

Camp Copass Boys Camp 2008

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Wild to Believe

When Eddie was nine years old he heard a man tell a story he'd heard many times before in many different places. Eddie's parents had told him the story, Eddie's teachers had told him the story and even some of Eddie's friends had told him the story. Eddie thought he knew the story better than his own name, he'd heard it so often.

But that night, after hearing the story once again, Eddie began to understand the story. He began to understand that he - Eddie - was full of sin and that getting rid of that sin would cost a high price. Eddie also understood that nothing he could do, nothing he could buy, nothing he could say would ever be enough to make that sin go away. Slowly, Eddie began to understand that one person, Jesus, God's Son, had agreed to pay that price for him. Eddie understood that the price was Jesus' life.

Eddie's heart was sad when he thought that Jesus had lost His life for him. It didn't seem like a fair trade. After all, Jesus was perfect and Eddie was most definitely not. But, then Eddie remembered the rest of the story, the part where Jesus came back to life after three days in the grave and how, before He returned to Heaven, He promised to see us there one day. And how all we have to do to have this promise for ourselves is take it.

That was enough! Eddie asked his parents to stop the car right then so he could pray and ask Jesus for this gift. He wanted to give Jesus his life and begin to tell the story himself.

Have you heard the story? Have you accepted the gift? Jesus died for your sin the same as Eddie's and - also just like Eddie - all you have to do is admit that you have sin, believe that Jesus has taken care of it and commit your life to Jesus. Do it now. Don't wait to hear the story again.