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"I'm ready to take a step of faith, and I think this is it," Tyler said. Three weeks ago, Tyler told me (Jordan) that he still wasn't ready to place his faith in Jesus, but he was willing to take a step of faith and join us at Fall Retreat.

I've been begging God to soften Tyler's heart and open his eyes since the first time we met during the second week of the quarter. In our first meeting, God gave me the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with Tyler, but he wasn't ready to accept it. He had too many questions, and he simply hadn't experienced God.

Tyler comes from a limited spiritual background. He had attended church before, but he had never truly connected with God in a personal way. As I spent time with Tyler over the quarter, my heart broke for him. I knew exactly where he was coming from. He didn't have any friends that were Christians at OU, and he was drifting deeper into the party scene. He knew he wasn't satisfied, but he wasn't ready to turn away from the temporary pleasures of partying. It was like sitting across the table from myself four years ago.

I prayed each day in the weeks leading up to Fall Retreat that nothing would keep Tyler from joining us. God answered that prayer, and Tyler came with us for a life-changing weekend. As David Robbins, the director of the Southeast Region of Campus Crusade for Christ, spoke on being a missional community of Christians who worked together to reach the people around them for Christ, I could see Tyler's heart being softened.

I shared more about my story with Tyler. I told him how God delivered me from the party lifestyle and gave me a purpose in His Kingdom. After three incredible talks from David, powerful times of worship with our Praise Band, a time of confession with one another during our men's time, and plenty of moments of personal reflection, Tyler made the decision to place his faith in Jesus!

My eyes well up with tears as I realize God is continuing to accomplish our mission of "turning lost students into Christ-centered laborers." Tyler's journey with Jesus has just began, and I can't wait to see how God uses him at Ohio University. I thank God each day for the eternal life, purpose, and satisfaction He gives to us and all who receive him as Lord and Savior. I pray you rejoice with us and the angels in Heaven over Tyler's salvation and continue to keep him in your prayers!

On mission with the King who answers prayers,

Jordan + Niki



Above: A picture of us with most of the 17 Greeks (students in sororities and fraternities) who attended Fall Retreat.

Below: Tyler, Kyle, Jordan, Shane and Stevie pose together, excited to be at Fall Retreat and ready to return to campus on mission together.



Prayers

- o The 225 students who attended Fall Retreat will return to campus excited to reach other students with the gospel
- o Tyler and Shane (pictured above) will connect with our community and walk with Jesus for their entire lives
- o For God to give Jordan wisdom as he speaks at our weekly gathering on November 10

Praise

- o Tyler placed his faith in Jesus last weekend
- o 17 Greek students attended Fall Retreat
- o God has brought 29 students into a relationship with Him through our ministry this year

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