

Title: "First Time Seeing Jesus"

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Greetings all,

Just a quick note to share another fun Immanuel-Approach testimony from a facilitator who has provided Immanuel ministry in a number of different countries around the world:

In California, a young man heard about Immanuel Prayer and he told me, "I've never been able to see Jesus, but I've always wanted to." I responded that I haven't had a prayer time yet where someone doesn't see Jesus and we set a time to have an Immanuel Prayer session. We started Immanuel Prayer and it was a struggle to start. He went back to a happy memory, but negative memories kept popping up. When we'd ask for Immanuel to be revealed, this cardboard cut out image of Jesus (Sunday school style with a white robe and red sash) would repeatedly pop up. So we struggled for a while, but eventually gratitude was built up and we rebuked a false Jesus.

Then we had a breakthrough and the young man had his head in Jesus' lap. I asked if he could see His face and he said, "no, I can never see the face." So we appreciated just laying on His lap for a while, then I suggested, "Do you want to look up?" "I just see a chin and a beard." "Well, that's more than you've seen before, would you like to compliment his beard." "Yeah, Jesus you have a beard better than any Alaskan man!" "How did He respond when you said that?" "He smiled". "Oh, so you are seeing his mouth now, would you like to compliment his mouth?" "Jesus, you have the nicest teeth and such a handsome smile!" "What do you notice now?" "Oh His eyes are shining and so happy. I feel amazing when He looks at me." "So, let me just clarify, you are seeing his whole face now?" "Haha, yeah, I guess I am." "Would you like to thank Him for showing you His face?" "Yes, yes I would like to thank Him...".

This was the first time He saw Jesus.

Note: In my experience, there is a lot of variability in the way people perceive Jesus' presence. Many people get visual imagery, and for these people the visual imagery is helpful and meaningful. But some people perceive Jesus' presence in other ways, and do not get visual imagery. For a much more thorough discussion of this important point, see chapter 28 in the big lion book.

Blessings,

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