# AIA WITH J WONG

# Bringing Athletes Closer to God in a Real Way

### My Soapbox

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(This is just a short sharing I wanted to add as something God has really been hitting me with, something that I am excited and passionate about.)

Sin sucks. Seriously, I often don't realize the pain and damage sin causes. And I usually don't connect cause and effect regarding sin. But God has really been opening my eyes to the horror of sin, mostly in the damage it does to relationships. My hope and prayer is that, as Christians, we would become more attune to God's Spirit and through that we would recognize and rid ourselves of the sin in our lives. I also hope and pray that we would see the seriousness of sin and use that as a deterrent that we may be proactive instead of reactive.

Just finished Easter lunch with my friends at church. It was a long, but joyful day as we celebrated the resurrection of our risen Lord!

### Finishing Up the Semester

It's seems the University of Arizona is getting out early than usual, so April has been the month of winding down. We had one last 'Thank You' party for our Servant Team. This team was really special. We only asked for a one semester commitment, yet in this one semester they seemed to exceed our expectations. I was required to sit down with them one-on-one for evaluations as a part of my personal development and training. Each of them expressed their joy and gratefulness in being on Servant Team. And I, in turn, was able to share a bit of encouragement is seeing them grow in their relationship to the Lord and to each other.

We also had our last Big Meeting of the semester on April 30th. We wrapped up the attributes of God with His sovereignty. It's always a good reminder for me to know Who's in control and I think this was exactly what our students needed to hear as finals were coming up.

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Maddie, one of our Servant Team leaders sharing her testimony at our last meeting. She was quite nervous, but rose to the challenge when we asked her to share. She did great!

### Car Wash for Christ

One of the most exciting things this month started with an idea from one of our Servant Team members. Over the last two years I have had the privilege to see Armand grow in his relationship with and zeal for the Lord. This past semester you could really see a huge difference just in the way God seemed to pierce every aspect of his life.

On his own initiative, he suggested having a free car wash for people. Well as you know, most groups who have these "free" car washes will openly take donations. Armand's idea was to decline any donations in the hopes that people would wonder why and through wondering the gospel might be shared. Matthew 20:28 says, "even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The car wash is going down in May, so I'll let you know how it goes!

## Gearing Up for Summer

I'll be heading to Fort Collins, CO for the Ultimate Training Camp for a week. Then I'm off to Orlando from mid-June to mid-July for New Staff Training! I'm so stoked for UTC because of the number of UA athletes we have going. I truly believe God will change lives at this camp and I'm excited to see what He does in the lives of our UA athletes.

Orlando is a whole other story. This is where I'm going to find out my placement as I transition from an intern to staff. I'm really excited for this phase of my life. God will send me where He wants me to be!

Waiting for the future, Jeremy

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