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"I'll stand outside with a megaphone...I just want others to be able to experience what I have!"



Nerissa and her very contagious smile!

Calling Nerissa excited would be an understatement! She had started coming to Cru at Platteville late last semester. She made an impression right away. God was obviously at work in her life! Rather than trying to tell her story for her, I want you to read it from her. This really is a great story of the Lord at work through the body of Christ, from friends, to Cru, to her local pastor.

After I started college, I felt lost. I felt that there was something missing in my life that left a hole in my heart. I had so many questions about God and his plans, and no one seemed to have answers. I joined Cru on campus, by recommendation of a friend, and that is where I feel like my belief in God took a turn for the better. The people at Cru

and my friends helped bring me to realize there was more to a relationship with Christ than I had thought!

When I went home for Christmas break, I witnessed the change that my friend had once she came back from TCX where she surrendered to Christ, and I began thinking that was what I wanted. On January 5th, I had a strong compelling feeling to go visit my pastor at church and ask him my questions. After an hour and many drawings used to answer my questions, we began talking about what it truly means to surrender oneself to Christ; I admitted that someday I wanted to commit myself to God.

At the end of our time together, he asked me if I would be interested in surrendering my life to Christ that afternoon, because he could see in my face that I was ready. We went into his office and he asked me to repeat a prayer after him. After I let Jesus into my life, I could feel something already forming into my newfound relationship with God.

Since I surrendered my life to Christ, I have noticed a different outlook on life, along with an excitement to tell other people my story and spread the word of God. I have begun to ask questions that will direct my life to please God instead of myself. I learned how to grow my relationship and feel my connection becoming stronger as I take time to know Jesus through prayer and Bible reading. The thing I still struggle with is when I slip back into my selfish tendencies, but that is when I turn to God and ask for His forgiveness and for Him to direct me back onto the path I am supposed to follow."

Most likely we will not be using a megaphone on campus but Nerissa is already making an impact at Platteville as she shares her story with others. Please pray for her. Pray that through her courage many other women and men at Platteville would come to have the same experience that she has had—the experience of a real relationship with God who loves her. Pray that Cru at Platteville would continue to grow and allow us to reach more students like Nerissa.

Thank you for investing in students like Nerissa. She is a changed life!