



## What is Treasure?

- Before arriving at college, I only thought of treasure as anything tangible (money, clothes, friends, etc.).
- I saw college as an opportunity to indulge in my new independence and other stereotypical experiences.

But, my perception was changed drastically and almost immediately once I got to WU.

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## So...What Happened?

- Last semester, I got involved with campus ministries and connected with people who had similar values and interests as me.
- Being with these people allowed me to grow in my religious beliefs.
  - I was no longer putting my superficial needs as a priority.

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This is where my project comes in!

#### Why did I Make this?

Honestly, I have no idea why I decided to make a treasure chest and not something different.

I think it might have been because of a certain message I heard during a BCM refuge that really resonated with me.

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I also wanted to do something way out of my comfort zone and this was a perfect opportunity.

#### What was the Process Like?

- The process of making this treasure chest was very reflective, fun, insightful and challenging.
- I was able to bounce my idea off of several people which was helpful.
- I wanted to use this project to reflect spirtual growth even though it is technically religious growth (it was very hard for me to mentally

separate the two).

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# How Does this Relate to HMXP? Well...

- Swimme's "How do Our Kids...?"
  - My first expectations of college were strictly shallow and focused on things I could acquire.
  - I didn't focus on spirituality or faith

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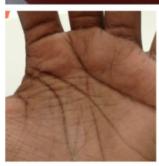
### **Connection Continued**

- Bellah's "Why do We Need a Public...?"
  - I was very focused on my personal benefits before I would worry about helping anyone else out.
  - I had the mentality of the "duty-free" elite (no strings attached, helping myself, etc.) • Later, my focus shifted from me to others and I became more supportive of them.

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"The Hingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and Covered up. Then in his joy he goes and Sells all that he has and buys that field." - Matthew 14:44

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My own shall become yours -Lewis

