

Today there were storm warnings all day ... but God put his umbrella over camp. Just a few miles away they had torrential rains, hail and flooding, but God allowed us to get all our activities in for the entire day, with just 20 minutes of heavy rain and lightning while we had everyone safely in the dining hall for dinner, after which it stopped and we got to see a rainbow over the lake!

I have been leading one of our electives. Each morning the campers get to choose from electives including hiking, archery, archery tag, ropes course, painting, going out on the lake in a motor boat (always a favorite), bocce, frisbee golf, and video making. I had four groups of 4-6 campers each for the video-making elective. We have been filming verses from Psalm 139, which is our main passage for the week. The first day went well and I had about 80 video clips to work with from a dozen or so verses. Today was more challenging as several of the campers were non-verbal, and several others were easily distracted. 10 minutes in I was not sure what to do since we obviously could not simply have people quoting verses for an hour. God used the opportunity to help me think more creatively – one verse talks about God knowing when we sit and when we rise – so why not have the campers physically sit and rise? Another talks about how God protects us in front and behind, and one of the campers showed up wearing a helmet and with a staff in hand, which made him the perfect one of stand in front, and then in back, representing our protector. Several campers have said how much fun they had filming. Now all I have to do is put it all together into a single production which will premiere on Saturday during the closing program.

Chapel continued the past two days, first looking at Elijah, and then at Jesus and the healing of the blind man. We saw the way God used Elijah as he prayed, and God sent fire to prove He was the true God rather than Baal. But then we also saw Elijah as he fled in fear into the wilderness and God cared for him and eventually came and spoke with him in a still small voice. When we are scared or overwhelmed, we too can turn to God who will protect and provide for us, and even show himself to us. In the account with Jesus and the blind man Jesus is asked a question about who sinned that caused the man to be born blind – Jesus answered that no one had sinned, the blindness was actually to show God's glory, and then he cured his blindness. Limitations or disabilities are not a punishment for sin, but is how God knit us together from before birth to uniquely bring Him glory, and He will use each person in His way. And for all who know Christ one day we will be freed from all pain and tears and made fully whole!



Top Photo: Sunday evening when the lake was perfectly still, like glass, and reflecting the mountains, trees and clouds with such depth – you could just feel God’s majesty!

Middle Photo: Clear afternoon at camp!

Bottom Photos: storm coming in tonight, and rainbow after.

You can **see more photos** now on the “Camp Promise Ministries” page on Facebook and Instagram. Eventually you’ll be able to see photos on my Facebook and Instagram. Photos of campers in tomorrow’s blog.

