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Glenn,

How are you friend? How has your summer been so far? Mine has been super busy!!

Well, I just wanted to write you a word of encouragement and thanks for all you have done for me. ☺

Isn't it amazing how we look back on our life and we can see how God perfectly orchestrated everything to make our life what it is today!! As I look back, I see how God has used every detail to put me where I am today!!

As you know, I am here in NYC and doing my thing as an opera singer. First, let me tell you how hard it is to be an artist in this crazy city. Just to "survive" in the Big Apple, is quite a challenge-spiritually, emotionally, and financially. But through it all God has always been by my side, and I am blessed.

As most people understand-an artist must have 2 skills: singing well and a "day job". The day job is a MUST, unless you reach international status as a singer. That is the cold hard facts. They should have stressed that more in college, but we all figure out a second skill one way or another. Mine is Real Estate.

I started working for another company about 3+ years ago and that is where I really learned the market. Then a little over one year ago, I broke off and started my own company. In a short time I became corporate, have my own website (www.kathleenmyrickrealty.com), and have some people working for me. I love the fact that I work for myself and that I make good money. I also have the opportunity to sing every chance I get. This is awesome. Some weeks I can pull over 10 grand and then take off work for a week if I need or want.

Pretty neat...

Now, I never would have thought that Varsity would have been more than a summer gig that would have given me the funds to get started in NYC, but God knew better.

To this day, I have to admit that the three proudest moments in my life are:

1. Singing as a soloist at Carnegie Hall
2. Flying solo for the first time when I was learning to become a pilot
3. And being the number one rookie with Varsity

And not in that order...

That summer was the hardest, but yet the MOST rewarding time in my life. Everything that has a glory moment, must have had some blood sweat and tears before the "reward". And it is in those times when we persevere that we experience such amazing life changing experiences. Did I mention that God is good!?

My summer with Varsity gave me more insight into myself and skills for my future than words could ever say.

So again I want to thank you again for giving me the chance and to encourage you to always allow God to use you to positively influence young people - as you did with me!!

Keep up the good work!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love,
Kathleen