

Trust and Perseverance

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” -James 1:2-4

My spiritual journey has been full of ups and downs ever since I first came to Toronto. From feeling alone and hopeless to feeling loved and accepted, God has been with me every step of the way, even if I didn't know it at the time. The biggest struggle that I have faced is my academic setback in first year. After being confident that God had a plan for me, the sudden turn of events made me question where God was actually leading me and whether I'm currently headed in the right direction or not. Amongst this time of confusion, I felt frustrated and unmotivated, as if God was working against me. After spending a lot of time calming down and mending my relationship with Him this past year, I'm still uncertain where God is leading me, but I have full trust that God has something planned for me and where I am today and where I will be tomorrow is no mistake. It is because of this trust, that I push forward every day, and knowing that with God on my side, I can persevere.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

After being a part of UTCCF for 3 years and being an IG leader this year, it is evident that God's love and presence constantly blossoms through the fellowship as He works in every person; making them stronger and more mature in their faith. Everyone experiences hardship in their lives and it can sometimes be incredibly difficult to keep your head up high. My vision for UTCCF is to be a safe place of comfort, vulnerability, and support. I hope this fellowship will be a place where God's love and workings can be clearly seen and felt so that we may remind ourselves and show those who witness, that He always loves us and it is because of Him, that we have the hope and strength to persevere. With a fellowship that's unified and faithful, I believe that we have made our fellowship as a whole, available to be used by the Lord in His vision for us.

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
-Romans 5:3-4*

I believe that God has plans for this fellowship to grow together and I believe that as long as we're ready and available, God will use us to accomplish great things that ultimately bring glory to Him. From my past experiences in working with logistics and administrative work, God has taught me many lessons related to this craft. He has also taught me many lessons regarding trust and perseverance to aid me for the tough roads ahead. Equipped with the passion and skills God has provided me, I believe the Lord's greater plan is to use me in committee as the

Secretary Treasurer. To me, the Secretary Treasurer has an important role in committee and in CCF because by making sure the logistics work out, it provides the opportunity for other visions to be lived out and the opportunity for growth in the fellowship. I feel confident that the Lord has called me here.