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Today's daily reading says, "cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert... blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream." This reading speaks to those who have lost their way in their spiritual journey with the LORD; those who do not believe in our Father and instead turn to other humans.

These lines compare the lives of those who trust, and those who do not trust, God. This passage spoke to me because I was once like a barren bush in the desert. Many of the people in my life, mainly my friends, seem to be spiritually absent because they don't believe in God the way I do. I became disconnected with the LORD because I let so many things distract me. I had allowed school, friends, and extracurricular activities to take control of my life, and spent practically no time on my relationship with God. I did not realize how distant from Him I had become, until this year. The LORD is helping me to see the purpose to my life through His Sacred Word, and He is helping me realize the importance of maintaining a close relationship with Him. I know that my relationship and my shared love with the LORD will bring blessings to my life, and to those I encounter in Church, school, and all my activities. And, He will do the same for you, too!