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Overcoming Sexual Immorality

We took a step of faith hosting a retreat focused on freedom from sexual immorality since it's such a huge problem in our culture. God brought hidden and dark things to light in students' lives through gender specific small groups, allowing them to experience freedom and grace. Here's what students said about the retreat, "God taught me confessing my sin to other believers usually means freedom, not judgement.", "God taught me sexual sin is not to be taken lightly and battle must be done when it comes to that area", "God taught me how important it is to have fellowship with other Christian men where we can be real with each other and strive to serve God better", "God showed me I'm not alone and need to turn to Him and other believers to help me overcome sexual immorality. He made me realize how much He loves me and cares about me and always will." During the retreat the majority of students shared something they had been or were currently struggling with they had never shared with anyone. In an effort to help students fight this battle for purity, we are helping many students stay accountable with their internet use by establishing partnerships with CovenantEyes.com

A few weeks before the retreat Garrett (Angi, whose on staff with us' brother) heard about Petra, an Auraria campus student who was shot at the recent Aurora movie theatre shooting. The bullet entered her face the exact spot there happened to be something like a built in tube present from birth, the exact size of the bullet. The bullet followed the path of the tube, navigating around the brain, stopping at the skull, enabling her to survive. God used Petra's story and the retreat in Garrett's life which led to putting his faith in Christ. He started connecting with other believers, getting a passion for God's Word, experiencing grace and freedom and sharing his faith with others.

Meanwhile God was pursuing Ali, our waitress at Red Robin a month ago. Being a student on our campus we invited her to our weekly meeting but having strong atheist professors as parents, we didn't expect her to come. Right after the retreat she showed up at thee weekly meeting where Tina (who gave her life to Christ three years ago and is now thinking about joining staff with us) and Angi shared their testimonies with her. After the meeting, Luwam, (a student who came to Christ through our ministry and now wants to be a medical missionary) shared the gospel with her. As Ali heard of God's love and free gift of forgiveness, she started crying. Ali is very close to trusting Christ and will be meeting with Tina to do a weekly bible study about Jesus. Please keep Ali in your prayers.

There are many other students we wish we had space to tell you about. Students who decided to turn from homosexuality, come out of a cult, praying and pursuing joining staff, and students saying things like, "I just couldn't go to bed, I just had to read one more chapter of Matthew. I just can't put the Bible down!" God is drawing students to Himself and making them look more like Him.



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