



Purdue Fellowship of Christian Athletes



MY STORY OF FAITH

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I was raised in a Christian home with parents who would take my sister and me to church every Sunday. While I did not understand what was happening most of the time, I tried to concentrate and learn something while there. However, as I went into High School, it was clear that I was living on my parents' faith. I was never walking in my own path and having a personal relationship with God.

One day after Purdue football practice in March of 2019, I was playing catch with our QB, Aidan, as we did after every practice. We began to talk about Jesus and Christianity one time. Aidan asked me about my own story of faith, and where I was in my walk with God. I told him my thoughts and how I had some doubts and lots of questions. He answered as many as he could and then invited me to come to the FCA Huddle Bible study that night. I was hesitant at first, but eventually got the courage to attend. That night Aidan introduced me to Marty, and to the rest of the FCA group. God gave me a great hunger that night. I was learning and paying attention as much as I could. Little did I know, that the Lord would use FCA to change my life forever. I trusted the Gospel of grace and the Lord saved me. It brought me closer to friends, closer to God, and closer to the answers I so wanted in life.

What a change God has made in me! I never thought I would be able to do a mission trip to Africa or spread the Word of God or see others come to Jesus. I never thought there was something greater for me after this temporary life. I was completely amazed that Jesus would love me, forgive me, and have a huge plan for my life. I thank the Lord so much for His working in my life through the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I also thank all of the people who support the FCA ministry at Purdue and the Dittmars serving there. I am thankful, too, that Aidan was not afraid to speak up for Jesus.

I now live and work in Florida. Marty helped me to find a good church and Christian people with whom I can fellowship and grow. God is so good!



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