



HOW CAN YOUTH BE USED BY GOD?

“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity”

—1 TIMOTHY 4:12

In the Bible, in Christian history, and today we see youth used by God in extraordinary ways. The God of the Bible is more than willing to use youth for his Kingdom purposes.

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1 FALON

“When people meet me, I want them to also meet Jesus,” Falon said excitedly. She had just finished sharing several stories of ways that she had led dozens of people to Christ over the course of the last several months, since the end of her time at Forge Equipping.

2 KARI

After listening to a Forge speaker, she sensed God calling her to leave her comfort zone and enroll in public school (after being homeschooled for much of her life). She sensed that God had a Kingdom purpose for her in her local high school, and she was right. She decided to be on-mission in a place no one else was. God used her, and she ended up leading people to Christ!

3 CHARLIE

Charlie sensed a call to international missions. He took this seriously. Within the year, he was on his first mission trip to Africa. Soon, he was living among a tribal group, deep in the bush, hoping to start a discipleship movement. At the ripe age of 21 this young man ignited a discipleship movement among a totally unreached people group.

Throughout the pages of Scripture, we see youth used by God:

- David is estimated to have been less than 20 years old, when he slayed Goliath.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were likely young men, when they faced the decision to either bow down or be thrown into a fiery furnace.
- Of course, we know that Timothy was young, since Paul wrote to him about his youth.

Time and time again we see youth used by God. In the Scriptures, in Christian history, and today, it’s a big part of what He does. Of course, youth are just crazy enough to believe that God can do incredible things. They are passionate, bold, and they don’t let life experiences stop them from obeying Jesus.

When God uses a humble-hearted, Jesus-loving youth, there will be no doubt of who is doing the work. It’s God! So, if you are a youth out there, or a parent or mentor of youth, keep this Scriptural truth in mind:

God uses youth to do incredible things in His Kingdom.