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Will had never been to camp. He wasn't looking for a life-changing summer, just something to do. When a friend invited him to work at LOMIK, he said yes mostly because he was Lutheran, had no better plans, and figured a few weeks in the woods might be fun.

He walked into camp knowing only one person and expecting little more than babysitting and the occasional faith talk. He thought it would be light, temporary, easy to forget. But that first summer held more than he expected.

Through deep conversations and shared experiences, Will began to see life differently. He wasn't just teaching kids about Christ, he was learning to live like Christ beside them.

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He felt known. He felt loved. One mentor told him, "Camp isn't life as it is - it's life as it should be." And Will believed it. His sense of purpose shifted.

By the end of the summer, he had changed his major, his career goals, and his understanding of what community could be.

Today, eight years later, Will is a full-time therapist for young children. He's married to Amy, whom he met at camp. He's been a missionary. He still talks to his camp friends daily. And in every classroom and counseling session, he helps children know they are loved and safe - just like he was at camp.