

The Lowedown

A monthly update from the life and ministry of Dave & Jennifer Lowe

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What a “Faithful” Fall

Our fall quarter has been a wonderful time of learning and growing, both personally and in the ministry here at UC Davis. One of the lessons that God has been teaching me (Jen) is the whole idea of being full of faith. Many times I read in the Bible about faith, and I see people who asked God for big things. Not only did they ask God for big things, but they **believed** that what they asked for would come to pass.

Most of the time when I pray for things to happen, I realize that I don't really believe that God can do what I am asking of Him! This lesson was brought home to me this past weekend at our fall retreat.

As a staff team we had been praying that we would see 130 students attend the retreat. We diligently brought this before the Lord, and I honestly didn't think much about my heart attitude until the night before the retreat. Dave came home from our weekly meeting to tell me that there were **140** students signed up to go to the retreat! I can remember being so excited about what God had



More than 140 students and staff attended our annual Fall Retreat

Prayer Requests

- That we would see 75 students attend our annual Christmas conference in San Diego from December 27-31. This conference is an amazing time of growth and development for our students.
- That we would see many students apply to go on summer missions projects this next summer. We are praying that 40 students would attend projects both in the U.S. and overseas.

to grow closer to God, and also to share their relationship with God with others.

One of the most precious blessings is getting a chance to invest in people, and we are tremendously thankful to have such an amazing group of students who love God and who want to share that love for God with others.

Please continue to pray for these students and their growth in Christ.

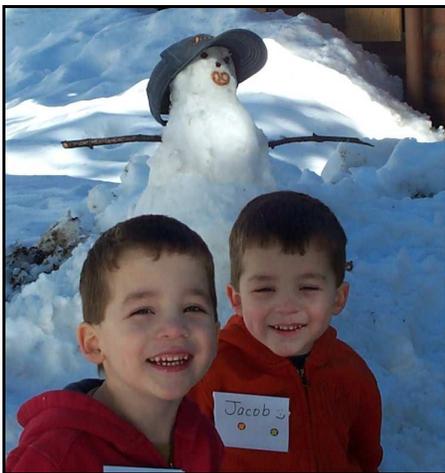
done, and how He had answered our prayers.

But then something happened in my heart. I began to realize that I was completely surprised that there were so many students signed up to go to the retreat. Why should I have been surprised?

The whole situation reminded me of a verse in Matthew 21:22. Jesus is talking to the disciples and is telling them that they can pray for anything. In verse 22 Jesus says: *“If you **believe**, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”* This fall retreat was certainly a lesson for me in how to ask God for things. I must believe, and not doubt. God certainly was faithful even when I was *faithless!*

God's Precious Blessings

The fall retreat speaker challenged us to be people of passion, who would be passionate about our walks with God. So many of our students came away with an increased desire



Joshua and Jacob build their first snowman at the Fall Retreat