

I thank and praise God for the great work that happened at the YD Conference 2010. Young in age and young in heart gathered from all over North America. The conference theme was "Restoration," held at wonderful camp Michindoh. After a tough year of work and school and the spiritual assault we receive in the world, what our hearts and minds needed was true restoration in Jesus Christ. We learned at the conference that God desires us to be restored to him. God uses the wounds and dark times of our lives to repair us and bring us closer to him. So that we may be restored to the image of God we were designed for as well as to be a hope for others in sharing the gospel and restoring them as well.

The Lord brought Becky Song from New York UBF to share the opening message on Psalm 51. Her message was a heart-felt plea from the Lord to turn around and turn back to the Lord who restores broken lives. We also learned TLC from the message: The Truth that we are sinners against the Holy God, The love of God and mercy he has on undeserving sinners, and Cleansing of our hearts to be holy. When God restores 1 person, that is when revival can begin.

After this we engaged in a 1 hour prayer vigil which was refreshing as many people have busy lives and have no time to pray for 1 minute much less one hour. I could hear many people afterwards saying how cleansing it was to be able to pray freely for a long time.

On the second day Shpds Clara Yoon from Canada shared her life Testimony about how she felt heavy the weight of sin on her life, but learned that God's open arms always restore. During the second day and second message shared by Shp Joshua Brinkerhoff from Ottawa UBF, was about how God was with us in our brokenness just as he was with Joseph. God used Joseph's situation to bring him closer to God and at no time abandoned Joseph. The Lord used Joshua and used his brokenness and woundedness to restore him to be a great father and man of hope and faith in Canadian ministry.

After that we began to write our testimonies in an innovative way. The first part was to look at 2010 and look at how we failed, but God still worked mightily in our lives. In the evening Shpds Kathy Vucekovich shared her life as a mother of prayer and pastor's wife for Lincoln Park ministry. She learned the work of God in John 19 and came to see herself as God's precious daughter. God has always been with her in good times and bad and she testified that she is God's workmanship because of Jesus' grace.

The Friday evening message was shared by Abraham Lee from Washington UBF. He testified that restoration is a real thing that God does in our lives. He even invented a new word, "Restoration-ing," to describe the ongoing process of restoration by Jesus in a person's life. We learned how Joseph became thankful to God for restoring his life—by looking at the naming of his children. We learned that a restored relationship leads to change and that we need restoration everyday. We are restored by Jesus so that we may be a blessing to others. The service closed with testimony writing time for us to make a decision of our New Year's key verse and looking forward to 2011. This was followed by a New Year's celebration.

Saturday morning we received grace from a life testimony from Shp. Tunde from Washington UBF. He testified how God's word brought light into his heart of darkness while a student in Nigeria. God has remained faithful in restoring him as a child of God and sending him to America as a missionary and Bible teacher.

The final message was delivered by Pastor Mark Vucekovich of Lincoln Park University from John 12:24. He shared that restoration reaches completion when we are glorified by God. God showed his great love by his son's death on the cross. Only through his death could many seeds be produced. We learned that without death there is no restoration for anyone. God will use us dying to ourselves to bring life to others. When we serve Jesus we will be in glory and our hearts desire will be to glorify God's name.

Through this conference many young people learned that in our messed up lives, restoration is possible through Jesus Christ. This is his desire and when he restores us he wants us to be a blessing to use our lives to glorify him and bring others to him. This is the point of restoration.