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“I Was Wrestling with God Tooth and Nail.”

Students often joke and say that CCC used to stand for “Campus Crusade for Conferences” instead of “Campus Crusade for Christ.” Conferences are a necessary time when we pull students away from the chaos of life and challenge them to consider their lives in light of eternity. The rhythms of engaging and pulling back are vital during the school year. This year, over 600 students from 5 states descended to downtown Denver for a chance to grow in their faith and be trained for ministry on their campuses at our Winter Conference.

On the last night of the conference, Kaylynn, a student at the Colorado School of Mines shared with the group as she reflected, *“A year ago I was wrestling with God tooth and nail. I can't believe here I am a year later and surrendered my entire life to God tonight. I will say what He wants me to say, do what He wants me to do, go where He wants me to go, and give what He wants me to give for the rest of my life.”*

Kaylynn’s transformation is only one of the many stories of how God was moving during the week. Students lined up to talk with Shayna as she shared what the last two years have been like as she has walked through her illness. I always underestimate how much pain is in any given room. Shayna was able to comfort students with the comfort she has received in the Gospel - that we have One working on our behalf.

I often hope and pray that you realize just how vital your part is as God changes the lives of students like Kaylynn. We are so grateful for you and your continued partnership with us. Happy new year,

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PS: SNEAK PEEK - Some exciting news to come next month (and No, it’s not another baby!)

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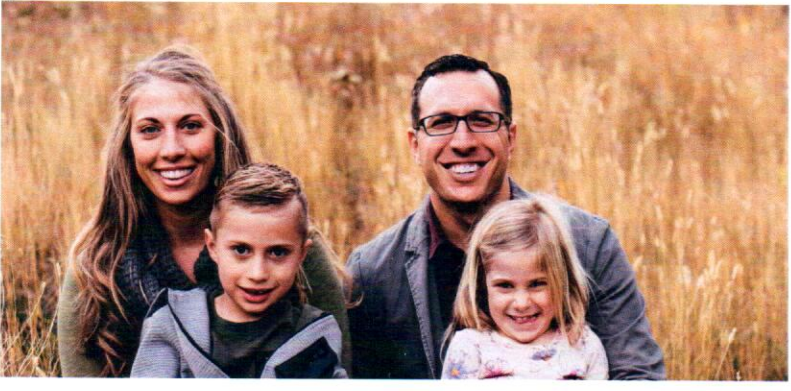
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Above: Kaylynn

Below: I had the opportunity to give a keynote address at our winter conference about how students' stories intersect the Grand Story.



Above: Shayna powerfully challenged students to consider suffering as a refiner's fire in their lives.

Below: Jace is 7 and Kylie is just weeks away from her 5th birthday.

