

Prayer Request:

- Pray for Jessica and I as we continue our seminary training. We still have eight classes to take for Cru.
- When I asked Jake if I could share his story, he said, "Yes, only if you ask them to pray for me! I really need it" Please be in prayer that Jake would continue to value God above all else!
- Please let us know if we can be praying for you, please contact us!

To receive real-time prayer request, text

"@PRAY4LA "
to
"81010"

PSALM 34:8

"OH, TASTE
AND SEE
THAT THE LORD
IS GOOD!
BLESSED IS
THE MAN WHO
TAKES REFUGE
IN HIM! . "

The High School Ministry of Cru in LA Metro



A JANUARY UPDATE FROM THE CARSON FAMILY

Cru Training

Our assignment was to take two seminary courses in 16 days with two two-hour classes starting at 8am EST, (5am for us). While the course load was heavy, we both loved that we had opportunity to learn about the variety of worldviews within the Christian faith. It was also wonderful to learn with 140 other missionaries that were being sent internationally from East Asia, to Europe, and all over the US. By God's grace, Jessica and I passed both classes and are now accredited through the Talbot School of Theology! After this refreshing, encouraging experience, Jessica and I are excited that we are one step closer to being full-time missionaries in LA!



"The Talk"

Jake had grown up believing that sex was a bad thing, even within a committed marriage. This is the conversation that came up as I was driving him home from a meeting. "Brandt, I don't think I can wait for marriage. What if I'm like 30 years old!! That would be so difficult and I don't know if I could trust God for that..." To get a better understanding of his perspective, I asked Jake why he thought it would be so difficult to wait. As we talked, I realized that Jake believed that marriage, (and sex), would bring him a sense of satisfaction and cure his loneliness. Now that we were at the root of his fears, I began to share about the goodness of God from both Scripture and my testimony. I told him that while sex is a wonderful thing that God has created for a husband and wife to experience, absolutely nothing compares to the joy of having fellowship with God; Only in Him will you be truly satisfied. This was his response. "Wow, thank you for talking to me about these things. If I didn't talk to you, I would be learning bad things from other kids at school." He then prayed, "God, I want to live a life of purity, waiting for marriage and your perfect plan for my life."

