I will bless you with a future filled with hope --- a future of success, not of suffering. You will turn back to me and ask for help, and I will answer your prayers. You will worship me with all your heart and I will be with you and except your worship.

Jeremiah 29: 11-14

On my confirmation day I am looking back on the last two years and reflecting on what I've learned and what it means to be a Christian. Being a Christian is very important to me and my family. I believe being a Christian means being the best person you can be, caring for those around you, and trying to help others. Knowing God is always there for you and loves you no matter what is really comforting. Even when you make mistakes God will be there for you, no matter what you do. He is always there to forgive your sins. Just having my faith and belief in God is comforting. Being a Christian is believing in yourself and God. You create a family around your faith, and you support each other. Being a Christian is loving and caring for other people and receiving forgiveness for your sins. It is such an amazing feeling knowing you are forgiven, and God loves you no matter what.

As my confirmation journey comes to a close, I will embark on a new journey of faith. I have learned a lot from the past two years, about myself and my faith. Confirmation class has done a lot for me in terms of belief. One of the biggest things I have connected with during confirmation is forgiveness of sin. God found it in his heart to forgive us. Knowing God is there to forgive our sins is a huge weight being lifted off our shoulders. It's not just about God forgiving us but us being able to forgive ourselves and other people.

Being a Christian and having faith isn't always going to be easy, you are always expected to be your best possible self and not to sin, but everyone makes mistakes. Today as I am being confirmed I am making a promise to God and to myself to be the best Christian and person that I can be.

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