

Caleb Training in Intergenerational living

It continues to astonish me how living out our intergenerational values impacts people.

John Parks (one of our interns) and I have been in Norway together for a conference. When I would get up to speak, I would always invite John up to pray for me, to tell about our Caleb training or simply to share what was on his heart. In doing this, my own effectiveness increased many times over. I was living out, in front of our Norwegian brothers and sisters, the value of intergenerational living. And, by the way, the young people, and there were many in the meetings, would continually crowd around John. By the time our four days were coming to a close, our hosts themselves were asking John to speak.

Tod found the same thing to be true when he and all four of our interns (John, Kappel Cloninger, Ben DuBose, and Kara Donaldson) went to the Youth With a Mission Fire and Fragrance Discipleship Training School in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the week prior to our Norway trip. Tod saw his own effectiveness increase. We were imparting to others through the visible unity of our intergenerational team.

My favorite biblical story in this regard is the account of the younger Joshua leading the even younger troops into the battle against the Amalekites soon after Israel's departure from Egypt (as recorded in Exodus 17). The three old men on the top of the mountain were watching the battle below. When Moses' hands would droop, Joshua would begin losing the battle. When Moses' hands went up, the army below would win. Soon it became obvious that the only way to win the battle was for the three old men to keep their hands up while the younger troops and their just-a-little older leader were in the fray.

We from the generations will never win today's battles alone. We need each other. That is a core message of our Caleb training. We want to raise up younger warrior leaders from around the world who will join the vigor and passion of their youth with the wisdom and continued passion of age to battle against the Amalekite forces of our own day.

May increased blessings and the fresh anointing of Yeshua/Jesus come upon all of us as we unite together to defeat the enemy!

Yours for the King and for His Kingdom!

Tod McDowell/Don Finto
"raising up generations of Calebs"