

At the End of Yourself?

Today we are so fortunate to have a guest blogger at Only By Prayer. Brittany Jean is a nineteen-year-old college student living in the Midwest with her parents and younger brother. She is currently majoring in pre-law and is planning on using that degree for ministry.



God is always there. That's an easy concept to believe when we have everything figured out and life seems to be going perfectly. But then, a big trial always seems to come from nowhere and shake our foundation. For me, it was a huge bout of depression brought on by a lack of finances, the loss of my car, the breakup with my boyfriend, major health challenges, and an overwhelming load of college class work.

I lost hope and stopped believing God was there because I couldn't feel Him. But it was just the opposite; God was closer to me than ever through this. He was taking away everything else I was clinging to so that I would only be able to cling to Him.

Once I had been emptied of everything the world would say defines me, God began to draw me to Him, taking care of all of my needs and worries. I can see God more clearly now than when I had everything. **I have learned that only when I have been emptied of the world's pleasures and successes, then can I be filled with the love and nearness of Christ.**

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in Spirit." Psalm 34:18

Come back tomorrow for more from Brittany. We will post a

devotional and study questions from her. Until then, **pray on!**

Update: Click for Brittany's study called When We Are Broken We Can See God's Hand.

If you're a high school or college student interested in guest blogging, drop me a line and tell me about yourself and what you'd like to write about: janevanosdol@me.com.