

THIS IS ONEIDA STUDENTS SHARE, CONTINUE REVIVAL

A few weeks ago, I shared about the recent revival the Lord brought to our campus. Within a few hours of the writing of that article, the Lord continued the revival in our next chapel service. I had known for some time that a couple of our students were going to share in an upcoming chapel service. Students sharing in chapel can be a little worrisome because you just don't know what might be said or done. The two young men who were chosen to share on this particular day are two of our very best, so I didn't worry a whole lot.

Sharing first was a young man who we will call "John." John is a staff child and has spent his entire life at Oneida. His parents have faithfully served in our ministry for nearly 20 years. John did an excellent job in challenging our students to spread the fire the Lord has placed within them. John is a leader on our campus, and I am sure his parents are very proud of him.

Sharing second was young man who we will call "James," who has not had the same Christian foundation and support at home that John has had. James was raised in a broken home. His mother worked two jobs to support the family, and wasn't home very often. His father was physically, sexually, and emotionally abusive. Eventually, James was removed from the home and spent many years in different homes and foster care. James spoke of his father's funeral and how he could not remember any good times in his home, but he also spoke about some men on our campus who have been like a father to him.

It will not shock me if James becomes a pastor. Near the end of his message, he came down amongst the students and challenged them. He told them life would not be easy, but that God has them in His hands just like he had him in His hands when things were so difficult in his own life. When James closed in prayer, he prayed the following: "Lord, I am thankful for the difficult times in my life."

I asked James to travel with our choir the following Sunday and share his testimony with that church. He agreed to do so, and did an excellent job there as well.

While I am sure both John and James were nervous about sharing in front of their classmates, they both did a fine job. I am also sure it was a nice change of pace for our students to hear from a fellow student rather than from the usual adult.

Come visit us someday for chapel (Monday-Friday) at 10:35 a.m. We'd love to have you, and you might even hear a powerful message from kids like John and James!



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