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I played a lot of different sports through my Junior High years. When I became a freshman my cousin introduced me to motorcross racing. I took things for granted that things always come easy for me. So when I thought about racing motorcycles I was sure I would be good at it and I really loved going fast which made me love motorcross even more.

Three years ago, during one of my races I was jumping over a triple jump and my front tire hit the second jump and I went head first into the third. I woke up 13 days later in a hospital with complete loss of mobility on my left side and unable to talk. My life had completely changed.

I had mixed feelings about my relationship with God since then, and was angry with God for allowing this accident to happen to me. I had given up on my physical therapy and the idea that God really cared about me.

But the past couple years at ChangePoint I have participated in many youth events and made new friends. I have felt like I have found a new family here. I felt kindness from many of my peers that I have met on various youth retreats and mission trips.

About a month and a half ago I attended a youth conference called "FUSION". During that conference the main speaker gave an opportunity to come forward and accept Christ. I wanted to go forward but was scared of what those around me would think and I didn't want to be embarrassed by going forward, so I stayed in my seat.

Two days later near the end of the conference there was another opportunity to make a decision to accept Christ and come forward. This time I decided I didn't care what others thought and was going to make give my life to Christ. After I prayed I felt relieved and closer to God again and that he had the strength to help me overcome my disabilities.

I'm not sure what the road ahead looks like for me and my relationship with Christ, but what I do know is that God has the power to help me overcome all my fears and disabilities. So I'm asking my church today to help me continue my walk with Christ and partner with me as I travel the journey ahead.