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STAYING POSITIVE



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STAY POSITIVE

by Colin Leaver
Executive Director

"Curse God and die!" Job's wife lamented from the torment of a terrible time. In contrast, Job praised God through the pain. How will you respond to the trials and temptations of 2020? Both responses will influence youth today. Here's what it looks like:

I once overheard a 16 year old declare, "My father beat me, so I'll certainly beat my kids". More recently, I watched one teenager punch another in the face repeatedly over a ball. Is this what our culture teaches our kids? **Like math, negative attitudes always take away our joy, and constantly divide fellowship. Just as gravity pulls us down, it is natural for humans to do the same.**

Youth often reflect these negative attitudes. One teen recently shared with me his struggle with substance abuse. Another shared about suicidal thoughts. They are overwhelmed in a negative world. An increase of pressure naturally results in a breaking point. How will they know any other way?

Recently an [odd inspirational cartoon](#) reminded me of a modern-day Job named Bethany Hamilton. At age 13, her arm was bitten off by a shark while surfing but she refused to let it destroy her life. Bethany re-learned how to surf and 4 years later she became a pro surfer which launched her Christian testimony around the world in the movie *Soul Surfer*. Terrible times can say a lot about who we are.

Anyone else would have called out curses, like Job's wife. Relying on God helped Bethany to be supernatural. Staying positive means following the example of Christ, to lift up praise through the pain and wait patiently on God when we want to run away.

YFC believes the words of that old Sunday school song, "they are precious in His sight". We are committed to lift teens up to God, fighting the natural gravity of sin. This is hard work. We do it because youth need positive examples in a negative world, like Job and Bethany.

Stay positive! For what is more important: what we say about these terrible times, or what will this terrible times say about us? Let's make it our aim to show this dark world the light of God by reflecting His love. ☺

