



Death 2 Selfie, Part 2 By Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

Jesus said: *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”* (Matthew 16:24, ESV)

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

What does it mean to deny yourself?

What does it mean to take up your cross daily and follow Him?

These were the questions our 4th through 12th graders plunged into during our summer programs this year. This included an actual funeral procession and burial during the last camp with our middle and high school students. To say it was *deeply powerful* is to put it lightly.

Our goal for the summer was to use the “selfie” phenomenon to teach the kids the meaning behind Jesus’ words and how *“It’s NOT all about you.”* Our theme being...

Death2Selfie

During this last camp, one of our staff, Tara Davis, brought the word of the Lord during chapel each night in a progression of powerful messages. She led the students through a thought process based on the above questions arising from Jesus’ words.

On Wednesday, we constructed a mock casket (think simple pinewood box), gave each student a piece of paper and pencil, and had them write down those things in their lives they needed to die to in order to follow Jesus. These were things like addictions, habits, unforgiveness, bitterness, etc. or whatever was stopping them from following him with their whole hearts.

After a time of honest reflection and prayer, all the students walked past the casket and as an expression of dying to self (death2selfie) dropped those papers into the casket and then filed outside in silence. Our worship leader, Curran Rappe’, along with a student volunteer carrying a large wooden cross, led the pallbearers and group of students a short distance away to the burial plot.



Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat was gracious to support this effort by digging a hole near the tree line some distance away from the cabins where, HALLELUJAH!!, we laid those things to rest. After a short time of worship, Tara asked if there was anyone who wanted to open the casket and take anything back out (no one did). After she prayed, each small group came forward and every student was allowed to throw a shovel of dirt onto the casket.

While the Lord moved powerfully throughout both weeks of overnight camp, there was something special about walking with those kids through the process of the mock funeral. The concept of dying to ourselves was deeply impressed on us all.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to those of you who helped to make this camp happen. Your sacrificial giving was what made the difference and will stand till eternity as a gift unto the Lord. Thank you so much! God bless you all!! Please know that we love and appreciate each one of you and we cherish your prayers.

In Him and for them,

Kevin

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Executive Director



4TH-6TH GRADE CAMP

- 161 students
- 72 staff



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7TH-12TH GRADE CAMP

- 143 students
- 60 staff



One of our favorite things is seeing what our students have to say about camp when they get home. They start sharing on social media about the impact the week has made on their life. We wanted to share a few of those unprompted testimonies with you, along with these pictures!

For more great pictures from both camps, look us up on Facebook by searching for House of Faith-San Angelo.

“I can honestly say this week at Camp, was one of the most amazing experiences I've encountered. Through all the laughs, and cries we've learned to die to ourselves, (literally) take up our cross, and walk with the Lord. I've met some amazing friends during just this week, and I'm thankful to have them in my life because I know that they will encourage me to keep my faith, and walk with the Lord.” —**Arrissa (10th Grade)**

“I want to be a better follower in Christ that always looks up to God, not my phone or video games or the internet, "distractions from God". I lay it down and turn to God. I can already feel a change in my home as soon as I walked in I felt happy. There was no anger like there usually is, there was no weakness or depression, I felt like I belonged. All I have to say is my God answered my prayers.”

—**Erin (11th Grade)**



“I have never bonded with so many wonderful and beautiful brothers and sisters of God. We all grew this week and I pray that we still keep growing. This experience is not a one time thing, it will continue forever.”

—**Angelle (9th Grade)**



“God moves. That's the easiest I can describe what happened at camp this week. I'm so excited to see what is going to happen in these kids' lives. Each and everyone of them has such a huge calling on their life! 100 or more world changers ready to fight. No longer will they be a slave to sin for sin is dead. Put to death by the greatest sacrifice ever, Jesus Christ.”

—**Bowdy (volunteer and former House of Faith student)**



“On July 21, 2016, in the Brownwood lake, I GOT BAPTIZED. Finally. Jimmy baptized me, and it was just perfect. I got to pick exactly who I wanted there, and I am so beyond grateful that I have people who love and support me enough, to be a part of that special day. They'll never know how much that meant to me. Thank you to everyone who has poured into me and have been supporting me for years. And especially for being there for me, and loving me, and being my spiritual family. I love each and every one of you.” —**Alexis (12th Grade)**



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Every summer we hire a team of college-age interns to make all of the awesome summer programs happen. We could not do everything we do in a summer without these amazing, godly young men & women! As our summer ends, we would like to give a big shout out to this year's team, led by staff members Annie Zesch and Josh Huddleson. Thank you for pouring your hearts and lives out into our students and loving them in the name of Jesus!

Back row, left to right: Nolan Culwell, Reid Needham, Inez Lee, Kacy Hancock, Annie Zesch
Front row, left to right: Josh Huddleson, Brandi Brown, Sierra Anderson, Carmela Booker

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