

SUMMERTIME WITH J WONG

BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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My Soapbox

(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.)

This month I got a very real and personal glimpse into a soul that is hurting. I will admit, rarely has my life been filled with long sustaining moments of hurt and despair. For that I praise and thank God. But at the same time I am reminded that there is a hurting world out there that I am often insensitive to. In a brief moment, I was faced with answering the question, "Where was God?" As I tried to tackle this question, I was at a loss for words. Sure there are the hard nose theologically "correct" answers I could say, but in the moment those answers would've fallen short. I did my best to listen to the Spirit and answer, yet I wonder if it had any effect at all. Through this, God reminded me that He is God and I am not. He knows where this person is at and all I can do is cry out to the God of hope. I am praying that God will meet this person in their hopelessness and they will be forever changed.

UTC

My summer started off with a bang! I went to one of our summer opportunities called the *Ultimate Training Camp*. For those of you who remember, it was the same one I went to 2 years ago. UTC is a 6 day camp geared towards helping athletes learn and understand how to incorporate God into their sport and competition. Along with that, we try to create an environment of worship of God and fellowship with others. If you want to learn more go to ultimatetraining-camp.com.

This year was special to me because 9 of our athletes from the University of Arizona came, two of them being guys I discipled! Ask any of them how it was and I bet they'll say it was a week to remember. More so, I'm really excited for these athletes as they come back to UA and hopefully represent Jesus well in the athletic community.

One of my favorite moments was my friend (and co-leader of UTC), Teg, gave a *Sex and Relationship* talk. He was raw and dynamic and I believe this was exactly what the athletes needed. He reminded me of how broken our society has made sex. And yet, we know God can redeem it for His glory.

Orlando Bound

The middle of my summer will be held on the East Coast. I'll be in Orlando for 5 weeks for New Staff Training. Officially, I am transitioning from an internship to staff, which I have been gearing up for the past two years. During these 5 weeks I'll be taking and TAing classes, learning how to raise support, learning more about *Cru* as an organization, and best of all meeting new staff. I've talked to many staff and they all say the best part of training was meeting people and making friends.

Future??

After I come back from Orlando, I'll be finishing my summer back home in Tucson. I will be developing ministry partners so I can report to my new placement. I talked to my regional director recently and he let me know the AIA placement team has narrowed my next placement to 2 finals spots! I'm really curious to see where the Lord is going to use me. One thing that I love about AIA is that I know they want the best for me. They want to see me grow and flourish in not only the ministry, but more importantly my relationship with God.

So all in all, this is going to be a great summer! Please pray for me and my transition this summer. And by all means please let me know if you need prayer for anything.

Working with the Lord,
Jeremy



Armand, a UA track athlete, reflecting as Teg shares the story of Jesus on the cross.



AIA UA staff and student athletes at UTC. Our athletes had a life changing experience where they met God in profound ways.

For more information, you can check out my website at www.wongside.com/jeremy

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