

## Spring Break

Standing on top of a ledge with nothing between myself and 100 feet to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, I started questioning my decision. Andrew, Josh, and I had climbed, hopped and crawled our way onto a rock with the sole purpose of experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and it was indeed that! I can honestly say that I have



**rejoicing with Andrew and Josh**

never felt the fear of the Lord as much as I did on top that rock. But there is something intrinsically beautiful and redeeming about facing your fears (heights in my case) and experiencing victory through it. It reminds me of the victory that Jesus accomplished when he rose from the grave and defeated death!

During spring break we took 19 students from Cal Poly to Flagstaff, Arizona to participate in four days of intense character growth and leadership development exercises instructed by the staff of Lifelines. Lifelines is a ministry within CCC that uses the outdoor and outdoor experience to help students grow in relationship with God, others, and themselves. The whole week was centered around learning about our relationships and how we can live in grace and truth (John 1:14). As I mentioned before, **I'll be spending my summer in Colorado with Lifelines (outdoor ministry) learning how to process life with students and lead them to Jesus as the ultimate giver of both grace and truth.**

## Men's Retreat

If you only had two days to teach 200 men how to walk with Jesus, what would you say? Thankfully, Steve had some timeless words from John 15 about abiding in Christ. With one dead branch in hand and another branch filled with fruit, Steve shared this scripture: *"Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."*

After Steve's talk I climbed up on a rock with three guys from my Bible study after sharing our hearts and praying for



**Steve speaking**

each other, we just wanted to yell out over the canyon and be MEN! It was an amazing weekend spent with men that I care deeply about and get to help learn how to abide.

## Turning 26

On the 15th of April I turned 26! Laura flew into SLO on Thursday and we got to spend the whole weekend together, as well as celebrating my birthday with many of the men that I work with. The highlight of the day was reading an entire book of encouraging notes from friends, co-workers, disciples, and family that Laura put together. You can read more about it on my blog (link below).

- praise God that men are growing in purity!
- rest and renewal at our regional staff spring retreat (April 23-25)
- I need a place to live and roommates for next year
- wisdom with my finances