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Much like the paradoxes that permeated class discussions during my time at Warner Pacific College, I would describe the work I do today at City Crossroads to be both simple and profound. Simple, in that our goal is to provide for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of children, youth, and their families; which is really just a fancy way to say we open our doors five nights a week to kids with nowhere else to go. We feed them dinner, help with homework, play board games, and share the joys and sorrows of raising exceptional young people amidst extraordinarily hard circumstances. The acts themselves are simple, and yet the profound nature of what we do is not lost in the day-to-day detail. At City Crossroads, we are doing our best to bring the Kingdom of God here to our little corner of San Francisco in hopes that lives will be changed.

Today, when I think about finding myself at the helm of this ministry, I am so incredibly thankful for the way Warner Pacific prepared me to view life not as a set of simple black and white circumstances or problems to be fixed, but to see the world as an interdependent community; messy and complicated but full of beauty, where we all have a place.