



## CHRIST'S CALL ON THE YOUNG

Manchester High School student, Caleb Eckerd, is one of our youngest Noble Men and has been involved with the mission of Noble Warriors almost from the start through his friendship with Ben Young. Caleb says he was practically the Young family's fourth son.

**"I joined in working alongside them for the ministry whether that meant stuffing envelopes or setting up for conferences."**

Caleb grew up in Christian home where his parents instilled Christian values in him at a young age, however, he admits he wasn't sold out.

**"I never really did anything more than what I needed to do to make my parents happy and to keep me out of trouble. I tried to do what I thought Christians should do, but it wasn't where my heart and joy were."**

Caleb continued in the role of a Christian, but it wasn't until a family tragedy that the Lord began to work on Caleb's heart. Caleb's Uncle John didn't return home one evening having passed away during his run after work. Caleb wrestled with emotion and began to question God and his motives.

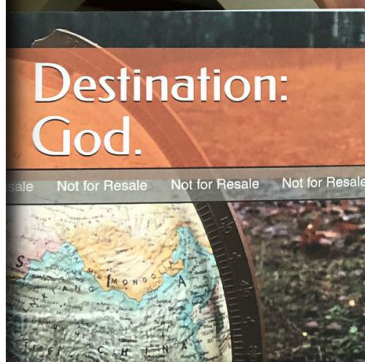
**"I was mad that the Lord would take away such a good man from his family at just the age of 44."**

But as time continued, Caleb recognized that what the enemy had intended for evil, God had intended for good. He saw people come to know the Lord and how lives were changed after the death of his Uncle John.

**"I witnessed the testimony of a dedicated Muslim man saying, 'Your uncle followed a God far different than mine. He followed the one true God.' It was then I chose to give my life to Jesus because he was the Way."**

Caleb was all in from that point forward.

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### MINUTE WITH MIKE

#### Young Men...

**Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.** 1 Timothy 4:12

I love to see young men take risks, stretch themselves and test the limits of their capacity. The fact that Caleb Eckerd has already written and published a book at 17 is pretty awesome! **Destination God** is his first, but I doubt it will be his last.

I bet you know a young man who would be blessed by a word of encouragement... **Look around, ask God to help you notice a young man and find some special ways to encourage him.**

Cheer for him. Buy him lunch. Tell him you're proud of him and impressed by something about him. Let him know that you've noticed him. Go to a game, concert or event. **Pray for him and let him know you're praying for him.**

Yes, young men need this affirmation from their dads. Some get it but many don't. **Your encouragement could become a critical factor in the life of a young man and leave a lasting impression.**

- ▶ **Let's remember to pray for young men who we encounter! Pray that they will be encouraged to walk with Christ and lead well, setting an example for their peers and others.**
- ▶ **And, pray that God will open doors for us to engage and encourage them.**

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## YOUNG ADVENTURES



**TIM's** been in California for most of June. We're looking forward to having him home for a few weeks soon.

**ZACH** is learning much about commercial construction with his internship at WM Jordan. He's also enjoying fellowship and Bible study with other college students from Parkway.

**BEN's** got a busy summer! He's already been to SLE (Summer Leadership Experience) at West Point and is now at Boy's State. He and Caleb are serving as Chaplains in their cities.

**Hannah's** December 22nd birthday makes it tough to do a celebration with her friends. So we celebrated her ½ birthday on June 22nd with little dinner party on a friend's pontoon boat!

**STACY and I** got away for an overnight trip to Williamsburg to reflect on and celebrate God's blessings in **26 years of marriage!** And we said goodbye to a family friend! Our blue excursion died. She served us well... 17 years and 311K miles.

