

# Your Labor Will Not Be in Vain

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AMAZING! That's the word I would use to describe the 5 weeks I spent at Bethel Camp this summer. From the fun times spent canoeing, playing capture the flag or Wells Fargo (in the rain)-To the more serious times spent in chapel worshipping God, and listening to Him speak to us through the different speakers.

And although some things stayed the same each week- (i.e. team games every morning, good food to eat 3X a day- compliments of Bill & the kitchen staff, another crazy made-up song by Clark Hilty, and Zach Cornett randomly yelling my name as we played volleyball) There were other things that were new each week- (i.e. new campers, new staff, new challenges & new lessons to learn)

One of the many lessons that God taught me this summer occurred during the Jr. 1 camp in July when I was a co-counselor of 5 girls. There was one girl in particular that week that was VERY hyperactive. While this can be a good thing when playing team games, it proved to be a challenge whenever we had our morning/evening devotions. It was frustrating because she would not only distract herself, but she would also be a distraction to the other girls. And I have to admit thinking to myself a few times, "What is the point? No one is getting anything out of this!"

Well, on Wed. night that week, after our devotions, we asked the girls if they had any ideas for our cabin skit. And just like that she popped up (she had been pretending to sleep all through devotions) and said she had a great idea. She then proceeded to tell us her idea, which to my amazement, was actually very good! It was all based on the theme of camp and what we'd been talking about all week, "Follow the Leader".

Through that experience God reminded me to never give up, even though I might not see any results from my labor. I need to trust Him, because He is working on the inside where I can't see.

A verse He brought to my mind is 1Cor. 15:58- "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord".

So don't give up because your labor will not be in vain!

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*Be ye steadfast, unmovable...*