

Personal Testimony

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I came to a saving knowledge of Christ when I was 11 or 12. As a kid, I was generally disobedient, had problems with language and being mean to my brothers. I was in trouble a lot. Being the 2nd of 4 boys, I always felt the need to be better than my older brother and got attention by getting into trouble. During a morning family devotional, I came to realize that I was going to hell without Christ. I was trusting in going to church and being in a “Christian” family to save me. I had not made a personal decision to follow Christ. That morning, I talked about my problems with my dad and he showed me the gospel that Jesus took my place. I prayed for Jesus to save me and accepted His sacrifice on my behalf. A few months later, I was baptized by my pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in Hogue Creek. The most immediate changes in my life were a different attitude towards my brothers. I no longer had a desire to listen to secular music and my language improved. I began memorizing verses with my dad. In particular, I still remind myself daily of 2 Cor 5:17.

In high school, I attended the Summit Ministries camp about the Christian Worldview where I gained confidence to share my faith, defend it and dedicate all of my life to Christ. I remember sharing Christ with a friend of mine on my swim team who I found out was an atheist. I found evangelism made me more dependent on Christ and I continued through high school and college to share with my friends. In college, I was involved in campus ministry with the Navigators and led 2 of my friends back to Christ.

I knew Carrie while I was growing up but we didn’t start dating until our junior year in college. I was amazed that we had similar desires to share Christ on our college campuses. We married after we graduated and have lived in 6 states. Our first duty station was in Fort Walton Beach, FL and we were discipled by a couple that taught and demonstrated a Christ centered, sacrificial marriage.

As I continue to follow Christ today, I find him challenging me to open my eyes beyond my immediate community of co-workers, neighbors, friends and family. I reflect on the the most satisfying times in my life and they are when I have shared the gospel or discipled a new believer. I am challenged daily by the “everyday” commission of Matthew 28:18-20.

Bio Summary

Matt McCorkle lives in Fredericksburg, VA where he works as a manager for Kaeser Compressors. Married to Carrie with three girls, Madeline, Allison and Emily. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from the US Air Force Academy and a Master’s of Engineering in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the University of Florida. Matt is a licensed Professional Engineer and is a certified energy manager through the Association of Energy Engineers.