

BEYOND DEBATE

I was nervous about speaking up in class, but I knew it might be my peers' only chance to hear about the plan of salvation.



By Megan Guy

As a junior in high school, I was placed in an English class called Everything Is an Argument. We had to debate our feelings on certain topics, which was something I wasn't looking forward to.

One day the teacher brought up the topic of whether or not we believed the Bible to be true or just made-up stories. It was a conversation I didn't want to join. As the discussion went on, I was astonished at the number of people who claimed that the Bible couldn't possibly be true, and I didn't know how I could change their opinion. Just then, a student in the back of the class said he knew that the Bible was true. After that, a few others added their belief as well.

One student said he thought that people needed something to live for. I immediately thought of the plan of salvation, and before I knew it I found my hand raised for my turn in the discussion. I wasn't sure what I'd say; I just knew I had to say something.

I began to question my reflex to shoot my hand into the air, but I thought that this might be the only chance these 28 people would get to hear about this marvelous plan.

My turn came and I told my class that I knew there was something we live for—a plan called the plan of salvation. The teacher asked me to explain myself, and I told him that I would have an easier time explaining if I could draw a diagram on the whiteboard.

With everyone's eyes on me, I turned to the board and began to draw a diagram of the plan of salvation, full of circles and labels. The room was silent as the class watched. My heart was trying to run away from me because of how nervous I was that I'd say something wrong or that I wouldn't be able to answer the questions I knew would come. As I turned toward my classmates, I had an overwhelming confirmation that the Holy Ghost would guide me to say the right things. I knew that the plan of salvation was true, and there was nothing stopping me from bearing testimony to my class of this belief!

I started with the beginning of the diagram and talked about as much as I could without confusing anyone. I was surprised to not hear anyone tell me I was wrong, and I was even glad when my teacher and a few classmates asked questions. At the end of my question-and-answer session, the bell rang for the dismissal of school,

and I thankfully made a beeline for the door! A friend of mine caught up with me and told me that he respected me for standing up for what I believed in and wished that he had the courage that I showed in class. The Holy Ghost really helped me in class that day!

A few days later, my older brother was asked about the plan of salvation by a friend of his because her younger brother was in my class and had told her about it. To hear that someone had talked to his family about what I'd said was a great blessing to me. I love that I have the Holy Ghost to guide me in my life. **NE**

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“Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me.”

Acts 1:8