

# Grace & Truth *Youth*

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## YOUTH CAMP 2001

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Youth Camp 2001 began with a storm and traffic jams for me, my brother and my dad. We slogged through Auckland city and crawled out the other side, finally arriving at almost 7:30pm. Camp Sladdin, owned by Scouting Waikato and only two minutes drive from the bright lights of Clevedon, proved to be a relatively cosy Easter weekend retreat.



On walking through the front door, one was immediately scrutinised by a painting of Sir Baden Powell, founder of the Scouts. He frowned down upon our delicious meals, but failed to make an impact on our appetites. Our wonderful Welsh cooks, Gareth and Christa, dreamed up all sorts of old favourites and new tastes - Lasagne, macaroni cheese, curries, hot chocolate pudding, cheesecakes, cooked breakfasts....



After breakfast, mornings began with singing, followed by a talk. Each of these was based on a different chapter of the book of James. Stephen Turner spoke on "A faith that perseveres" and "A faith that says 'God willing'", Fred Schaumkel on "A faith that speaks", and Dafydd Hughes on "A faith that works" and "A faith that prays". Each of the talks had really good examples, as well as a clear message and practical applications to follow.

Following the talk, the rest of the day was spent doing all sorts of activities - flying fox, rope swing, rock climbing and water confidence course at nearby Sonshine Ranch; kayaking and other beach activities; bushwalks and a treasure hunt; confidence and organisation skills development; a trip to nearby Papakura pools, and of course the camp concert.



Each evening we watched a video, followed by a short discussion: "To Kill a Mockingbird", "Stephen's Test of Faith", "The Hiding Place", "Through Gates of Splendour" and "God's Outlaw".

The campers' ages ranged from thirteen to eighteen.

People came from many different areas - the North Shore, Mt. Eden, Clevedon, Hamilton, Taranaki and Christchurch. We all got along extremely well, and formed new friendships. By Tuesday morning addresses were swapped, and most of us were sad to see the others go. Next year promises to be even better!

**Youth Camp  
next year (DV)  
4-9 April 2002**



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