Faith #2 - Worried about Past Experience

End of the Semester:

The situation with my brother got to be more than I could handle. Shortly after mid-terms, he left the house and was gone for the weekend and I had no idea where he was. Now, he is an adult, but I knew this was going to end badly because of past situations. The police ended up bringing him home after they had found him wandering around town. I ended up missing about three days of class to stay with him and when my U100 learning community friends asked me where I had been, I ended up telling them a little bit about my situation. They convinced me to talk to our peer mentor. I did and found out about the Counseling Center on campus. They have helped me know how to talk to my brother but have also given me some off campus resources for him to look into. I should have realized that my peer mentor would be able to help me after she had so many times before. I was just so used to the isolation I felt at IU Bloomington, that I hadn’t thought to seek out so much help.

The semester has ended well. I’ve really gained some valuable tools at how to succeed in college and really feel that I am pursuing the right major. I’ve made friends and really feel connected, which surprisingly has helped me in my academics rather than being a distraction. Its still a balancing act with all the things I have going on, but I feel confident after this first successful semester that this time, I’ll see my education through until the end.