

Part 1: What is Your Story

A defining moment in my life would have to be throughout last year in 2020. Last year had so many many negative things happen that really forced everyone to change. Being so isolated during the pandemic caused me to actually want to be around people and that is not usually the case for me. I became a lot more extroverted than introverted which, I think is a good thing. I am currently a waitress and I actually enjoy the fact that my job consists of me talking to people all day. With schools being closed down and all classes being online also changed the effort I originally put into school. You have to have a lot of self discipline to make yourself do your work in a timely manner and not procrastinate. I definitely learned the hard way last semester. The pandemic also changed my perspective on how things aren't only about effects on yourself. In the beginning I had the thought that if I got COVID I would be alright so it wasn't that big of a deal. However that may be true, but now I realized that if I were to get it I could pass it to someone else who may not recover as well or at all. Now instead of thinking only about what effects occurrences will have on myself I think of how it will affect others as well. 2020 over all changed my outlook on a lot of things and I'm sure it did the same for many other people too.



Part 2: What is the Story of Your Ancestor

It's hard to tell about a specific defining moment in my life. I've had many but nothing amazing. I guess I'd have to say, when I realized that god really does love me. I always have felt unworthy. Unworthy of my dad's love, not good enough for my mom, not truly loved by my husband..just needed. I've never felt good enough. I have felt that god feels that way about me. But, I know that no matter what, He does love me and I am worthy of him. It took years for that defining moment to hit me. Actually, just recently.

And I'm not saying anything bad about my parents. They weren't raised with a lot of affection or I love you's. So, I always be sure to let my kids, and now my grandkids, I love them and they are worthy.

-Dara Kimball (my grandmother)

After hearing my grandmas story or grams as I would call her i've realized that a defining moment in someones life doesn't always have to be a result of things happening around you and can be from with in. She proved that you don't have to turn out like your parents, but instead learn from their mistakes. Grams is one of the most caring and loving people I know and deserves nothing but the best. Although my grandmas defining moment was more deep than my own, we both grew different outlooks on life and changed the way we view certain things.

Overall these changes were for the better. \

