

4 WORDS THAT MAKE MY BETHEL SPARKLE

To sparkle, is to shine brightly with flashes of light. I like to think those flashes of light are Bethel's from close and far. There is no flash that out does the other, there is no one brighter than all of us. All Bethel's shine, but some flashes of light differ from others in the best way possible. My Bethel shines in every aspect of my life, in the brightest way.

When I think about a word to describe my Bethel, thoughtfulness comes to mind. We celebrate each daughter differently and make it known they are appreciated and loved. The aspect I love most in when we celebrate little things. One thing in particular my Bethel does is Sunshines, Shadows and Shades. Each girl leaves messages under one of the words.

Sunshines being good, shadows being alright and shades being sad. For sunshines we celebrate and for shadows and shades we help guide them to better days. This taught me how to celebrate little things and to face sad times with a smile.

I was 10 years old, in a room full of beautiful white robes and the story of Job. As each daughter explained this story my interest sparked. I kept thinking this is where I'm supposed to be, and this is the story I'm meant to say. The way these girls spoke this sacred story I now hold so close to my heart was eye opening to its meaning. Each daughter explained it so differently, and with such passion. It was almost as if we lived it. All these wonderful people made me understand what it was like to preach a story instead of tell it. Passion is now what comes to mind when I think of the story of Job.

Home; a feeling, an object, or a place. For me, my Bethel is my home. Every time I faced my Bethel I felt a feeling of welcome and a sense of family. I realized wherever I looked I saw the love and beauty of this organization in every person I was surrounded with, and that to me was home.

Before joining this wonderful order, I never knew the feeling of a second family. But my Bethel changed that. Everywhere we went I was welcomed with open arms. My Bethel made it a point to make sure they were here for me at the valleys and peaks in my life. I can't put into words how perfectly the word family describes my Bethel and all of the Job's Daughters. We are the fairest in the land, and will be sisters for the rest of our lives. This Bethel gave me a support system, fan club, and a forever family.

My Bethel shines in four ways. They are thoughtful, passionate, make me feel at home, are a second family to me in every way possible. In Job's Daughters we are taught to be different and to be ourselves. We are all meant to come together and sparkle as one.

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