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## TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY

Brandy (not her real name) pours her heart into her artwork week in and week out. And yet, as an art major, she must also endure the classroom display of her work so that not only professors but fellow students can criticize it and explain how it should be improved.

She has struggled with feeling exposed and ashamed of her work, yet because of Christ in her, she is finding a deeper security and a more eternal hope than she's ever experienced.

Brandy is just one of the girls whom Erin got to know at our Women's Conference on April 4-6. Our keynote speakers taught through 2 Corinthians 4:5, showing how God's power is magnified when Jesus works through us despite our weaknesses.

"We have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor 4:7).

Julie (whom Erin met at a workshop on singleness) has been struggling with discouragement ever since she broke up with her unbelieving boyfriend a few weeks ago. However, she told Erin, "The breakup was hard, but I'd do it 1,000 times again because that's what brought me to Christ."

Another student confessed a struggle with constantly comparing herself to others, finding her identity in being wiser, kinder, or more competent than her peers. But the teaching of Scripture and the example of DM staff women inspired her to dwell on her identity in Christ, which will enable her to serve others rather than focusing on her own shortcomings.

These are just a few snapshots of the amazing work the Lord is doing to raise up committed disciple-makers on our campuses. Please praise God with us for the privilege of conducting a Women's Conference so the world's lies would fall flat before the truth of God's word that takes root in these women's hearts.

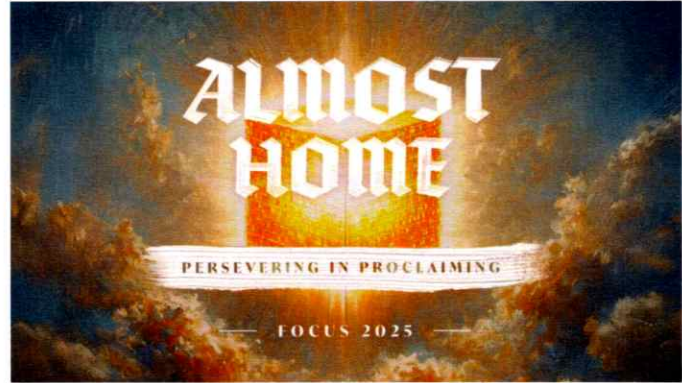




## NEXTEVENT: FOCUS

Our next major event is Focus, the week-long getaway for students after finals but before they head home for the summer. We run the event for two weeks to fit various campus schedules.

Please pray for Peter's two talks: "The Christian's Nuclear Launch Codes" (Rev 8) and "Not a Picnic" (Rev 12).



## FAMILY UPDATE

**Elsa** turned 16 this month and passed her driver's permit test. She implores Peter to take her out driving whenever he's free, and she now feels at liberty to critique her parents' driving. For her 16th birthday party, she and her friends puzzled their way out of an Escape Room in Altoona, romped at the park, played board games at our house, and enjoyed a Dairy Queen ice cream cake, which had been tempting Elsa ever since she started working there.

As usual, much of Elsa's time is consumed with music-making. This year she is singing in two choirs and an a cappella group, playing in the symphonic band and symphony orchestra, and taking a Music Theory class. A new opportunity available to her as a sophomore has been the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association festivals, which she's found challenging, encouraging, and enriching.



**Charlotte** loves to try new things and meet new people, so besides her usual musical pursuits, she went out for indoor track this year. Her current career goal is to be a sports commentator, so she wrote a proposal to the board of our local Little League requesting permission to broadcast some of this year's baseball games. When they granted it, she worked hard for several weeks learning the software and practicing her commentary skills. Her first broadcast a couple weeks ago was a success, and she plans to continue throughout the season. She is also umpiring and working once a week with Elsa at DQ.

## PLEASE PRAY

- **Praise God** for a fantastic Women's Conference. Pray for the students to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.
- **Pray** for our time in the book of Revelation at Focus on May 11-16 and 18-23.