

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

And just like that, I'm Home!!! WOW!!! What an incredible, formational, stretching six months it has been with YWAM doing a DTS in Kona, Hawaii and Samoa. After finishing up our time on outreach, all the teams that were part of the school I was in came back to Kona to debrief our outreaches and share the incredible testimonies of the work God was doing in all the other nations we were in. We also had some more classes preparing for coming home and what to look for next. In our debrief, we had multiple questions to get us thinking about what our highlights were and what we learnt, etc.

My highlight and ties into what I learnt as well was just how it was such an intentional time to fall in love with Jesus. As I mentioned earlier in the year, I was really brought into and found my secret place and in that space I was able to learn so much about the character of Jesus and learn to hear His voice so clearly!! In that secret place, my love for the word grew so much to where I was able to read cover to cover, front to back, and while we were in Samoa, in the downtime that we had, I read through the New Testament in just over a week. Now I'm not trying to say that out of a boastful attitude, but it was truly out of a love for wanting to know Jesus more and more!!!

One of the biggest revelations I was given by Jesus during this season was actually what true love means!! Not love that is based on a feeling or the way we feel towards someone but love that is an action and a choice. To be able to go low for people and serve them regardless of what we get in return is something only possible when we seek Jesus and ask Him to lead us in that. Jesus gives us the perfect example of love in the way that He loved until the point of death and then eternity. He gave Himself up as a perfect sacrifice so we are able to have a relationship with Him and live in a trust and a faith that when we love and follow Him, we will one day be with Him in all His glory!!

So...what's next for Will? Although I have finished my season of being a student, the opportunity to continue on and staff the same school I have just been part of brings me a lot of excitement!!! The leadership team for our school will be running what they call "Leadership Track" in Norway which I will be going along to at the end of September. Leadership track is designed to equip and prepare people like myself to be able to lead teams like the one I have just been part of and to be able disciple young people. I will be in Norway until beginning staffing back in Kona in January next year. From now until September, I am very excited by the opportunity to come and serve back in church and get back into the community and different spheres attached to the Rangiora Baptist Church.

As I mentioned staffing, I must also mention that it is not a paid job. I would be so encouraged and blessed by any financial support that you would have to offer and if regular support is something you feel called to, I would love to meet with you and share with you more stories and what that support may look like!! Have felt so blessed and

covered by this community in my time away and I thank you all for the prayer and support.

If you wish or feel called to support you will find my details below and please be in touch with any questions!!! Once again, thank you so much!!

Many Blessings,

Will

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