

First I wanna start off by saying that GOD is good, you know a couple of months ago I would ~~not~~ have ~~stopped~~ even ~~contemplated~~ coming to church, I didn't see the point anymore, I mean I've been in church my whole life and I just got to the point where my attitude was I've already heard this ^{a thousand times and} I don't need to hear it again, so I distants myself from church ~~and~~ GOD and I tried to do things on my own and after awhile I ^{started} figuring out that you can't do it on your own because you ^{just} find yourself in the ^{same} vicious cycle over and over again. So I found myself feeling ~~totally~~ ^{lost and} alone, as if I were in the middle of a desert and I didn't know which way to go to get out. Then a couple of months ago ~~bro~~ Philip started leading worship, so I decided that I would come to support him, well after coming ~~here~~ for ~~a~~ while, I was really starting to feel like GOD was dealing with me but not in an profound way. Then it came time for the fast and I had fasted several times before but never really applied myself to it as I should have, I was only dieting ~~down~~ ~~myself~~ from the food I normally eat, I wasn't praying and reading my bible as I should have been doing. So this time around I decided to do it for real and apply myself. I thought it might be difficult b/c I had never really prayed ~~to~~ and read my bible that much at all, to be honest they really kind of bored me fast. But, when I started ~~doing~~ reading and praying everyday and ~~did~~ ~~expecting~~ ~~expecting~~ ~~results~~ ^{so really meant it from my heart}, I would find myself reading and praying for long periods of time, I had a hard ^{time} stopping. I'm so glad that on this fast that GOD started showing up and really started speaking to me through his word and the words and actions of others, GOD has opened my eyes even further and I'm so thankful for his love and mercy, and I'm doing this, this morning to show GOD that I truly love him and I won't to walk in the purpose that GOD has my life.