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Shadrach Retreat '05 - Reports!!!

Wow, where do you begin??!?!?! God helped in so many ways. He was working constantly. He was moving and changing lives every day. He used every message to build on another. They all seemed to connect and to confirm what God was trying to tell all of us. We must bear our crosses. We must surrender. We must give up our lives, for in trying to save them, we are losing the real life that God has planned for us. We are settling for the humdrum and the safe, when God wants to give us thrills, romance, and adventure. The funny thing is that in trying to save our lives, and in trying to get what we want, we are usually missing out on that very desire that God wants to give us. For example, in trying to work out our own marriage, we may be stopping God from bringing our companion along. It is only when we surrender our will, our life, our dreams, our personality, and our deepest desires that God can trust us with His will for our lives. When we try to hold on to any part of our own lives, we are stopping Him from fulfilling *His* purpose in our lives. In a nut shell, I believe that is what God was trying to show me this past week.

I really appreciated being with the girls this year. There was a maturity and a hunger for God among them. There has always been a certain amount of desire to see God's will fulfilled at Shadrach, but it seemed that this year there was a willingness to lay down all of our faults and failings before God and others, in order to get to His will. I was also so thrilled to be going back to Little Nashville. I have always believed that God had given Little Nashville to Shadrach. It is our duty to reach the lost, to restore the backslidden, and to encourage the faithful. I believe that this last week, to a degree, we did that. *Manda Arnold* I believe that we were able to put conviction on some, and to encourage others who are also trying to be a light in that community. I was so happy to have returned. I am also thankful for how God has been helping me since I got back. There hasn't been any big change in my life. I have simply been trying to love God more, and that is manifesting itself in the rest of my life. I have been able to love and respect my parents in a whole new way. I have been able to be more of a servant to those around me, especially my mother. God has also helped me to get out of my comfort zone. I have also been able to stop worrying so much about what I am doing next semester. I know that decisions need to be made, but I trust that God will help me make them in His time, with the help of my parents and spiritual leaders.

Jordan Clark This was my first year attending the Shadrach Retreat. The Lord helped me through all the messages. The session on nutrition helped me to be more aware of what I'm eating, and the message on "The Cross" tied in with that. The Lord showed me that if I don't deny myself in the area of food, I won't be able to deny myself in other areas. There were two times that the Lord really worked in

my life. First, when the guys all met in our dorm and had a group time of prayer, He lifted a burden off of my heart and put a peace in my soul. PRAISE THE LORD! It was so great to gather in the Lord and praise Him. Then, the Friday night meeting was also great. When all the guys gathered by the altar and laid hands on one another and prayed for each other separately, the Lord really worked in all of our hearts.

I'd have to say that this year at camp was a life-changing one. Being around other young people and the fellowship that we had was a great encouragement to my heart. The sermons and teachings that we heard were challenging as God would call me upward. I felt during that week that I was dying inside and oh how sweet and precious it was, although it was a spiritual death.

The message that Pastor Robert preached about striving to rest was anointed. I didn't understand what it meant at first until later that week when God began dealing with me about some issues. I talked to Pastor Robert about this area and he said (something to this effect) that to give up what God was dealing with me about was striving and that later in life I could rest without consequences. It was great being able to talk one-on-one with the staff so that I could have some help in my life. I felt as though we the campers were the children of the staff and we were so privileged to be there hearing about walking with God.

Jesus really helped Karin teach us about authority and how we need to submit and bear the yoke because there we will find rest. Not only was that helpful but the teaching we heard from Pastor Michael and Carla about finances and eating healthy was *Rebecca Smith* helping me, and I'm trusting Jesus to help me to live up to what we heard. Pastor Schultze hit on an area in my life that I've needed help with and that is discipline. Pastor Michael preached about the cross which helped me in my heart. In my life, I've heard about the will of God and how great it is, but it was helpful to get a call to carry the cross and bear those things that God has called me to and my flesh doesn't like. I started to learn that it doesn't matter if we have a desire for the area that God has called us to at all-it only matters that God wants us to do it! On Friday night when Pastor Don was sharing about us apprehending the call that God has apprehended us for, oh my, it was great! During the week I was feeling God working with me, and it was a great message to grab ahold of the call from that week and not let it go. Praise the Lord!

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Assignments enclosed

First Due Date: October 10th, 2005

For Assignments and the Book List
check out: www.schultze.org

Shadrach Retreat '05

Tapes/CDs/Videos

Tapes & CDs:

Boys - \$24

Girls - \$26

Videos

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My favorite meeting was probably Friday night when we prayed for all of the young men that were there. Jesus was working Friday night!!!! My second favorite service was Tuesday night. God worked with power, convicting us of our sins and the things we had against each other. I was sooo relieved after I had confessed my attitude towards my dad. Since I confessed it, it was easier to keep a good attitude and have victory in Jesus when I got home!!! If I wouldn't have obeyed when Jesus told me to, I would have lost the victory as soon as I got home. Jesus was showing me how important it is to obey. Another of my favorite experiences was Wednesday morning while we were praising Jesus for the stripes and His blood. I was thanking Him for giving His all for me, and as I was thanking Him, He said to me "Christa, I gave my all for you. Why are you afraid to give your all to and for me?" That changed my thoughts and the way I dress and the way I act. I believe I was afraid to give my all at first because I knew I would have to change some things and I might be teased by others. I am learning that it takes a lot of dying to self to give your all for Christ, but it is also rewarding. Praise the Lord for how he worked and still is working!!!

Christa Neal

Angela Neal

There were several highlights of the week! Actually, I liked all of it. I was really encouraged with Pastor Robert's sermon about pressing to rest!! And the class Jenn taught really helped me, too. Well, they were all encouraging. It was so awesome when we got to pray for all the young men on Friday night!!! And the witnessing was a new experience for me, but God helped me just to rest in Him. Praise God!! I also really enjoyed the spider's web and getting to make new friends! It was a very neat experience!!! I'm so thankful for all the things that God taught me over the past week!!!

Important Note: Now is the time to send in \$5 for your Shadrach newsletter subscription (still free for the first year).

Because Shadrach finances will now be under the umbrella of the Litchfields, it is all the more important that we receive your subscription. In the past, the church has filled the gap, but those "extra funds" will no longer be available. So, if you desire to continue to receive the Shadrach newsletter, please send in your \$5 (otherwise, we will have to remove you from our mailing list). Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

*Wow! What a week of sound, practical teaching that gets things right. The main themes of the week were sur-
cross, and being yoked with Jesus. The cross was so real and clear. It was wonderful how God took a group of people (many who did not know each other) and by the middle of the week made us feel like a family. Tuesday night God really did a work in our hearts as we had a time of confession. How merciful and wonderful He was to us, and how He made so many things right that night. Praise the Lord. It is such a beautiful sight to see people humbly confessing their sins and being reconciled to brothers and sisters. I know it was very beautiful to God as well. The Lord also helped us witnessing on Thursday. I believe He spoke to many of us, telling us that we need to go deeper and farther in our witnessing. What a great time we had in our little street meeting as well, singing of our Lord as the people went on their way. It was also encouraging to have Brook and Israel Wayne with us to see how God brought another couple together in marriage. It is such a beautiful story and only God could have worked it all out in such a way. Having them share reminded me that I need to be pure and holy and that my thoughts need to be on Him, not on other things. When Mr. Wayne shared on how we are in a betrothal period with Jesus, it was so convicting to me. Am I loving Jesus as an engaged person loves and is excited about her spouse to be? I should love Him more and be even more excited than that! Another teaching that really helped me was when Karin shared about accepting the fact that most things are things we cannot do, watch, eat, wear...etc. I need to just gladly accept this (because it is for my good!) and stop doing things that are on the edge or doubtful. Overall, it was a very wonderful week. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and for being with us and teaching us. He's done it again.*

Jenn Johnson

Dear Shadrach Youth:

We had a glorious youth retreat, thirty-three of you plus the staff. The dream I received for the Shadrach ministry in the Fall of 1996 is beginning to be fulfilled. The enemy has fought this ministry. But this year, as I see Christian leadership emerging amongst you all, I know that all the praying, fasting and trusting of the past is paying off. Glory to God!

What is so important now is that we keep what God has entrusted to us. Jesus, in the Parable of the Sower, tells us about the seed that fell in good ground: "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15).

Oh, yes, do you see these two little words: KEEP IT? All your fruit now and forever depends on those little words: KEEP IT! And, of course, with these two little words comes the word PATIENCE. If you keep the Word, if you keep with patience what God has given you, you shall through Christ bring forth fruit: thirty-fold, sixty-fold, and one hundred-fold! Hallelujah!

All hell is against you keeping it. All hell is against you being patient. But all of heaven is for and with you! Shadracher, I have seen Shadrach youth dry out; some because they started college and thought they didn't need the teachings of Shadrach, and some because they let the world get into their hearts. Many of these gave up and lost the fire. Yet, praise God, there are others who with patience have kept the truth given to them, and they will change the world, someday becoming jewels in the crown of our dear Savior. Be one of those who keep the Word and, in time and through patience, the fruit you produce will be beyond measure.

—Pastor Schultze