

Change Boston & Beyond

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Be ready in season and out of season

Have you had one of those moments when you stand back and say, “Wow! I can’t believe God just did that!”

I (Malisa) had one like that a few weeks ago when meeting with Hannah and Sabra, two of our seniors at BU as they shared what God had been doing on campus.

I’ve known Hannah and Sabra since before they arrived on campus. We met virtually on Instagram and zoom during the height of the pandemic, and over the last four years, I’ve had a chance to get to know them through discipleship. Their hunger and thirst for the Lord is so evident. It’s a joy to be with them.



Hannah and Sabra are sharing the gospel all the time.

One of the things I’ve noticed: every time God gives Hannah or Sabra the chance to journey with others spiritually, **these women always respond with “Yes!”** Over the years, both girls have had countless spiritual conversations with friends, coworkers and classmates. Brian and I have cheered them on as they have seen friends start to follow Christ.

They’ve been living out 2 Tim 4:2, “Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

As seniors, both Hannah and Sabra are RA’s and have used that platform to care for freshmen and sophomores and point them toward Jesus. In our discipleship group a few weeks ago, they told me of a program they’ve both been running on their respective

floors called “Floats and Totes.” (Colleges love alliteration). The basics: You gather with people and make ice cream floats together and then design a canvas tote bag.

Here’s 2 situations on 2 floors in 2 dorms at 2 spots on campus, and these 2 women had countless conversations about who Jesus is over Floats and Totes. After a couple hours with their residents, both Hannah and Sabra walked away in awe of God using them to point others toward Him. It’s almost as if they themselves were surprised that something so simple — Ice cream and a bag — could be an entry point for the gospel. But, of course, **God uses all sorts of things to open doors for the gospel.**

When I met with Hannah and Sabra, I told them, “Ultimately, our job is to respond and say ‘Yes’ when he opens a door. You know, sometimes all you need is 20 seconds of insane courage. To listen. To ask a question. To hear what their experience of God has been. To wonder who Jesus is with them. And you’ve just done that. Isn’t it crazy: a couple conversations and a listening ear can lead to someone becoming a follower of Jesus.”

Loving our adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

Would you pray:

- For Hannah and Sabra as they prepare to share how God has been using them at our large group next week. Pray that their story of faithfulness might spur on younger students to trust the Lord to use them as well?
- Malisa is headed to Kenya for meetings with Cru leaders from around the world to learn from each other about evangelism among students.



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