



don't just fly...
SOAR!

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Verse for keeps

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

Holy Giggling

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending -and to have the two as close together as possible. -

George Burns

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her class room of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the girl was doing. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Beginning of Great Things

Many great people started their lives from scratch or nothing, others from even quite painful beginnings (Abraham Lincoln). Many people in the bible also experienced coming from no where to actually getting somewhere. Two of these bible people are quite unforgettable. One was a common shepherd boy, wandering round deserts and valleys tending to his father's flock, the other was even worse off, his brothers hated him enough to actually *sell* him into slavery.

These two people are David and Joseph. As we, the teens of CLA, start our journey together, I can not help but remember this duo. I am greatly encouraged by them and I know that just as David and Joseph and even Esther and Ruth rose above their towering circumstances and little beginnings we will also soar!

Just to clarify matters, we are a group of shepherds. What I mean is that no matter what you have still get to the top. It will call for a lot of determination, but to what we believe might be so few in our generation, the greatest things, remember Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego - even Jesus and his 12 disciples might even seem old people, but Jesus was only 12 when he preached to long bearded scholars in the temple, Josiah was just 8 when he became King and Mark Zuckerberg was only 20 when he launched the now titanic Facebook. My point is; we may look small but we are heading places!



Esther, Sope, Bambi, Nendel

I am not saying we are obscure slaves or archaic things, remember Shadrach and Abednego or his 12 disciples. We are trying to highlight is where you start from or been through you can peak, the mountain top. of hard work and determination, if we hold fast we will end great! We number now, but that is the fewest people have done things, remember Shadrach and Abednego or his 12 disciples. We are young to some really

A Sunday to Remember Forever!

On Sunday the 31st of August 2009, we will be taking over the church. Really!! We will conduct the 2 hour service from beginning to end and it is going to be a blast...by God's infinite grace and mercy! Let's give you a peek of what will be happening. Esther aka Queen Esther will be playing the saxophone, what a man can do or usually does, a girl can do better..usually. There will also be a game "How well do you know your teen", even the parents are included!

We will love for you and your friends to come, do not miss it for anything, even if August 20th aka results day was a bit...weird!

Alton Towers!!!

We are off to Alton towers on the 1st of September and if you would love to come and have fun with us, feel free to join us at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre for a ride there or contact 07930855239 or 07817180782

Sun in my Eye

It was a usual morning as I walked into the staffroom to get ready for work. As usual I was not exactly excited to shove dishes into a dishwasher or throw bins out. I was burdened with thoughts of approaching exams, university and all sorts; my mind was a bit frazzled. I looked in the mirror scratching my head when a beam of light came through the window and hit my eye. And I saw my eye like I have never seen it before. I quickly looked away frightened. I was not frightened because I saw something horrific; I was frightened because of the terrific and intricate beauty I beheld.

Cautiously, I raised my head and faced the mirror a second time and the sun lit my eye again and even my soul. This time I was not frightened, I was awestruck at the specificity with which the brown in the sea of white was really structured, the little black glass disc in the middle of the brown, the zigzagged circular frame round the glassy disc and the millions of lines that spread from it to form my pupil.

I was impressed and in just a matter of minutes, I felt totally different. From being bored to being exhilarated. I felt special because someone actually took the time to make the tiniest parts of me to such minute detail.

I truly understood what poetic David meant when he said "you made my innermost parts". I was not made in a hurry or mindlessly pieced together; I am "fearfully and wonderfully" made. Even though I was made from dust, I am definitely not a walking mound of sand. I am a creation, a precious one, made by the only true God. In fact, I am worth more than gold, because the one who made me made gold; but he chose to show his power by making the most precious out of mere dust

The sun in my eye lit the pathway into my soul that morning and flooded me with light and life. The light of God. The light you feel in you when you just experience something supernatural.

Sope



Did you know...?

- ⇒ That the only archangel mentioned in the bible is Michael
- ⇒ Matthew is the most often quoted Gospel.
- ⇒ The book of Deuteronomy was forgotten for a generation
- ⇒ The words faith and believe appear almost 500 times in the bible
- ⇒ Hebrew language is written from right to left, instead of left to right as English is
- ⇒ Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the bible.

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365 facts



And my life was never ever the same!

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I had the opportunity to speak to someone who God saved, despite all his faults. His story does remind us all that no matter what we have done, Jesus is willing to forgive and forget and call us to himself.

Tayo was born into a devout Muslim family in Nigeria and he grew up with Muslim teachings and doctrines. However as he grew older he did not really have a relationship with God even though he was brought up in a god fearing home.

He grew up to become a

young man who wanted to express himself. Soon he fell into the wrong crowd and spent most of his time partying, drinking and smoking.

He had been invited several times to fellowship by his university friends but he refused, but one day he agreed to go. After being deeply touched by the preacher's message about Christ's love for us, he tearfully surrendered his life to Jesus. That was his "turning point". "

His transformation did not stop there though. He had a "zeal" to discover God for his own self, he studied the bible, prayed and even fasted.

Interestingly, not only did Tayo get saved, he also led some of his friends and even members of his Muslim family to Christ!

Through Jesus he was able to find peace and his life was never ever the same!

Testimony of Tayo

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