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GodxYou

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For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:21

What we love will often reveal who we are. This week students have shown the power of testimony as they spoke on the theme “GodxYou” (God and You) during Student Week of Prayer. The testimonies shared by students have been moving, confronting and encouraging – all evidence of the Holy Spirit’s convicting presence. Although each story has its own unique set of circumstances, there is a common question I feel each student has sought to answer, “Who do you cry out to when you are struck by the enemy?” This is a question we will all have to answer at some point in our lives, and for many on our campus, that question has come quickly and more intensely than they ever expected.

In Luke 22, a picture of Jesus’ suffering is given in great detail as Scripture highlights His pain on the cross. However, it is on the cross we discover Jesus’ answer to the question, “Who do you cry out to when you are struck by the enemy?” when Jesus said, “Into your hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46). Jesus’ cry is a direct quote from Psalms 31:5. This is significant because during Jesus’ deepest anguish He cried out to God by quoting the Bible. Jesus treasured Scripture so deeply that what came out of Him was what was in Him – God’s word.

The real you will often be revealed in times of great difficulty. Affliction often leads to our personal revelation! Who do you cry out to when things are not going the way you dreamed? What do you run to when you have reached your limit? Ellen White writes, “It is impossible for man to be tempted above what he is able to bear while he relies upon Jesus, the infinite Conqueror.”^[1] Our challenges not only reveal who we are, they also reveal who Jesus is - the infinite Conqueror! Who we are is revealed through what we love and treasure, may Christ be our supreme love so that we can experience His supreme strength.

Reflection

What things or people do you find yourself running to when you are experiencing anguish? Write those people or things down. What is one verse that can be a source of strength to you during your times of difficulty? Why not try to memorize it this week.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

- **Tonight – Student Week of Prayer:** 6:30 and 8:00 in the Big Tent across from the Hulsey Wellness Center.
- **Follow** @saucampusministries on Instagram for updates on events and programs as well as encouraging messages!
- **Share** your prayer requests or praises with us via text message using your mobile phone. **Text-to-Pray: 423-281-8996.**
- Do you need spiritual support or prayer? Talk with Chaplain [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#).

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