

Video Transcript - Marcia's Story

My name is Marcia West. I'm from Peculiar, Missouri. I'm 37 years old, and I'm a health physicist and nuclear medicine technologist.

Quite honestly, I was searching. I would probably have considered myself a pretty good Christian. I prayed. I went to church weekly and did all those things, but there was still just something else missing. And so, I went searching to try and figure out what it was I needed to do. That's when I came across the seminary here at Graceland University. Well, I think my expectation when I went into seminary was that I was gonna learn a whole bunch of scripture and memorize it, and that was gonna be kind of the foundation of what seminary was going to be. And it actually ended up being a lot different from that, and what it really showed me was the context. It really helped open my eyes to really what the scriptures were saying, not necessarily in words but in meaning. Besides that, I think it also just opened my eyes a lot more to the world around me, to the people and places around me that I could affect more easily than what I could have ever thought possible. And while I may not be able to always touch somebody across the world, I can certainly do things right here in my community. I absolutely think everyone, honestly, should go through seminary. It's hard work. It takes a lot of dedication, but the rewards are so great that it's really, you can't put a price on what you learn in seminary. And the changes that it makes, and the way that it opens up the bible to you. But it was also wonderful because I

had felt like I had really, for once, felt God's calling - taken the steps that I felt like I was led to do and completed them. And so, that was huge for me to be able to say, you know what, I listened, I followed and I have been greatly rewarded because of that.