



Many of my teenage memories have come on Fridays nights attending the youth ministry called Vision Unlimited. Not only has it been a blessing as far as the great values I was taught but it was just flat out fun. From playing wall-ball to dodgeball, I always had a great time. It also gave me a great opportunity to make and strengthen friendships that have lasted throughout the years. Friends who have stuck with me through thick and thin, and who have teamed up with me through college. Vision Unlimited is one of my highlights of my teenage life, and I'm glad I can now be a part in leading and helping this youth group.

The Southwest Believers Boot Camp is definitely something I will always remember. I attended 4 years, 16-19, and I would have kept going hadn't age restrictions prevented me. Though the boot camp was physically challenging and all the "boots", as they are called by the drill instructors, were pushed to their physical limits, it was also a great blessing. However, the challenge that most impacted me was not the exercises or games but the fact that we were isolated from all media devices. The entire week was just the teenagers and nature. This may sound devastating to some, but it changed me that week. I made great friendships, strengthened myself mentally, and also spiritually. I was taught leadership, teamwork and competitiveness. I enjoyed all the games and competitions, one of which I won first place as the "Knowledge Championship". Boot Camp was a great blessing in my life and I would recommend every teenager to attend.

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