



Our mission is to raise up leaders for the Great Commission



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Reconnecting with Jared

"Hey Matt, I've been hoping to do a profession of faith so I can publicly re-give my life over to God. Maybe when I get back down to Butler we could meet up and talk about it!" was the text Jared sent me on July 17th.

When I looked down at my phone, my mind flooded with thoughts and feelings. I remembered the time I spent in the beating sun at practices, praying with guys before games, trying to reach out to other soccer players with little to no response. When Eric graduated last December, I was skeptical anything would continue on with the men's soccer team.

Last fall, Jared suffered a major foot injury that sidelined him for almost a year. I later learned that injury was a catalyst for Jared to get back in touch with his faith. It's amazing how God uses trials to draw us closer to Him.



Jared grew up in church, but like many students, walked away from his faith when he came to college. His foot injury was a wake up call spiritually, but it didn't happen overnight. It took almost a year for him to respond to the Lord's prompting to fully surrender his life again. But isn't that true for all of us, every day?

A phrase that once struck me is, "The problem with being a living sacrifice is that we can crawl off the alter." I know my heart tendency is to slip back into self-sufficiency and independence, not living my life unto the Lord. How about you? What tempts you to trust yourself instead of the Lord?

Prayer

- We walk with Jesus closely and minister from an overflow of that intimacy
- Discipleship with students would be transformational in their lives
- More AIA staff on the Indy team
- Students confessing and turning away from self-sufficiency, trusting God more deeply
- Reach the freshmen on every team

Praise

- We are grateful that Caroline is healthy and growing
- Our financial support is healthy (thank you!) which allows us to be fully engaged on campus
- We just had a minority male join our staff team part-time! Pray for his ministry partner development.
- Making connections with students on other campuses, hoping to disciple them
- 10 football freshmen at the first team Bible study!