

Freedom!

As I have been going through the book of Galatians, I am in amazement of God's crazy relentless love for me!! It says in Galatians 1:11-12 that the understanding of the gospel is by complete revelation from Christ. After meditating on this for quite a while I was brought to my knees, humbled by my Savior. God chose me (John 15:16), He revealed to me the Law and gospel, and has given me an AWESOME real and alive relationship with Him--nothing of me...I did nothing; Christ did it all for me; He knew me, searched after me, and revealed His grace to me by the power of the Holy Spirit!! Because of the gospel and His grace, I am called to a life of freedom!! My life is now hidden in Christ and nothing of myself because I am no longer under the law.

~ Andrea Thompson, Williston, ND

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relied on God so much more now than in the past and it's been so much better! God has been teaching me so much this year, I love it. At the beginning of this year, God was teaching me patience. Now He is teaching me to love Him more than ever. And by loving Him more, I can share my love with others. God's love is the only true love in this world and it's awesome! This semester I've truly given everything to God and it has been so much better. Life has been easier in some aspects; He's taken most of my worries away and has made me more loving and more of a leader. Bible School has had a huge impact on my life. God has changed me so much and still is changing me. I'm so glad God brought me here to AFLBS!

~ Sean Buchfink, Glyndon, MN

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feel that God has been giving me clearer direction for my future or maybe I'm just listening now. I find myself not being as bitter toward bad things happening in my life. I noticed during my first semester of bible school I would have a bad day and it would reflect in other people's interaction with me. Now I can look at any situation and I find it easier to remind myself that God orchestrated all of it. Here at AFLBS, I have been growing closer and closer to God. Constant reminders that God is with us everyday makes me happy. I love the environment that AFLBS fosters. An environment of spiritual growth where other students and myself can grow closer to God.

~ Matt Grothe, Astoria, OR

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if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul." (Deuteronomy 4:29) I didn't grow up in a Christian home. My parents were abusive and neglectful. God blessed me by allowing a wonderful, Christian couple to adopt my sisters and me. They helped to show me Christ. Eventually, I decided to come to AFLBS. My first semester didn't go as great as I wanted it to. I struggled with daily devotions. Psalm 119:9 says, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word." This verse has helped me to dig deeper in my Bible this semester. Consequently, I feel I am slowly changing for the better. I've learned the importance of having good, godly friends. I know God has great things in store for me and I'm excited! Being so far away from home has been another valuable lesson. I've learned to rely on God and trust in Him completely to supply my every need. ~ Tabitha Beard, El Campo, TX



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I first came to AFLBS, I was ready to learn more about Jesus. What I didn't realize was how many different aspects of my life would change. Because I am daily falling more in love with Jesus, my relationships with my family and friends have gotten closer, and my devotional life is stronger, and witnessing to others isn't a chore anymore. I have learned that I can truly bring anything to God, because He is waiting and wants to hear! Dorm life is a tool that God has used to teach me the power of; "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20) Being able to share our joys, our struggles, our ups and downs, and praying together has been a blessing! I know God will use my time at AFLBS to strengthen me and prepare me for the rest of my life.
~ Sarah Smithberg, Tioga, ND



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my first year at AFLBS, God has revealed to me His Son Jesus Christ to be my personal Savior and Lord. Growing up in a Christian home, I never grasped my faith as my own. But as I moved out of dependence on family, I realized how much my independence from home needed reliance on Christ. At Bible School, I've been deeply encouraged by my solid Christ-centered friends, but what has impacted me the most is my own personal study of God's Word. The Scriptures have the power to change lives, and digging into my own Bible has turned my life around. ~ Hannah Johnson, Camarillo, CA



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Lord has been teaching me over and over again the Power of the Holy Spirit and the Power of His Word. This has been revealed along with the will of God: "That all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." There is a ministry and opportunity for every occasion in every area in life. We are walking testimonies of the Living God, Christ Jesus...WOW!
~ Sam Olek, Glyndon, MN



Lately

at Bible School, I've really been impacted by the realization of how helpless I really am, and how I need God in everything that I do. I can do nothing without Christ! God calls us all to believe, but I can't even do that by our own strength! It says in 1 Corinthians 2:14 that we cannot accept and understand things that come from God because it is foolishness to us. But, when we allow the Holy Spirit to come into our lives, we can begin to understand these things because God reveals it to us through his Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10). When I realize that I can do nothing by my own power, it drives me into the arms of my Heavenly Father. He ALWAYS welcomes me with open arms! With Him in my life, I am able to do anything, and I'm not so helpless anymore. ~ Megan Zillmer, Ulen, MN