

CAMPUS CAMP 2009

ABSOLUTELY awestruck by Jesus. ABSOLUTELY hungry for God. ABSOLUTELY immersed in His presence. These describe the sentiments of the 62 Campers who attended the July 20-23 Campus Camp. Here's what some say.

I came into ABSOLUTE wanting God as the most important part of my life. Coming before him, I iterated this desire over and over again. I was frustrated because contrary to appearances, I wasn't obeying God. My faith was a farce. I was the clown. And, everyday, I performed to my parents and friends. God had been speaking to me clearly, but, I repeatedly rode the ship of disobedience the opposite way into a mire of excuses. Sin seemed justifiable.

I like a message that challenges, that stops me in my train of thought and has me not say a thing for hours, as I revel in God's revealed truth. Pastor Gerald's appeal for us to take up God's heart of holiness was just that message. I realised that God's laws and precepts were not burdensome onerous do's-and-don'ts, but an extension of His character. I am confident that He who began a good work in me, will carry it on till completion.

Jonathan Lin

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Before campus camp, my walk with God was dry and serving Him was mundane. Coupled with tiredness from my part-time job and persecution at home, doubts plagued my mind whether to give up my faith. I questioned whether it was worth it being a Christian; my pre-believing friends seemed to have an easier time than me.

The week before camp, God brought me to Isaiah 41:17-18. God promised me that He would never forsake the desperate hunger of His faithful children and that He would answer my thirst and transform all my spiritual deserts into pools of water.

The second morning's sermon by Pastor Larry was about perseverance being birthed through persecution. As I responded, I knew that running away from persecution was not going to solve my problem, and that if I faced them together with God, my faith will be stronger. Pastor Gerald's sermon, about Daniel and the three friends who chose not to defile themselves with worldly values, also challenged me to think through how dear I hold these godly values in my heart.

God will never forsake the cries of those who hunger for more of Him, just like how He exceeded my expectations in this campus camp.

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One Truth, One Measure, One Declaration.



I was desensitised towards the things of God and was relying on my own strength to accomplish things. I lacked the faith to trust God to be my Provider. I also became pretty afraid of the 'lions den' and did not dare display my faith openly. Throughout the camp, God helped me realise this issue and challenged me to confront my lack of faith. He began healing my root problem of past disappointments and challenged me to take steps of faith. The life of Daniel spoke to me: to not be afraid of the lions den and to have the boldness to stand up for God.

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I went for campus camp with a dampened spirit, thinking that it would just be another camp I had to attend because I was going into the campus cell. In addition to my work schedule before the camp started, I hardly had any time to read the Word of God, or rather, I was just too lazy to pick up the Bible.

Through the camp, I felt God realigning me back to His path and reminding me that He was always there by my side to help me whenever I am in trouble.

There was just this fresh anointing that came through me and I began to see life differently. Instead of isolating myself in work, I realised the importance of fellowship. Camp has also helped strengthen my Christian faith in the Lord. The Absolute truth, way and declaration has been a guideline for me even in my first week of university life.

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