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Above all, Ben would ask that the students here at Cedarville commit to praying for the ministry to the Dayton Detention Center. However, he would also encourage everyone to begin to look for opportunities to reach out to teenagers whom they know are struggling. Ben and his team meet kids who have hit rock bottom. However, there are many opportunities before that point for college students to invest in teenagers' lives and make an impact by being someone who will listen to them.

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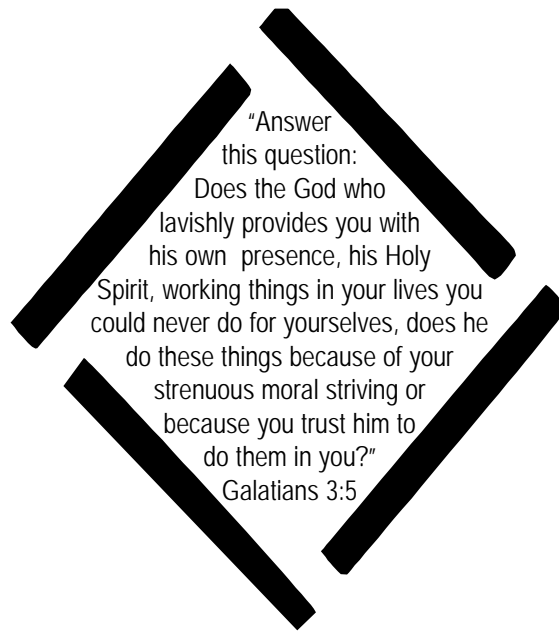
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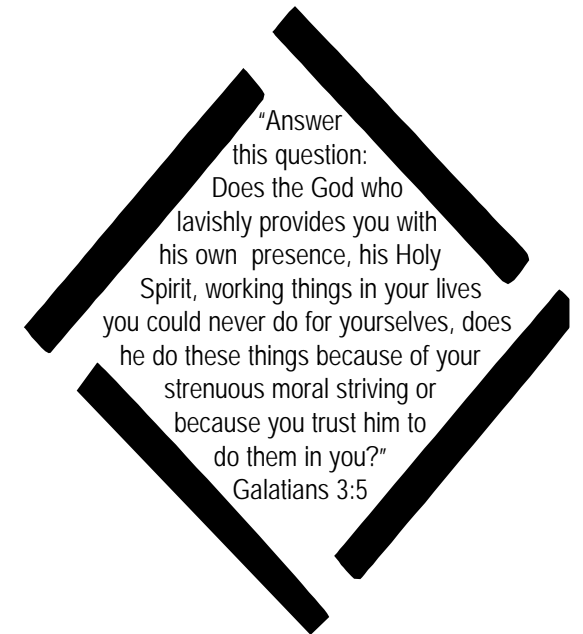
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