

## Desperation Youth Conference Testimonies

**@Lilly Carlson** - This week was a lot of soul searching. I felt strength and hope and things I never felt before. Before this I pushed God away because my life had not turned out the way I thought it would. But now I have faith. My greatest experience I had with God at Desperation, was probably one of the hardest, realest moments of my life. I got the chance to offer everything to him, to open my eyes and heart and see through a new light. Honestly I think Friday night was the hardest for me. I ended up putting up walls to tear back down again. I was filled with so much pain and confusion. During worship I couldn't focus and Pastor Stacie told me what God had shown her of me, and I wasn't sure how to feel. To be seen as a caterpillar, growing and changing through different stages was heavy. And to know that I need to be patient, before I emerge was confusing, but (during the session) we were asked to tithe our teen years. When I went up front I was on my knees to pray, and I couldn't get up, physically, emotionally I couldn't. God helped me realize that yes he does have a purpose for me and no it won't be easy. To impact the lives around me, to fly! It's worth being patient because I am not alone.

**@ Deja Ornelas** - To be more passionate, more outgoing, and to not follow the crowd

**@Marcus Garcia** - I was told that I didn't have to follow my past just forget about it and go on with my life (that night). God told me there was a flaming carriage to help minister to others and put Christ in their lives, and to help people through their problems.

**@Jacob Back** - God helped me focus more on the future than the past

**@ Isaac Garcia** - The last night Kimmy gave me a word that I always felt like I was in the background and that God is calling me to be a leader and that really stood out to me because I have felt like I was in the background.

**@ Jwuan Barber** - through the conference it inspired me to keep going for God

**@ Emily Vigil** - What I learned is that God answers prayer and creates miracles and that he speaks through visions and by voice.

**@ Trinity Ornelas** - This week God pulled me to him. At school I get bullied and my friend helped me through that and this helped me because God showed me that I could bring my friends to church and they could get to know God because he is awesome.

**@Josh Randolph** - at night I heard God audibly say 'Don't Let Him In'. During the session we learned about not letting the enemy in. During worship Pastor Stacie said I was on fire and all I needed to do was look to God and I would fly. She also said I would be a youth pastor before I knew it, and I've wanted to be a youth pastor. I felt God telling me I am his son and I finally felt accepted.

**@ Macky Ellsworth** - Before I came I was excited to just have fun and play. The first day my point of view changed, to focus on God. The very first session I held my feelings in a cage and after the first session the cage just fell. When Brady Boyd started talking about prophecy I had a vision that something was going to happen. Later that day I saw my vision, really happen. When we came back to the hotel I was going through something emotionally and decided to pray and listen to music. I fell asleep but when I woke up out of the blue the words of the song that was playing meant a lot to me and I was no longer unstable, God gave me the answer I needed through the song.