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How Has God Used the FLY Convention in Your Life?

I have attended multiple FLY Conventions and heard many different people respond to their time at FLY over the years. Something that I never get tired of hearing is how God has used FLY in the lives of many teens across the country. This event consistently impacts churches, youth groups, and individual souls every year it is held. Hearing the responses of teens can be not only a reminder of FLY's impact as an event, but more importantly how God is choosing to bless those who attend it.

In Matthew 18:20 Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

At FLY we get to see the Holy Spirit work in many students' hearts. The opportunity for these students to gather together and grow in the name of Jesus Christ is something that they do not take for granted. We heard back from students from Christ Is Lord Lutheran, La Crosse, Wis. Here are a few of their thoughts.

"FLY has brought me out of my comfort zone to meet new people, and it also has shown me that I am not alone in my faith and there are millions around the world who believe what I believe," said Madison Trussoni.

Another beautiful aspect about FLY is that some students meet Jesus there for the first time, while others are encouraged in their faith walk during the

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week. That is something for which we are extremely grateful.

"Every year I go, there is always something new that comes into the light, even if it's from a topic I have heard many times before. I feel like it's one of my favorite moments to reflect and apply the teachings to my life," said Aidan Meinertz.

A word that continues to surface from those who attend FLY is "impact." As we look at all of the distractions in our world today and many directions that students are being told to go, we praise God that students are impacted positively for God's kingdom.

"FLY has made such an impact on my life! It has taught me who God really is, and it has helped me so much with my walk with the Lord," wrote Rachel Swanson.

Please pray that many students would come and hear about Jesus Christ at the 2019 FLY Convention!



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MUSIC: “Haven’t Seen It Yet” by Danny Gokey

The recent video release from vocalist Danny Gokey brought this dad of three daughters to misty eyes. Echoing the love of our Heavenly Father for us, the story-telling video envisions both the early days of a father-daughter relationship, the prodigal season, and the return. It’s worth a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1eMZiOJOa0>

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MOVIE: “Shazam!”

DC is launching in April a major motion picture that pictures what a fourteen year-old would think and do if given superhero powers in an adult body. With themes about friendship, family, and growing up, it provides a great window to think through with the teens in your context. Since the film is rated PG-13 it will not be for everyone, but with the powers arriving with one word (and FLY Convention veteran Zachary Levi in the lead role), there are many ramps for spiritual conversations.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nr2g8zRwX4Q>

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to Win teenagers to Christ through the Gospel,
to Build them up in God’s truth and God’s love,
to Equip them to live their faith and share their faith
with others, which results in the multiplying of
maturing teen disciples of Jesus.



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