



## More Answers to Prayer

Celebrate: Stories 51-75

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### Story of #51

Robin

Southern Methodist University

Last Tuesday the 8th of Feb., I was able to go through the Crusade follow-up #1, "Confidence" with a girl that joined my Bible Study last semester. She grew up thinking she was a believer. As we went through Eph. 2:8 & 9, she realized that she did not have saving faith! That evening she e-mailed me that she prayed to receive Christ in her computer room in her apartment. She said, "I got on my knees and gave my life to Jesus." So fun!!

### Story of #52

Nick

University of California, Santa Barbara

I went out sharing with one of my freshman D-groups. I am always nervous and was probably more nervous than they were, but here I am attempting to train these guys how to share their faith. We split into groups of two, and I teamed up with Wes, who was very nervous too. We set out toward the library and after two unsuccessful attempts at a conversation, we noticed a guy that was just waking up from a nap on the lawn. We thought "why not?" So we went over to this student and just went through your typical survey. There was no magic, no tingly feeling, no burden on my heart, no nerves, no angels appearing before us, just a genuine desire to know God on a personal level. It was so easy. God had definitely prepared the student's heart and when I asked him if he wanted to pray to receive Christ, he said "yeah sure". So there on the lawn, in front of the library, in the middle of the day, he came to know the Lord. Wes was blown away and so was I, at how easy God had made it on us. I am now meeting with that student on a weekly basis, and Wes is tagging along so he can learn how to do follow-up. The

funny thing is, I never asked for this to happen, I only asked to not be nervous and to be bold, but God did much more than that.

### Story of #53

David

University of Minnesota

A student and I were following up a survey a student had taken way back during the first week of school. We knocked on his door and found out a little about his background and then started going through the four laws. As we were going through it, none of it seemed familiar to him even though he had gone to church for most of his life but after an explanation he would say it made sense. At the end I asked him if he wanted to pray and I read the prayer out loud as he prayed it silently. I then asked him a few more questions about assurance and he seemed to understand everything. The student I was with invited him to his bible study and is also planning on doing follow up with him.

### Story of #54

Dustin

The Ohio State University

I work at a Hospital near the Ohio State campus. Through out my time there I have had the opportunity to share the gospel with most of my co-workers. One guy was interested when I started to talk about Christ, so I invited him to our weekly meeting, Real Life. Before Real Life we grabbed dinner at a local restaurant and after dinner I shared the gospel with him. He did not receive Christ then, but said he would think about it. I started praying regularly for him hoping the Lord would work in his life. A few days later I talked to him again and he told me that he had prayed to receive Christ, and was interested in getting involved in a Bible Study. It was awesome to see how the Lord has

worked in his life, and I am excited to see what more the Lord will do.

#### **Story of #55**

Andrea

James Madison University

A guy I went to high school with is a freshman here and I tried to get him connected with Christian groups but he wasn't very interested at the time. I hadn't talked to him in awhile and he recently emailed saying he wanted to get together. We met, he told me he felt lost, that he felt there was more to life, and wanted to know more about God. I was blessed to share the gospel with him and in the end lead him to Christ!

#### **Story of #56**

Brian

University of Central Florida

My friend Zane and I decided that every Monday we would go out sharing Christ with People. He was relatively inexperienced, but was so excited about sharing his faith. I believe that God used his passion and his faithfulness. The first guy we went up to and shared the gospel with accepted Christ. His girlfriend was a Christian and had been sharing a little with him, but it never clicked in his mind. We just explained it real simply and God did the rest. We asked him if he wanted to pray with us and he said who wouldn't. Please pray for Zane and I as we go out on Mondays and pray for this student as we attempt to contact him and go through the follow up material with him over the next few weeks.

#### **Story of #57**

Julianne

Illinois Central College

In the last few months I have been very discouraged and down about how evangelism has been going at my school. I have been so discouraged, in fact, that I stopped sharing. I knew that God would bless any efforts, and that even a conversation is worth a lot in his kingdom, but I didn't share. Last night I promised my old summer project friends that I would obey God and share the gospel today. This morning God brought to my mind Joshua 1 when God was telling Joshua not to be afraid or discouraged, but that God would be with him, and that God would bring victory to all his attempts. I just prayed that God would use me today to bring someone to His kingdom, trusting Him that it's His work, not mine. So after lunch today I took one survey to the student lounge and talked to a student I didn't know. We went through the survey, and through the four spiritual laws, and she prayed the prayer. She

wants books and materials to strengthen her faith, and hopefully she'll come to our Bible study this week. It's amazing what can happen when we trust and obey God. He's faithful. He's real. He's at work all around us!

#### **Story of #58**

Ryan

Northern Michigan University

I had the opportunity to visit a freshman guy who had visited the Bible study I coordinated the past week. I knocked on the door and he was watching a movie with some friends. I asked him if he had a few minutes to go through a quick survey. We talked through the survey and then moved on to the Knowing God personally book. Some pages took longer than others but God was really working on his heart. We got to the end and he made the decision to accept Christ and start a relationship with God. It was pretty exciting. Praise God!

#### **Story of #59**

Brittany

University of Illinois

It was Valentines Day and God was showing me his love the whole day. God is Sovereign and His timing is perfect. I walked down the end of the hall to do a survey with one of my contacts and the girl desired to have a relationship with God. God brought this girl to himself and after she heard the Gospel, she ended up praying to receive Christ. Her prayer was so heartfelt and sincere. God is so good and I'm excited to see how He is going to move in her heart.

#### **Story of #60**

Betsy

Mount Hood

At the beginning of this term, we prayerfully shifted our focus to evangelism on campus. This afternoon as my friend Rachel and I were sharing, we met a girl. We talked for about an hour and she decided to accept God's free gift of salvation. She lit up with excitement and sincerity. It was also an encouragement to me. I'm excited to see what God does next.

#### **Story of #61**

Aaron

University of Idaho

I felt the Lord place on my heart a freshman here at the U of I who went to my high school. I prayed the week before for God to grant me an opportunity to share with him and that God would prepare his heart to receive His Word. I did not know him very well, but I asked him if he would like to meet for lunch on Tuesday Feb. 15. As we talked about our lives, the Lord provided me the opportunity to share His

awesome news with him. My friend, who had some religious background, understood clearly his state as a sinner and his need for a Savior even making statements and asking questions to clarify what I was sharing with him. After about 25 minutes of conversation I asked if he would like to pray to make Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior and without reservation he told me yes! We prayed right there in the food court of our Commons building and we will begin meeting as brothers in Christ this week!

#### **Story of #62**

Stephanie

University of Minnesota

On our campus we have target areas, and my target area is one of the residence halls on campus. We have freshmen surveys that we do at the beginning of the year and later can do some follow up with people who indicate an interest in hearing more about God. Usually I am in my target area with my Bible study leader, but last week I went alone. I met a young woman and went through the Four Spiritual laws booklet with her, and she prayed to receive Christ. Praise God!

#### **Story of #63 & 64**

Taylor

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Earlier this year we held raffles in the dorms in order to get contacts of students that were interested in having "spiritual conversations". On Thursday I was calling some of the contacts because I wanted to take one of the girls that I disciple to go sharing. So the first girl that answered agreed to meet us... at the end of the phone call she said "I actually have a friend who filled out that raffle also. Could I bring her too?" WOW!!! She made an appointment FOR me! So the two girls came.. and they actually lived on my disciple's floor and I had met them before. It was real cool. We did a QUEST survey which led into the Knowing God Personally Book. Throughout the conversation I could see the hearts of these girls start to change, the one girl Liz was so heartbroken when she realized that without Jesus, she couldn't have an intimate relationship with our Lord! They were so unaware of the truth, but wanted it so bad. After we went through the booklet and talked about it some more.. THEY BOTH PRAYED TO RECIEVE CHRIST RIGHT THERE!! Wow... ask and you will receive!! God is SO AMAZING!!!!

#### **Story of #65**

Rachel

University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

I met this boy that was in my Public Speaking class, walking to my house after class one day.

We talked, hung out and became friends over the next couple months. He was very opinionated about God and the "whole Jesus thing" and Christians, so I never really presented the gospel to him, although I desperately wanted to. He was a very deep and passionate person and I knew that if he would only direct those qualities towards the Lord, he could move mountains! I also believed that if I could reach him for Christ, anything was possible! Well, I eventually became closer friends with him and through all of that I still hadn't sat down with him and told him all about who Jesus was and what he would do for him. I knew that wouldn't be a very effective way of showing him Christ's love, especially since he is so opinionated and had already had a lot to say on the topic. So I decided that I just wouldn't hide God in our conversations or in my life. If I was going to bible study or spending alone time with the Lord, I would say it. If I was going to Campus Crusade, I would say it, and invite him. (Eventually he came with and even started going on his own!) And if God was doing something in my life I would share it with him.

All in all, being genuine about my faith, and not pushy or judgmental, was my testimony to him. He eventually, on his own, asked me if I could tell him more about Jesus and answer some questions he had. I got him a bible and pointed him in some directions of where to start. Then one day, after I knew that he had been reading and considering the gospel as truth, I asked him if he understood who Jesus was and what He did for him and if he believed it. He said yes and told me that he had already prayed to accept Christ. Through that I knew that God was capable of anything... turning this punk-rocker bohemian into my brother-in-Christ has been one of God's most evident miracles in my life, and has totally helped me to see that God is amazing and uses people and their lives in crazy ways for the glory of His kingdom!

#### **Story of #66**

Kelly

University of IL - Champaign

A freshman student has been heavy on my heart for weeks after meeting her at a cru leadership dinner early February. Coming from a similar background, i could see that she lacked the knowledge of the Spirit and salvation through Christ alone. Today, through tears and laughter and the Grace of God, she prayed for the Lord to enter her heart and is eager and ecstatic. What a privilege we all have and how neat to see what God is doing ! Praise God.

**Story of #67**

Curt

Northern Michigan University

I have been working with this teenage boy for several years now; through a local mentor program. And I have been feeling discouraged about any impact that I have had on him. Well... It's been in God's hands and His time!

Through a series of difficulties that God brought into his life, Sunday night, I was able to share the gospel with him, and he became our brother!

Since then, God has worked forgiveness between him and his mother, and he is cranking away at the Bible! He has read all of Romans already, and is challenging me with the questions and new verses he is finding!

**Story of #68**

Zachary

Kansas State University

Our bible study decided to go to our two dorms and talk with the people there. We were giving out pizza and offering for people to take surveys while they ate.

One guy asked what the surveys were for, and as I told him about Campus Crusade for Christ I noticed that he knew some spiritual stuff on the survey. Since he already understood some of the basics of the gospel, the conversation was mostly about faith - what it is and what it is for.

I listened to where he was coming from, and then I got to share the gospel with him so that he understood. He accepted Christ because of it.

Praise the Lord!

**Story of #69**

Stephanie

Inver Hills Community College

I met a girl in one of my classes this semester - we talked briefly the first couple weeks of class. One day, she dropped by for one of our Bible studies. Apparently, one of my friends had invited her to come, and since she was interested in getting involved with a Christian club (she knew God was tugging on her heart to make some healthy decisions in her life), she decided that she would begin to hang out with us.

Soon, she was coming to just about everything our group did - Bible study, Friday night get-togethers - along with joining a few others from the group in a Wednesday night young adults study.

Because of her curiosity, we got into quite a few interesting conversations. She explained to me that she was raised in the church, but wasn't entirely sure what her beliefs were. In several of our discussions regarding this topic, she noted that I had very strong convictions about what I believed in - specifically about God and His Word.

As soon as I discovered that she hadn't figured out what exactly she believed, and that she wasn't attending church regularly, I began challenging her to begin searching for what she believed in by reading God's word.

I had no idea that our conversations had caused her to deeply explore her own convictions and beliefs until this Tuesday, when she told me that Friday night was an eye-opener for her. Friday morning, during Bible study, we had had a few staff members from Campus Crusade for Christ come to Inver to lead a study on evangelism, and we walked through the "Would You Like To Know God Personally" booklet. That night, our Christian group met together to share testimonies. While several people were giving their testimonies, she realized that she did not have a testimony that she could share. Apparently, Friday evening, after she got home, she couldn't sleep because of her knowledge that she was not a daughter of the King and therefore did not have a testimony that she could share with others. So she stayed up until 4 o'clock in the morning reading the evangelism tract and dwelling on what she knew she needed to do.

Tuesday morning, after class, she and I were talking, and she mentioned how everything that I had talked to her about regarding belief had convicted her deeply about the fact that she didn't have any tangible beliefs herself. In response to her lack of belief, she told me that she had resented me for my strong convictions because she knew she didn't have any herself - and she felt guilty about all the sin in her life every time we talked.

After discussing this with her, and discovering through many tears that she no longer wanted to live in a life of sin, separation, loneliness, pain, and bondage, we knelt down together and she asked Jesus to become the Lord of her life. Immediately, she said, God removed the weight that was crushing her - now she felt free. As a child of the King, she no longer has to worry about all of her demons - guilt, sin, sadness, loneliness, pain, agony - because she has a Father who loves her so very much. Now she

knows and loves her Father, just as her Heavenly Father has always loved her.

God used the conversations I had with her - though I did not think that they would result in anything beyond friendship - and worked a miracle. Although I did not foresee this, God is good, His love is great, and He added to our number a sister who is dearly loved. Praise Him - He is so good!!

#### **Story of #70**

Allison

McKendree College

Almost every night I go to our band room to practice the piano. In order to get a key for a practice room, I have to go to the student center below to check out the room. Since the beginning of the semester, I've seen this one guy down in the student center every night. We began to engage in small talk, and formed an acquaintance. One night he was reading a Bible, and I started talking to him about it. He asked where he should read and I gave him my advice. Well, the other night, after an FCA meeting, I came with a friend to the student center. He was there, and I asked him how his Bible reading was coming. He said it was fine, but since he'd been reading, he'd been having nightmares--and one was about death. The Lord opened a door immediately to talk about his eternal destination, and I got to present the Gospel! After sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, I asked if he wanted to accept all of that, and much to my surprise, he did! So, my friend and I went into the stairwell and the glorious arms of our Lord embraced one more child! Praise God! He is mighty!

#### **Story of #71**

Cailin

University of Wyoming

God is so faithful! I have been praying for my friend for two years and He has answered me. When I first met him five years ago, he was a man who had created his own religion to make him happy. When he moved, we lost touch, but God brought him back into my life at the beginning of college. I was afraid to share my faith with him, but God had other plans for me. After Christmas Conference, I realized that I had been given the perfect opportunity to share the Gospel. Over the last couple of months, we have had many conversations about our beliefs, and I was able to share my faith so many times, Praise God! He always asked questions and wanted to know more, like where to read in the Bible, groups that he could be a part of, what to say to friends, etc. But he was hesitant to take the leap of faith and become a follower of Christ. I asked

him to ask himself what was holding him back, and from there I knew that all I could do was pray that God would move in him. And He did! Today I received a letter from him telling me about his decision. This is the part that brought joy to my heart:

"I'm aware how hard the road will be for me, but the real hard road is living my life in Christ, not just asking Him into my heart like I once thought. The only reason it was so difficult was because I didn't have His strength to depend on. That makes me feel stronger now knowing I will live my life reborn."

God is so good! Let us praise Him all of our days!

#### **Story of #72**

JD

Purdue University

I was coming back to my room one Friday night after our weekly meeting, and one of the guys on my floor started talking to me. We had been in quasi-spiritual conversations before, but I hadn't gotten into the gospel. As it turns out, he was raised in the church, but didn't know that you have to CHOSE to become a Christian. I explained the four laws to him, and drew the circle diagrams on a piece of paper. He said he saw himself in the transition from the one on the left to the one on the right. I explained that it isn't a process it's a one-time decision. I also explained how to make that decision, and when I asked him if he'd like to make that decision tonight, he said he just did.

I'm excited to see that he's made the first step, but I'm worried about the follow up. Sometimes it's hard to tell how good the soil is we are dealing with, but training this guy how to live for God is the job of the Holy Spirit. I'm trying to tell myself that, and pray for this guy instead of worrying that he will get dragged away.

We'll see what happens, and I'm totally stoked.

#### **Story of #73**

Chrissy

West Chester

A girl in my class started coming out to crusade and bible study last semester. I met with her a few times, and got to know her background. The last time we met, we started talking about spiritual things, and I shared the 4 laws with her. After going through and asking her questions, she prayed to receive Christ.

**Story of #74**

Shannon

Mansfield University

Throughout last semester, when my friend in the Navy called me upset I would always tell him that I believe that everything happens for a reason, and that God know what he was doing. I know that he did not understand this fully, but after a while he started asking me questions about God. A month or so went by where I hardly heard from him because we were both very busy. A month ago he called me and told me that he decided to go to church off base with his girlfriend and felt an urge to accept Christ that night. On the phone I could tell that he was still struggling a lot, but that he really had a heart to learn more about Christ. I then asked a male friend to talk to him because I did not want to ask my pastor first and overwhelm him. My friend emailed him, my pastor also sent him a package in the mail. A week ago my recently saved friend called me and asked to come up to Mansfield and meet the two of them to ask questions and in hopes to find some Christian friends to help him learn. I am hoping to get him to go off with a few of my male friends. I am hoping it will help him grow in his faith to see other males live for God. My recently saved friend and the friend I asked to talk to him talked on the phone a bit, and my recently saved friend is planning on coming up here to Mansfield at the end of our winter break. I find it extremely exciting to see a friend I have been praying for so long for to be changed so much because of Christ. It is amazing to see what Christ can do to a person's life. My friend tells me he used to drink alcohol in the Navy all the time, and has not touched it since he was saved. Please keep him in your prayers. PRAISE GOD!!!

**Story of #75**

Kirstin

IUP

My friend Taylor and I entered a residence hall looking for someone to talk to during our discipleship time. After wandering through hall after empty hall, just as I was becoming discouraged, we finally found someone. Taylor initiated the conversation with a survey, and the girl indicated she would like to know more, so I busted out my trusty knowing God personally book. As we talked, I could see a change in her attitude. It was all over her face. She totally got it and decided right then and there that she wanted a relationship with God. I have never seen an American make that decision, and it was really exciting. The face of heaven was changed right there, on the dirty floor of a dorm room... and to think, I was ready to give up! God amazes me.