Title: Urbana 2023 Immanuel stories #10 – 'Jesus With Me Before I was a Christian!'

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Greetings all,

Here's another story from one of the Immanuel Approach volunteers at Urbana:

"A student entered a positive memory of being at a subway station in New York, noticing the beautiful sunrise while listening to calming music and noticing the beauty of the sky at sunrise. He became aware of Jesus next to him, and then the student smiled and laughed a bit and said that Jesus conveyed that He did not want to interrupt his (the student's) enjoyment of the music, and the student was impacted by Jesus' desire to be with Him without imposing Himself. Next, the student entered a positive memory of playing music with his band at a venue (he said he is a drummer in the band). He smelled the sweat of his band members and smiled as he remembered everyone glad he was there and the feeling of being satisfied by performing well. Then, he noticed Jesus in the audience, and Jesus was saying, "Wow" about how he played the drums.

But then the student's brow furrowed, and when asked about it he disclosed that this memory of playing in the band was before he was a Christian, and he was worried that his music would make Jesus mad. So, he asked Jesus about that concern, and he heard Jesus respond that He has always loved the student, and He has attended all his concerts and will continue attending his concerts.

The student was impacted to consider that Jesus had always been there, even before he was a Christian, always loving him.

The student experienced a shift inside and was smiling with gratitude and peace from his realization of Jesus' presence and love for him, before he was even a Christian, now, and going forward."

Blessings,

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