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One of the characteristics of God that leaves me in awe, and that I tend to forget a lot of times, is the omniscience of God. Our God is all-knowing which means that He knows everything that has happened in the past, knows everything that is happening right now, and knows everything that will happen in the future. I struggle with remembering this way too much because as humans, we want to be in control of our lives and we think we know what is the right step for us to take next. We only see a glimpse of the big picture that God



has for us. I have been thinking about the omniscience of God more recently as I look to what I am going to do after AFLBS. This is a question that everyone is starting to ask as the school year is quickly coming to an end. I find myself looking at options that sound appealing to me but leave me with a feeling that it is not the place for me next year. This has caused me to step back and focus on putting my trust in God because He has a plan for me and He will lead me to that decision. *- Jess Green, AFLBS Senior, Kalispell, MT*



Our awesome God, in His infinite existence, still chooses to be patient with us. I think of how quickly my own patience wanes from day to day at the tiniest of inconveniences and stand amazed at how wildly patient God is with us. How wildly patient God is with *me*. I know how often I fight against His will or try to cast aside His love, yet He is faithful to gently and consistently draw me back to Himself. God spares no expense in demonstrating just how far He is willing to go to be patient with us. God freely offers us grace through the

work of His Son, so that we are showered with the gift of salvation and perfect peace before the Father. It doesn't make sense to give a valuable gift until the recipient has proved him or herself worthy of receiving it, but that is exactly what God does - offering fully and immediately this and other gifts to the most unlikely recipients! What's more is that grace does not depart from us. When we doubt, and when we stray; God faithfully and patiently guides us back to Himself time after time. *- Jacob Bierle, AFLBS Senior, Sioux Falls, SD*

"God of Wonders", this phrase itself brings me to awe. It is amazing to just think about who God is, all He has done and everything He continues to do. Something that I think about when I hear the phrase "God of Wonders", is God's love. His love towards His people and towards His creation. It makes me think how undeserving and unworthy we are, but His love is unconditional and everlasting. God sent His one and only son, Jesus Christ, to live, die and resurrect, so that our sins would be forgiven and we may have eternal life



in Him. This love He has for us never fails and teaches us to be this way with the ones around us, so that as Christians we may go out and love other people in His name. As we expand His kingdom with the same grace and love that we get from Him. Galatians 2:20 says: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." - Ignacio Dávalos, AFLBS Senior, Quito, Ecuador



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 storytelling video envisions both the early days of a fatherdaughter relationship, the prodigal season, and the return. It's worth a look.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1eMZiOJ0a0

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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