

Overcoming - by the Word of Her Testimony

Faith wanted something that would challenge her to grow a little closer to God. After strategizing with her teacher and staff that knew her well, I suggested that she start “reading buddies” with a committed believer on staff and suggested a number of novellas that featured strong women who had overcome difficulties in their lives with the help of God. As a result, Faith started to go to church with her “reading buddy” and was a great help in the adult Sunday school class she attended, serving often as a sort of teacher’s assistant - passing out handouts and that sort of thing.



Recently, the class she was attending with her “reading buddy” had an assignment that asked them to write out and deliver their testimony in three minutes or less. Faith jumped at the opportunity as if she had been eagerly awaiting this chance to talk about the change that Jesus had brought in her life. She shared, *“Before I met Jesus, my life was falling apart. My home was not a very safe place. My brothers were involved with drugs and my mom’s husband was abusive. My mom was too scared to protect (me not only) from harm in life but also in our home. When I was about nine years old I was removed from my family forever. Not just removed, but I left with my family’s troubles. I was then put in foster care, but the people who were supposed to take care of me were not very nice. I was very scared, super lonely, and so sad and I just felt hopeless. I cried so much. Then all of a sudden God came to me in a very special moment. He turned my heart and comforted me. And it was at that time that I gave my life to God so that he could lead me to a much better path in my life. Now, when I am hurting and don’t quite know where to go or who to turn to in my life, I know that God is waiting to listen to my pain and troubles, and understands.”*

I affirmed Faith’s bravery for sharing her testimony with her peers in chapel as well as the adult Sunday school class. I assured her that the more she shares her story, the more she will have a lasting victory over the troubles of her past and the loneliness that she felt. She was able to hear not only the encouragement we wanted to give her, but the challenge to keep telling her story... she is overcoming the pain of her past with the power Jesus has given her and the word of her testimony!

Shared by Chaplain Chris Haughee

Overcoming - by the Word of Her Testimony

Faith wanted something that would challenge her to grow a little closer to God. After strategizing with her teacher and staff that knew her well, I suggested that she start “reading buddies” with a committed believer on staff and suggested a number of novellas that featured strong women who had overcome difficulties in their lives with the help of God. As a result, Faith started to go to church with her “reading buddy” and was a great help in the adult Sunday school class she attended, serving often as a sort of teacher’s assistant - passing out handouts and that sort of thing.



Recently, the class she was attending with her “reading buddy” had an assignment that asked them to write out and deliver their testimony in three minutes or less. Faith jumped at the opportunity as if she had been eagerly awaiting this chance to talk about the change that Jesus had brought in her life. She shared, *“Before I met Jesus, my life was falling apart. My home was not a very safe place. My brothers were involved with drugs and my mom’s husband was abusive. My mom was too scared to protect (me not only) from harm in life but also in our home. When I was about nine years old I was removed from my family forever. Not just removed, but I left with my family’s troubles. I was then put in foster care, but the people who were supposed to take care of me were not very nice. I was very scared, super lonely, and so sad and I just felt hopeless. I cried so much. Then all of a sudden God came to me in a very special moment. He turned my heart and comforted me. And it was at that time that I gave my life to God so that he could lead me to a much better path in my life. Now, when I am hurting and don’t quite know where to go or who to turn to in my life, I know that God is waiting to listen to my pain and troubles, and understands.”*

I affirmed Faith’s bravery for sharing her testimony with her peers in chapel as well as the adult Sunday school class. I assured her that the more she shares her story, the more she will have a lasting victory over the troubles of her past and the loneliness that she felt. She was able to hear not only the encouragement we wanted to give her, but the challenge to keep telling her story... she is overcoming the pain of her past with the power Jesus has given her and the word of her testimony!

Shared by Chaplain Chris Haughee