



# CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

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## Green is my favorite color...

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I'll admit it. I love testimonies with curse words. When I first heard Katy's (not her real name), it was (aside from the colorful verbiage) one of the better-spoken conversion stories I had heard in a while. Spotting her unfamiliar face at Edinboro's large group meeting, I asked about her faith background. She shared that even with parents who were agnostic on good days – but usually atheists – she had always been a spiritual child, talking often with God even without being taught. As life unfolded, she had turned away from God until all at once He spoke into her mess, and it had obviously begun to change her.

And all of this had happened just two weeks prior. Since then, she's bought her first Bible, found a church and small group to study it with, sung her heart out to worship song she hardly knows, and shared her story with her friends. As an art major, she's now exploring spiritual themes through her painting.

An author I like says that sometimes to really love something, you have to watch someone love it. Katy is that for me and Edinboro's Cru. She's still self-admittedly pretty green when it comes to following Jesus, but she brings an energy and teachability to the group that is so refreshing to be around. All she knows is that she 'accidentally' met God, He loves her, and she's a new person, even when an occasional curse word slips out.

## Broken...

Speaking of new life, Katy would be the first to tell you that the truth will set you free, but first it might have to kick your butt. For her, life had been all about value based on perfection and performance and chasing an ever-elusive happiness. The major breaking point finally came during a conversation with a Christian friend who watched & listened while she unraveled before the Lord and received His love & forgiveness. I have yet to see her share the story without tears.

For Adam (not his real name), another relative newcomer to EUP's Cru, God used a random website about hell to grab his attention and shed light on the reality of his nominal faith. "I realized," he told me, "that God doesn't send people to hell. We send ourselves there." He proceeded to share his desire to finally get serious about his faith and come to terms with his sin with a level of sincerity and conviction that I rarely see on campus. Hmm. Needless to say, hell is not usually a popular topic of study for the masses...

## Fireseeds...

This is where I would love to describe the brilliant and effective outreach strategies that have been yielding such incredible results, but we can't take credit. No doubt, we've done outreach training and initiated conversations and activities to help our students connect with the non-believers on campus. And they have. But some of the coolest stories like these this semester are obviously not to ours to claim.

Recently, I heard it said that evangelism is us going to the lost, and revival is the lost coming to us. I don't claim to know what the Spirit is up to, but some of the most unlikely folks have been *coming to us*. We are hearing increasing prayers for revival as more and more stories lend credence that His hand is moving here. Please pray with us that the Lord will find humble & expectant hearts in Western PA (among students *and* staff) and that He will respond with an unheard of outpouring of his Holy Spirit.

- Pray for Katy and Adam, that they would be strongly rooted in their faith and understand the Holy Spirit's role in enabling them to live it out.
- Christmas Conference is coming up! Pray that the Lord would bring out the right students provide financially for them to come.
- Pray for continued widespread spiritual awakening and revival in Western PA!

Grace & Peace,

*Jayson & Carrie*

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