

Final news letter

This last term, since Easter has gone very quickly. A lot of the course this term has been focusing on what we are going to be doing after form and preparing us for after form. Setting goals and working through how we can go about achieving these, such as reading the Bible regularly and ministries we want to grow in, like the prophetic.

I've found this last term pretty hard, as at times I have felt burnt out and found it hard to concentrate as I know what I'm doing next year, and naturally as the course came to a close found it hard to keep motivated. However I think this last term has been a time when I have matured in my faith perhaps the most. It has been a time where I think I have started to see some fruits from the years teaching, and when a lot of the teaching I have received over the year I have started to grasp hold of and put in to action. A lot of this term has been reviewing and going over things we have done and been taught. This has been very useful, as the course can be quite fast paced so to have this time to take it all in has been great.

We had our final form weekend away at the Westwood centre just out from Huddersfield. This was a time of great worship and fellowship together. On the Saturday we all had to do a half hour presentation to our huddles on how we have grown over the year and what we have found most useful. I picked out 4 main points of growth in my life this year. These were prayer, prophecy, healing and rejection. Throughout the year as you may know, I have been doing a prayer apprenticeship, the things I picked up on which I have really learnt in is adding discipline to my prayer life, praying when I really don't feel like it and learning that I'm righteous because of the cross, regardless of what I have done, and as it says in scripture, "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." In terms of prophesy, I feel I have grown a lot in being able to hear from God and stepping out in faith with my words, rather than not speaking them. Healing has also been a big eye opener for me this year, I have seen and prayer for healing often this year. This has been a time of real faith building and has put so much faith and hope into my heart. Dealing with rejection is the last major thing I feel I have learnt. To know that when someone rejects you because of your faith, there not rejecting you but there rejecting Jesus has taken a real burden of my back, also knowing that this is biblical and Jesus says that if we follow him we will face persecution and rejection, this also has been a real help.

One of the main threads of teaching this year has been on the covenant we have with God. This is something I have come to learn and take hold of more and more, how we are one body, a covenant sealed with blood, where everything I have is Gods and has been put to death on the cross, and everything he has, all the kingdom and glory in now mine.

Once again I would like to say a massive thank you for your financial support and prayer, it has been a real help and blessing. I pray that God will bless you as much as he has blessed me this year. Thank you, Andy Rhodes