

“I was blind and now I see”

Some people may have an event, or story that causes them to “see the light”. I had a very unique experience. Unlike many of the other youth here. And I know you are sitting there trying to figure what cool story I’m about tell you. Well here it is. I grew up in this church. Yeah. Cool right? And I mean, I was here from such a young age, I can’t even remember anywhere else. And this is about it. I’m coming to the end of it. The main part of my experience here is almost over. I only have a few months left before I go off for college. But when people talk about who raised them, or people ask how I turned out the way I am. I of course give credit to my parents. But there’s another group responsible for who I am. Good and bad. And that is this church community. Because from such a young age I have spent so much time here. This church has helped raised me into who I am today. I’ll let you decide whether you did a good job or not.

Now the scripture today of the blind man is perfect for sending off not only myself but Alex, Anthony, and any other seniors here today. Because while they may or may not have been here the same amount of time as I was. I know for a fact that this church and its community will have had a lasting effect on them just as it did me.

“I was blind and now I see”. I came into this church blind. I didn’t have views or opinions. I didn’t know anything. And I’m not saying I have all the answers now. But I like to think I’m a little better off than where I began 16 years ago. But this was the answer given to the Jewish leaders by the former blind man. Right before they expelled him. But when this man spoke to Jesus again, he realized that he had finally seen the light after living in the darkness for so long. Jesus was, and is the light of the world. And he worshipped him from there on.

So what does this have to do with seniors? We may not all have the same views. But we all started out “blind”, or sinless. But through things like Sunday school, choir, youth group, lock ins, ASP and other things, we began to learn. We learned about our religion, our practices, each other, but most importantly, ourselves. And like I said before. We don’t all claim to “see the light” or know it all, but we do see something. The constant changing aspect of our faith, and its role in our life. Because this church and its community has taught us that it’s not just about showing up to church a few times a month.

So on behalf of the seniors and youth I’d like to take this chance to say thank you to you all. And while we were blind, we sure see something now.