



What an amazing God we serve! We had an awesome time teaming up with Camp Stillwater in Dunn, North Carolina for a 3-Day Teen Conference. We were there to help "Take the Gospel to the Extreme" for 62 teens.

We took a Team of 5 people with us to Stillwater. Rob and I, plus Pro Junior Men's rider, Josh Chabator, Spencer Smith, and Kirk Weatherby. What a dynamic team God brought together to minister to the teens in North Carolina. Little did we know that God was going to minister to us as well.

During the 3-Day Teen Conference we had the privilege of leading some small groups during the morning sessions, and in the afternoon it was time for some Radical Riding with wakeboarding and tubing. During our small group times we saw teens make life-changing decisions, for Christ. We also saw teens beginning to see how much God loves them.

I had one girl in my small group named Tianna. She got to experience first hand the love of God. The first night of the conference she broke down and told me that she was dealing with some memories of past difficulties in her life. She felt unworthy of God's love. So I asked her to do something for me that night when she went to sleep. I told her to ask God to show her how much he loves her, by showing her something from his creation. I told her to pray something like this, "God if you love me, show me a butterfly tomorrow". The next day we were tubing and Tiaona was on the tube for a short time and then fell off into the water (That's Radical Tubing). When I pulled the boat back around to pick her up, she had a big smile on her face. She said, "Miss Michele, I saw it, I saw a lizard. When I fell into the water God had a lizard run across the water in front of me". I about broke into tears right there. I told her, "Jesus loves you now you know".

As we continued to minister to the teens God was moving in the hearts of one of our own team members. Spencer Smith came with us to Stillwater to use his riding ability to share the gospel with these teens. Spencer shared his testimony one morning, of how he struggled being in the world, and not of it. He shared how he had it all: money, drugs, and alcohol. He lived a life in the world and was riding high on what he thought was "The Radical Life". Soon the highs turned into lows. Spencer soon found himself broke and filed for Bankruptcy. He was also addicted to alcohol so he went into rehab. Spencer shared how these worldly things kept him in bondage from the true "Radical Life" that God had planned for him. Spencer then told the teens how God had finally set him free from the drugs and alcohol. This was the first time that Spencer had shared the story of his past struggles. It was hard for him to share, but God used it to minister to the teens, and to bring more healing to Spencer himself.

We were bummed to see our time go so quickly at Stillwater. However, when the conference was done we saw 19 teens make life-changing decisions for Christ! Praise God for his work in the hearts of those teens.