

THE COFFEY CLOSEUP

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Book

Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools by Tyler Staton

Verse

Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.. - **Psalm 34:5**

Prayer

- Praise for Bec! And that Cru Family Day allowed for greater gospel partnership and expansion
- Video Advent Devo David helped produce at HQ would cut through students' isolation during their break & connect them together
- Continued Godly counsel for the Coffey's in this season
- Future of Cru Legacy videos
- Emma and Abigail have started ballet and are naturals

CRU FAST FACT

IN 2020 CRU HAD
19,000 STAFF
MEMBERS IN 190
COUNTRIES



FOUR MONTHS LATER

One of the last events David hosted in NYC was the Cru Family Day (June 2023). The aim was to

introduce parents to how God was working through Cru on campus. In an answer to prayer, Bec's family came! Bec had shown stand-out leadership, frustrating a cult's evangelistic attempts toward her, sharing her faith with classmates and leading other women on campus. But her parents were uncomfortable with extracurriculars outside campus hours. This meant her capacity to lead with Cru (at Over The City worship nights, Fall Retreats, Summer Missions, etc) was not possible.

After meeting David at the Family Day, her mom and grandma both rejoiced at how God was using Bec to reach others for Christ. Fast forward to Oct 2023 - she got the green light to attend Fall Retreat! And even brought someone else! She shared, "I

made more friends.. felt freedom and safety in that atmosphere.. and a lot of peace being in nature." Later, she led others to participate in a social media fast.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Fall Retreat is perhaps the greatest bonding opportunity we offer for students in the fall. Students leave changed with a powerful community! But at semester end, what happens during the 2+ month winter break? Time and time again, we've seen students drift.

In an effort to support students, our creative team at HQ developed an Advent Devotional series for bible app: YouVersion. This app is designed for collaborative reading, commenting and progress-sharing; most college students use it. Carlos (FL campus staff) guides students through John's Gospel in 10 short video lessons. David designed the bumper and co-shot the videos. Check one out here: bit.ly/cruadvent4