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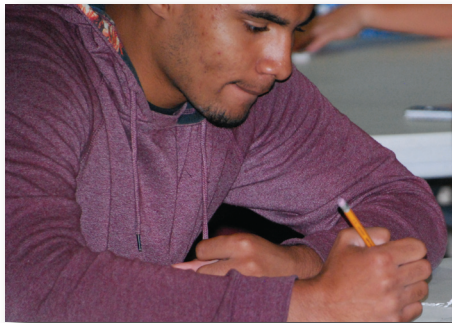
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Two Students Share How CSM Has Been Their Rock

By Ashley Daniels

The thing about the Coastal School Ministries (CSM) Bible elective offered to middle and high school students at Horry County Schools is that the enrichment extends far beyond the walls of the classroom, the hallways of the schools. CSM, through the Word of God, becomes a supportive voice, a warm embrace and a shoulder to lean on in life's deepest struggles wherever you are. That's powerful when you're a teenager, wading through the muck of growing up.



Two CSM students wanted to share their testimonies with you on just how true that's been in their lives through some especially difficult times. DJ, a high school student, lost his house in a fire last year. "CSM was there for me right after my house had burnt down," he says. "Without having CSM in my life, I don't think I would have made it through the hard time as well as I did."

Benjamin, also a high school student, lost his dad several years ago. "At first when it happened, I became closer to God and I just wanted him to take all my pain away," says Benjamin. "After hearing nothing, feeling nothing different, and my mom still being upset, I grew hate for God. About a month after I had so much resentment and hatred, I took everything personal on why he'd do that to my mom. That hatred went on for about two years until I originally took this class with coach Morris, and he completely changed my mind and my outlook on everything."

"About a year into this class, I felt like it was time to go back to God," he continues, "and, literally, within that week, everything started changing. My mom met another man and she started feeling better. After I could tell that she was getting happier, I just started to love God and started to appreciate everything a lot more."

If I never took this Bible class and met coach Morris, I don't think I would've ever moved on. He did everything possible to bring me back to Jesus."

Here's how they answered a few more questions from us about how CSM has impacted their lives:

Q: *Looking back, what first made you interested in enrolling in the CSM Bible class?*

DJ: "I wanted to learn more about God. I mean, I was a Christian, but I really didn't have a relationship. Also, everybody had told me that CSM was a great class to take to get closer to God and to know more about him."

Benjamin: "At first, the only reason I took this class was because, at the time, my best friend told me that it would be fun and an easy grade. There was also a big interest in seeing if God would say anything to me, or if he would try and take me back ..."

Q: *How has CSM impacted you today? What did this class teach you the most?*

DJ: "CSM has impacted my whole life, from the way I talk to my actions. It has gotten me so much closer to God and helped me through things I would have never thought I could have gotten through. Mostly, it taught



me that God is always there for me and also that God will never abandon you; he is always there for you."

Benjamin: "This class has meant the world to me."

Not only has it changed my life, but also my family's. I feel like me becoming closer to God has made everyone happier and everyone better off."

Q: *Would you like to share how you asked Jesus into your heart? If so, please share what you'd like.*

DJ: "I asked Jesus into my heart by praying that he would come into my life. I let the Holy Spirit into my heart and I also told the Lord I believed everything in the Bible."

WISH LIST

Prayer warriors for prayer team that meets monthly

Human resources professional, Accounting/Bookkeeping professional, and Legal professional for CSM governing Board

One (1) MAC with Adobe Illustrator for new student "Wearable Faith" T-shirt ministry

Five (5) Google Chromecast 3rd Generation for Bible video viewing in classroom

Five (5) Jenga Giant games (used in teaching Tower of Babel lessons)

Volunteer to train and assist implementation of CSM "Wearable Faith" T-shirt ministry

Carpet squares for floor of Socastee portable

Team to remove existing carpet and replace with carpet squares in Socastee portable

Additional concrete landscape edging for Socastee portable exterior

Team to install edging for Socastee portable landscaping

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Benjamin: “I’ve accepted Jesus in my heart and have begged him to be with me for the rest of my life. I’ve been so happy, but currently I haven’t had God really talk to me or say anything other than making me very happy and just listening to my prayers.”

Q: *And, lastly, what would you say to others thinking about either enrolling in the class or supporting CSM through donations, volunteer work, etc. to ensure its solid future?*

DJ: “I would tell them that if they either make a donation or enroll, it will be a great decision. You get so much closer to God and it will change your life for the best.”

Benjamin: “The couple years I have spent in this class have been amazing – there’s no other class that’s better. And this class makes me better. With this, I have been able to help so many people and make their lives better. It’s perfect ... and I hope I can do it for the rest of my life!”

These students have shown courage in revealing their challenges and have shown love for God in the ways He has spoken to them. If God is speaking to you in some way to support CSM, visit www.coastalsm.com to see the many ways you can help future students like DJ and Benjamin.

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Student Program Leaders

Student Performances

Student Testimonies in a Panel Discussion

Student Art Sale

Thursday,
March 14, 2019

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Trinity Church

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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577



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Table Sponsor (8): \$250

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