

Sermon: The meeting on the journey, 13.8.2023, Matěj Drábek

- **CHILDHOOD**
 - I have never met my birth father. But I have a wonderful stepfather!
 - My mom got blood cancer when I was 12. I lived with my step father for 1 year.
 - I was always a “proactive idiot” -> My classmates bullied me (mentally and physically) at school and I didn't say a word at home (as a follow-up to my mom's cancer).
- **YOUNGLIFE (YL)**
 - I heard for the first time about Jesus at the YL camp in 2013.
 - The very first question about Jesus was: “What car seat would he sit in if he was the hitchhiker you picked up in your car?”
 - The very first prayer to "I don't know what" and mocking God's presence, which made me more convinced that God does not exist.
- **SLOVENIA, FRANCE**
 - First real reflection on whether I can serve God or not. (*1. Timothy 4:12 “Let no one make little of you because you are young, but be an example to the church in word, in behavior, in love, in faith, in holy living.”*)
- **HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN**
 - Story from a car on the way to Wurzburg.
 - Scene from The Friends TV show.
- **MY CHRISTIAN SERVICE: HOW IT (DIDN'T) FULFILL ME** -> serving to God, serving to people.
- **CROSSROADS IN MY LIFE** (school, sport, job):
 - Even if I didn't choose God's path, God was still there for me.
- **HOW I KEEP MYSELF IN GOD'S PRESENCE** (I look for God in details of everyday life.) -> God in pop culture.
- **WITHOUT GOD'S LOVE WE ARE JUST “NPCs”.**

Bible verse: 1. Timothy 4:12 *“Let no one make little of you because you are young, but be an example to the church in word, in behavior, in love, in faith, in holy living.”*