



## IMPACT INTERVIEWS CAMPUSDAYS2018

The experience at Charis Bible College's Campus Days is a turning point for many people and prospective students. Attendees of all ages dip their toes into the Charis experience and have the chance to see what student life is really like. When students in Colorado and worldwide enroll, they get a solid foundation that's built on the Word of God and gain the direction God is leading them in. Learn from these testimonies and let your story begin!



### Rose Garvin – Woodland Park, Colorado

#### **Where are you from, and what is your occupation?**

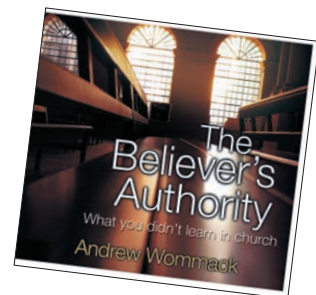
I'm originally from California. The last three years I worked for a missionary organization called ITEC [Indigenous People's Technology and Education Center] in Central Florida.

#### **How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?**

We became acquainted with Andrew about fifteen years ago. We were looking at different shows on television, trying to discover truth—real truth. We weren't getting it in our church, but we were seeing it in the Word. Then we came across Andrew. We began listening to all his downloads online.

#### **What teaching of Andrew's has impacted you the most?**

I believe that the main teaching for me that has been pivotal in my life is *The Believer's Authority*. I didn't know I had any. I didn't understand what Jesus did and gave to us. I knew Jesus had authority, but I didn't understand that He gave that authority to us, even though the Word says that. When we began listening to that teaching, it changed me; it changed us. It changed the way we saw the Word, read the Word, understood the Word, and it changed the way we prayed. *The Believer's Authority* was very important to us.



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## Have you been healed through one of Andrew's teachings?

In 2007, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I felt a lump in my breast. In my art class there was a gynecologist, and she checked it. She said, "You need to be seen immediately. I know who you need to be seeing, but you're never going to get in with her. But let me see what I can do." We'd been listening to Andrew for probably about seven years by that point. When she said that to me, I just said, "No." I wasn't concerned about it. I literally had no fear because we'd been listening to *The Believer's Authority*, and I really was growing in my authority. I knew who I was. I knew that wasn't written about me in the Book of Life, but I agreed to allow her to get some medical attention for me.

We went two days later, and they diagnosed me with cancer. At that moment my husband stood up and said, "No, that is not God's will for my wife's life." The doctor said she understood we were upset, but she'd like to do some further testing that day because it was large, and I would need to start a treatment plan immediately. We went to breakfast and called some friends of ours, and they stood with us. We all just said, "No, that's not part of my history."

We came back for the tests, and she took me into a sonogram room. Against hospital policy, she let my husband come in with me and sit in the back. With the ultrasound tests, she told me what the cancer would look like. She brought it up on the screen with the ultrasound technologist there, and it was exactly what she said. At that very moment my husband stood up, came over to me and spoke in tongues very loudly. I believe I got the interpretation. What I heard him say is, "God, that is not Your best for my wife." As soon as I heard that and I heard him speaking, it completely shrunk on the screen. It just morphed on the screen from this mass that was almost like a spider with veins flowing to it, to like the size of my fingernail. They started checking the equipment because that can't happen. "It's got to be the equipment," they said. They brought in new equipment, and they couldn't find anything, just a little tiny spot.

The doctor said, "I know what I saw, and you need to have a needle biopsy." I looked at my husband, and he said, "Let's prove to her it's gone." I went for a needle biopsy, and the report came back; there was not one cancer cell. We got to witness to this doctor and the team of interns that were with her and share the love of God, the power of God, and the authority that God gives us. I'm healed. Here we are in 2018, eleven years later. It is awesome.

## How has Charis impacted your life?

I'll tell you, the impact Charis has had on me is life changing. It's not just words; it's truth. For me, the biggest impact is that there's a concrete foundation on the inside of me now of who I am in Christ. I've known the Word, been born again, and been baptized in the Holy Spirit for a long time, but I did not use my prayer language. My prayer language has exploded and, along with that, so has my revelation in the Word of God and my desire to pray for people. I want to see the manifestation of the exact same healing that I experienced happen to others. I can't tell you how many people I've prayed for with cancer that have been healed. The confidence and the boldness to do for others what's been done for me because of Jesus has just exploded. The teaching is extraordinary. I love the personal relationship that we get to experience with the teachers. It's the best two years of my life.



## What does partnership with Andrew mean to you?

It's the ability to help facilitate for others what's happened in my life. That's what it means to me. It helps build this campus. It helps take the Gospel as far and as wide as it can go through myself, through those who teach here, and through those who come through here. That's what it means to me.

## Is there anything you would like to say to Andrew?

I believe that you instilled in me and my husband the truth of the Word of God that led to my healing and the changes in my life and my family's lives. I just want to thank you so much. Thank you for fifty years of adhering to what God said and never wavering. That is a big part of my life now. I know what God says. And when He says, "I'm going to do it," I'm not going to waver. Thank you, Andrew.

## Larry Dowden – Florissant, Colorado

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### What is your occupation?

I'm in a sales management role where we do commercial fire protection systems. I've been working remotely the last couple of years out of Austin. They have been so incredibly good to me. It's been a tremendous blessing.

### How has Charis impacted your life?

It's been an absolutely incredible experience just sitting under the Word four hours a day, having time in the evenings and every opportunity to listen to the Word. I just know God so much better than before. I'm a totally different person and have such a deeper and better understanding of God's Word. It has been tremendous. I truly feel like a completely different person than who I was several years ago. I absolutely love the teachers. Charis is an incredible experience; it's truly life changing.

I'm in the Business School, and it has been incredible. I knew God was calling me to that before I ever came to Charis. I think when I heard Paul Milligan speak for the first time about business and the Business School, it really just lit my fire. That's exactly the mountain I feel God calling me into. The Business School has taught us so much. One of the things that just really sunk in is the Business Model Generation Canvas. It's a tool that we use. It helps you really think deeper and figure out different ways to be better at what you do. It helps you be more competitive and just more efficient. The company I've worked remotely for is looking at opening an office in the Denver area. I would be doing that for them, and that's pretty exciting. Everything I've learned here is going to get put to the test. I'll have an opportunity to use it.

### What does partnership mean to you?

As we began listening to Andrew and other ministers and teachers associated with the ministry, it was like, "We have just got to be a part of this." We believe so strongly in the message of grace and faith, God's love, and the true nature of God—who He really is. We wanted to be a part of that. We wanted to sow in this ministry and support it, see it grow. It's a message that everybody needs to hear. We love it. It's just a blessing. We are honored to be a part of it.



## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

I would just like to say thank you, Andrew. Thank you for being faithful for all these years and just being such a man of integrity and honesty. You and Jamie are such an incredible blessing to so many. The support around here from all the students is just phenomenal. We love you guys. We appreciate what you're doing. We're so grateful for this opportunity.



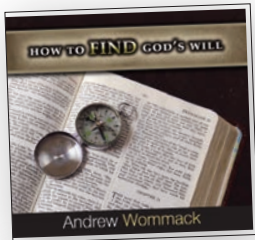
## Chandra Sain – Woodland Park, Colorado

### Where are you from?

I'm from Dodge City, Kansas, originally from Guymon, Oklahoma.

### How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I grew up in church, and as I was about to go to college, I was talking to my pastors about how I felt called to go into worship and just pursue worship. They sat me down, and they said, "Now, I know you probably don't know this name, but Andrew Wommack is a phenomenal teacher and has a school out in Colorado." That's originally when I heard about Charis. They actually gave me a few of his teachings, and I listened to them and just knew immediately that I was supposed to come to Charis.



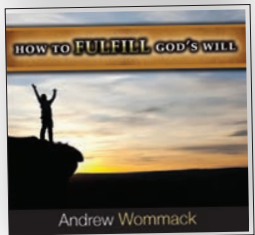
### What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's?

My favorite teaching by Andrew is *How to Find, Follow, and Fulfill God's Will*. It was the first one I heard, and immediately when I heard it, it confirmed in my heart what God was already speaking to me. It is what set me on course for what I'm doing right now in my life. I'm very thankful for it.



### How has Charis impacted your life?

I originally just wanted to come to Charis to pursue the worship track. When I was told that there were two years of biblical training to go through first, I was actually really excited. I was excited for a good foundation. Honestly, just being in the Word and around the Word day in and day out—the professors are amazing. It really just settled a lot of things in my heart and just confirmed a lot that I had grown up hearing. I grew up in a lot of Word of Faith, so just hearing the balance of grace and faith balanced me. I'm not leaning on my parents and what they know and what they believe. I'm figuring out what I believe, and I'm going to choose to follow God for myself. First and second year helped me to just establish that foundation.



### How has Worship School impacted you?

I originally wanted to come to the worship track to learn more about music, to just understand it better. My heart was always to lead in the local church. Just hearing who some of the instructors were, Daniel Amstutz and Marcia Alverson, and how they've led in a lot of different places—Charis doesn't just teach worship, but teaches it with the truth that they understand, the truth of the Word. The revelation that they have at Charis really was what drew me to the worship track. What I've been learning here has just been phenomenal. I'm already helping lead in a local church, and I'm learning how to communicate with my band and communicate with artists. We're not just learning the musical aspect of it but also the heart of it.

## Is there anything you'd like to say to Andrew?

Andrew, thank you so much for just following what God put in your heart and planting the school here. It has impacted so many lives, and it's impacted my life personally.

I'm so grateful. It set me on course for where I'm going for the rest of my life. I very much appreciate it.



## Emily Takats – Divide, Colorado

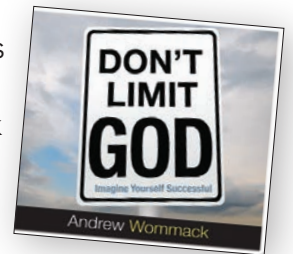
### Where are you from, and what is your occupation?

I'm from Toledo, Ohio. I'm a prayer minister at the phone center, where I can give back what Andrew's given to me.

### What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's?

I would say *Don't Limit God*. When I came out here in 2016, I just remember feeling like I was in a box, and I didn't know it. The Father opened it, and I stepped out of the box, and God was like, "Don't limit Me. Let Me show you who I am; let Me show you all of Me." And I wanted that.

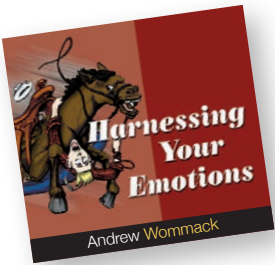
Also *Harnessing Your Emotions*, definitely. I've just learned to harness my emotions by controlling them and allowing my emotions of the spirit to flow. I don't get angry, and I don't get frustrated. I don't think negative, and that teaching helped me to be this way, to see it.



### How has Charis impacted your life?

I went on the second-year missions trip to Hungary, Serbia, and Ukraine. It was the very last night of this missions trip, and I just remember looking at everyone and telling them about my degree and my business in New York City, everything I did there. I told them that this moment with them was more fulfilling than my whole time in New York City. I've just seen an adjustment of my heart. I'm beaming for the people in a way in which I'm seeking that which is lost and giving them eternal food. I'm not saying that I won't ever go back to my career—that may come in the future—but I know that through Charis, I'm being enabled to be everything that the Father wants me to be. With all these doors He's opened and the things I'm doing, I couldn't have been this person without Charis.

When I came out here for school, the Lord just started to speak to me on not limiting Him. When I went back home during the summertime, I was like, "I'm not going back to school." It was a fight, like, *God, what am I going to do? I'm going in the unknown. I'm giving up my business. I'm giving everything to you.* The Holy Spirit spoke to me so gently and said, "Would you go, Em? I have some things I want to show you." I pulled over crying, and I said, "Okay, I'll go." The day that I got here, I was in worship and the Holy Spirit spoke to me. He said, "You weren't going into the unknown, Em. You're going into the God-known where I can be everything I want to be for you." I'm in the God-known where I'm experiencing all of Him, and I'm experiencing prosperity. I'm experiencing deeper relationship with Him, a deeper revelation of His Word, and godly friendships. I'm experiencing everything His Word says is true. It's better than a fairy tale; it's my reality. It's heaven on earth.



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## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

To every partner of Andrew Wommack Ministries, I just want to thank you as a student here at Charis. You have helped make this building a reality. People from all over the world are coming. Everything that you've sown into this ministry you will reap. You have a reward. You were a partner in the missions trip that I went on, and you'll be blessed for what all of the students are doing here because you've given. So, thank you.

Andrew Wommack, thank you so much for just serving the Father and being obedient and just walking in everything that the Father has called you to do. I'm so blessed that you have been faithful, because it's allowing me to become everything I'm called to be.



*Testimonies have been transcribed and edited for length and clarity.*