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MARYSOL & REBECCA "I tend to focus on the negatives, I didn't know how much I needed to hear this

encouragement." A few weeks ago, Ashley got to pour out praises and celebrations over Rebecca and Marysol for their last group discipleship meeting of the year. They took turns describing the strengths and gifts they saw in each other.

NYC can breed cynicism & guarded hearts leaving lonely & restless people. They'd collectively confessed to yielding to this mentality. One week, Marysol missed a Cru weekly meeting, only telling the leadership team that some family matters came up and she didn't want to talk about it. Ashley'd already scheduled a dship meeting that night. She called Marysol, left a voicemail and let her know they were there for her; if she needed space, they understood. Turns out Rebecca'd

done the same thing! Hours later, Marysol texted saying she was coming. "I wouldn't have come if you both hadn't reached out. It's so easy to hide & assume others don't want to be bogged down by my mess. That meant a lot."

We desire to continue stepping into community. "How crazy is it, Rebecca, that I've only seen you once in person.. and I've felt so loved and accepted by you. You're a safe person I can call and share what's really going on," she marveled. Praise God for the courageous steps Rebecca and Marysol have taken this semester!

Ashley's parting hopes for them via Ps 34:5 -"You are accepted women of the family of God. I can see a lifetime of you noticing, embracing, lifting up and pointing women to Jesus, and helping countless live life with radiance.'

Marysol - landed a UPenn research internship. Imagine what God will do through her there!

Rebecca - was always searching for an empty room for their zoom calls: her home is consistently a refuge for extended family, intl students, friends, neighbors and more. She is uniquely primed to powerfully share and display Jesus to many this summer.

Book

Emotionally Healthy Leader by Peter Scazzero

Verse

A bruised reed He will not break, a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. -Isaiah 42:3

Prayer

- Due to low student numbers and personal exhaustions, we postponed Wildwood. Pray for deep refreshment and rejuvenation as we pivot for the summer. There is much to process personally, emotionally, relationally and logistically after this pandemic year.
- God heeded our prayers for an Apt! Facing Central Park, it boosts our NYC longevity!

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