle for me because it was difficult to learn during classes with such a feeling in the environment. I was used to seeing such a harmonious classroom with everyone getting along. But at that time, there was such a big difference because everyone was divided into groups and avoided everyone else outside their circle. Another could judge anything a person would do. Hence, I felt like I was caught in the middle, torn between the loyalty and trust I felt toward my friends and the uneasiness growing in my heart.

What made this struggle worse was my fear of speaking up. Whenever I was in the classroom, my judgment and thinking were clouded by all the conflict in the atmosphere. I wanted to believe my friends were right and their frustrations were justified, but I also knew that the negativity they felt didn't seem right.

In light of all this, I took it as a reminder to turn to God in prayer and ask Him to guide me with clarity in thought and courage in my actions. With this mindset and a time of struggle, I listened more intently during the mass because I believed I could always find the answer there.

I began seeing what was happening more clearly and differently through these. As I made myself more aware of God's presence, I realized the existence of His love that was always there and that my faith should be the only one I can't let falter because it is not only about trusting in God but also having the strength to stand for what is right. Through his guidance, the best I did was simply let everyone know I don't think or see them any less, and I don't believe in what's circulating around. I stayed with my friends but talked to everyone when I could, and I did not avoid anyone whatsoever.

Looking back at it, I realize that this experience deepened my faith in ways I never expected. And now, this season of grace has inspired me even more that standing up for kindness and understanding may not always be easy, but knowing my relationship with God, is always possible. From this, no matter how overwhelming life becomes, I'll never forget that God's presence is constant, always leading me toward compassion, healing, and growth, especially in my relationship with my friends, family, and others.