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### Jacori Neal Summer Camp Experience

#### ***The 2016 Junior High Camping Trip from July 31 to August 3 Was a Huge Hit***

One of my most favorite things about the Green Valley camp was what they called “free time.” Free time was held during the day and at night. Free time is when the camp staff members let all of the kids go and play. I would usually go on the Zip-Line, the Blob, the Leap of Faith or go swimming in the pool. The Leap of Faith activity involved putting us in harnesses. We would have to climb a forty or fifty-foot pole and once we reached the top, it would be wobbly. After reaching the top, we would have to try to jump to a yellow bar dangling about five feet away from the pole we were standing on.

The most beneficial part of the camp was going to the chapel services every day. During services each day, there would be a different band playing the songs we all sang. Also, every time we attended chapel services there would be a different pastor in attendance. What I learned from the pastors was how we should ask ourselves the question, “What is love?” To me, love is the act of Jesus Christ going to the cross where he died for our sins. Another thing I learned was all about truth. If you can have a friend who can tell you the truth, that friend shows you love, but without truth, there is no love. This means that if you have a friend or partner who can’t “come clean” and tell you the truth, does that mean they don’t love you?

In a way, it means that if there is no truth, there is no love, and if there is no love, there is no truth. We as people of God have to realize that we will have to make tough decisions in life when choosing a partner or choosing the right friend to hang out with. We have to say to ourselves that if any of these people in our lives can’t tell us the truth, do they love us? Should we be with them or hang out with them? That is what we must ask ourselves.

Overall, the junior high camping trip was amazing and even life changing for me. The best songs were, “So Good to Me,” and “You’re a Good, Good Father.” The best devotions were “Love Suffers Long” and “Love Never Fails.” The best activities were “The Blob” and “The Leap of Faith.” There was nothing I didn’t like and I would not make any changes to the camp. I would definitely come back next year. I loved it.



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