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ter; I know much of that has been filleted and exposed and I want to fight it , and not merely empathize with conviction. I prayed for courage; I know it is easy to feel strong when faith is being built up, but not tested. Then I sat down and reread this:

> *"I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest" — Revelation 6: 1-2*

I felt so grateful for my notes as a reminder of Mike Taliferro's sermon today, and the implication of our mantle scripture at ICMC West. We met for the last time this morning along with the San Diego Church of Christ to be reminded of the calling. Jesus is in the first half of this scripture; the one who opened the door. Although our faith hinges on Him , we are the ones given the horses, bows, and calling to ride out. After service I asked several disciples what this means for them.

For Mason Alfaro, a three-week-old disciple from Hawaii it has been a chance to prepare. He gained the ability to be tested and readied for what is ahead in college. For him the battle has been made real; he made a decision to engage in trying to help his family and friends. He told me, "They want to learn, I just need to be persistent."

Brittany Busby from Missoula, Montana told me the conference this year was different from previous ones she had attended because of the focus on us as individuals getting out there and doing what needs to be done. "I have to fight through my fear and thoughts that I can't make a difference" she said. These are things that she is determined to conquer through practice and better knowledge of her Bible.

Patrick Gutierrez from San Antonio is dead set on making prayer the fuel of his life and decisions. "I remember one of the lessons, and how they compared us to smart phones," he told me, "we hold our own charge for only so long." For him the conference has highlighted his need for reliance on God and other disciples, and the world's need for evangelism.

The Spirit has set a pace. The messages of the conference have led us to keep in step with it. The final thing I prayed for tonight was action. I know that even the fiercest tides become stagnant when they sit too long at bay. If you did not attend the conference this weekend, I hope you can see what it was about and what it is to be a disciple in the campus ministry. To be here believing that God can do more, and to be convinced, that with our effort, He will.

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- ***Annapolis Church Hosts "Missions Week"***
  Darin Ford, Annapolis, MD — Tuesday, 09 July 2013
  The Annapolis, Maryland church recently held a "Missions Week," where disciples from all across the ACR came to share their faith and serve the poor. Here's a video recaping the great week!

- ***Supporting Missions***
  Disciple Adventures — Tuesday, 09 July 2013
  Though God will not call all of us to go to a frontline mission field, missionaries greatly rely on the support from home churches. Every Christian can play a part in putting other Christians where God has called them to go. Prayer: The needs of a lost and hurting world...

- ***Benefit Concert Raises over $3,000 at ICMC East for Children in Africa***
  Tony Martin, Boston, MA — Friday, 05 July 2013
  To kick off the first day of ICMC East, singers and dancers took to the stage last night at HOPE *worldwide's* Celebrate Freedom Benefit Concert. Breeze Ministries and HOPE *worldwide* decided to dedicate the proceeds from the concert to support Chance...

- ***New Video Appeal for July Volunteers in Oklahoma City***
  Roger Lamb — Tuesday, 02 July 2013
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• UPCOMING EVENTS

"Be One" Middle East Conference
Jerash, Jordan
July 18, 2013

ICOC Delegates Meeting
New York, New York
September 11-15, 2013

International Youth and Family Conference
New York City, USA
September 13-15, 2013

New York 30th Anniversary Service
New York, New York
September 15, 2013

"Spurred On" Texas/Oklahoma Singles Retreat
Ft. Worth, Texas, USA
September 27-29, 2013

Biblical Studies Tour & International Teachers Seminar
Greece & Turkey
October 19-26 2013

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ICMC East & West Inspire 2700 Strong

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2700 campus students from across North America were filled with inspiration and vision this weekend at epic ICMCs in San Diego and Orlando. See some of the highlights below!

- Lives changed, decisions made, relationship with God focused and celebrated!
- Hundreds of campus disciples considering One Year Challenge
- ICMC West Sunday contribution for Chance for Africa was $9700. At ICMC East, a Fourth of July benefit concert raised $3,200 for Chance for Africa
- The Florida churches produced a feature-length motion picture Bent on Conquest to depict the spiritual battle between good and evil
- Read day-by-day recaps of one student's experience at the ICMC West in these articles: Bent on Conquest Day 1 and Day 2, both available at DisciplesToday.org, and the final Day 3 recap is below.
- Audio and video from both ICMCs will be posted on DToday.org and DToday.tv next week.

Bent on Conquest Day 3

by David Johnson

I needed to walk outside and pray when I got back into Los Angeles today because I was now 140 miles away from San Diego and the conference, and Satan wanted me to feel the distance. I prayed for charac-

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