

Tarleton State University: The power of prayer

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After beginning a relationship with Christ in October, Kaylee learned more and more about God's heart for the people around her. She studied the Bible and attended Journey Together, the weekly freshmen bible study at the Baptist Student Ministry here at Tarleton State. Students in Journey Together discussed what their lives were like before beginning their relationships with Christ. Then Lauren, the study leader, asked the group, "Who are some people you know aren't believers who are living in the same darkness you were just saved from?"

Kaylee thought about two of her neighbors in Heritage Hall. The thought of their not knowing Christ was devastating to her. The garbage, pain and shame she had felt before Christ was a part of her life was the same darkness her two neighbors were experiencing now. Kaylee was completely overwhelmed by the hurt she felt for her friends, and it was apparent to her group by the tears she shed when she talked about it. At that point, Lauren led her to Colossians 4:12, which speaks of Epaphras who is "always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured." Lauren challenged Kaylee to pray for her two friends and expect God to move.

Kaylee took this challenge immediately. She and Lauren stayed at the BSM and prayed for them. Before the end of 24 hours, both girls had prayed to receive Christ into their lives! It didn't take weeks or months for God to move, but mere minutes for him to radically change the lives of two people forever. They have now become members of local churches and are being disciplined on campus.

Please pray for Journey Together and the ministry opportunities they have through their residence halls.

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