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SURVIVING -THRIVING

"I really needed this,"
Daniel, CCNY Jr, shared
after attending Fall
Gathering. Due to some
of our school's Covid policies we
were unable to leave the city or
stay over night for our annual Fall
Retreat. This news came as quite a
blow since Fall Retreat is normally
our largest galvanizing fall event,
launching our students into proactive ministry.

Instead we gathered students from across the 5 boroughs to Trinity Baptist (Upper East Side of Manhattan) for one long day. Drew Hyun, founder of the Hope Network in NYC, spoke on the spirituality of managing our emotional worlds - a timely word considering that most of our schools are still virtual. David also taught a seminar on the power of the Psalms* to surface and process our emotions.

"I've just felt so alone and discouraged during these past few

virtual semesters," Daniel shared. He'd only recently found Cru, because Marysol (Sr) joined an engineering club he's in and invited him. He was born and raised in Egypt. As a kid he had a heart condition that nearly took his life. His parents visited many doctors with bleak prognoses. Finally, they prayed to Jesus. Quickly and miraculously he recovered, and his entire family committed themselves to Jesus ('Who is like Him?' they remarked).

FAMILY TIME

Perhaps the best thing Christians have to offer is tight community that is thick as family. So this semester we've started, 'Family Time.' We're creating space to showcase gospel love for each other and invite unbelieving friends to join us and experience it. Students are taking to it well. Pray God uses these powerfully as the year progresses.

*curated playlist of psalm songs https://tinyurl.com/singthepsalms

Book

Gentle And Lowly by Dane Ortland

Verse

..when [the mustard seed] has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." - *Matthew 13:32*

Prayer

- Family Times would unite our students, draw unbelievers & display love
- God would strengthen our marriage ever more, to be gospel picture to others
- Daniel, Sergio, Rebecca, Jeremy, other new students to grow in community
- Gospel opportunities with neighbors & moms Ashley's been connecting with

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