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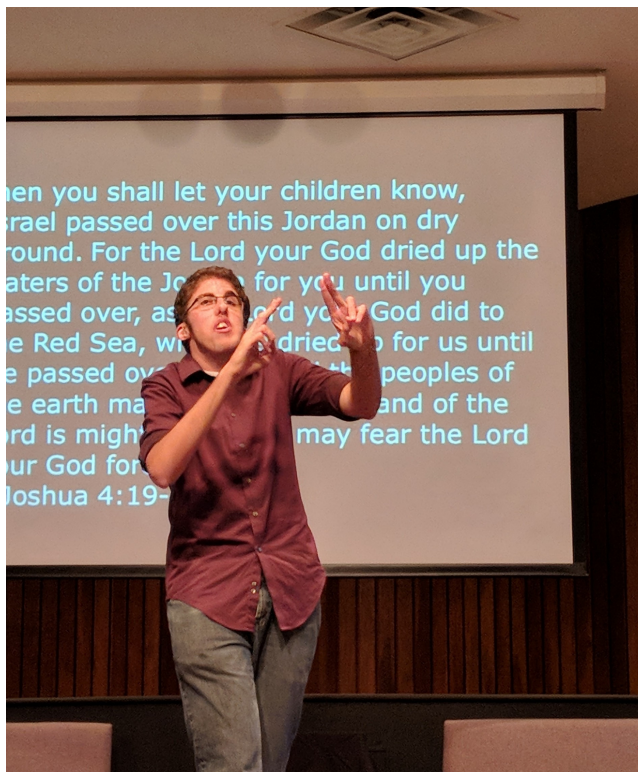
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What's up, Brandt?

Let's catch up with what's been going on with me in the last month and a half! July was a busy month while I prepared two preaching messages, was involved in Vacation Bible School, invited various friends from my team for dinner, helped my church's ministry and was involved in many other church opportunities.

My daily schedule is not like a normal 9 to 5 job. It's flexible so that I am able to use my time to finish my work or go out to help a few friends move out of their home.



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Expect The Unexpected

At the end of July I returned to North Carolina for a weeks vacation. I am a planner and I had set up my schedule ahead of time for meeting friends and family, set up a few appointments and included time aside for my own relaxing. I thought this was a perfect plan for one week in North Carolina. I was also in the process of making plans for another two weeks in Maryland and Virginia when my plans were altered because of a car accident, my laptop breaking down, having to search for a new car and remain on my budget. Although it was a frustrating week but one scripture came to my mind:

James 1:2-4: Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

As I was in the process of getting a new car and having my laptop fixed I realized God was teaching me about restoring and renewing my soul. During those days, I was deeply soaking in the Bible and I felt so alive in God's presence. I learned to be at rest during my busy season.

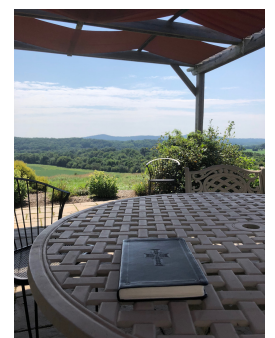


This is my new car, same KIA but different color.

Restore, not Restart

After I left North Carolina for my retreat and hanging around in Maryland, I noticed a recurring theme during my vacation was 'restore.' Instead of restarting my vacation I was to be restored in it. I learned how just going with the flow enabled me to find more opportunities for fun instead of being worried and preoccupied over many appointments or just staying home at the base. I learned to be creative with activities and found more adventures for myself and with friends.

My vacation went well and I felt so much refreshment with God's Words in my heart. It was a good way to end my vacation time before starting my staff training. I am excited for this new group of DTS students and a few more new staff that are joining us. I am looking forward to growing in Christ with them.



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What's Next?

My prayer requests:

- Finances needed for gas, food, and payments for my program.
- Find a place to live in January for around \$700/month
- Gallaudet University and Bison Christian Fellowship
- ASL DTS- September 21st!

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