



HOMESCHOOLING HIGH SCHOOL

CHANGING THE WORLD

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"I LOVE THE WORD IMPOSSIBLE. I'M NOT AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON. I'M A YOUNG PERSON WITH A SIMPLE HEART. I LIVE IN A HUGE WORLD WHERE I WALK DOWN THE STREET UNNOTICED. I BOARD AIRPLANES, LOST IN THE CROWDS OF PASSENGERS. BUT WITH GOD THERE ARE NO IMPOSSIBILITIES. GIVE UP? NEVER. WHAT IS MY DREAM? MY AIM? VICTORY. BECAUSE WITH GOD AND I-WITH LOVE WITH STURDY HEARTS, AND DETERMINED, DARING FAITHS- WILL MOVE THE WORLD. YOU WATCH. YOU WAIT. YOU'LL SEE. WE CAN." (ANN KIEMEL)



I'm young, only seventeen. I have not even graduated high school yet. But that doesn't matter. Every person desires to leave a legacy, and I am no different. Except that as my legacy, I want to change the world. Dramatic? No. Impossible? I think not. See my plan does not involve preaching to the multitudes or solving world hunger (though both are commendable). It is not 'BIG' as the world terms 'big' and to many it may not make any sense, but it is in actuality quite simple. See, I plan to live. Yes, live. You may be reading with a bewildered look on your face or scoffing out-loud at it, so I will try to explain.

Though contrary to majority thinking, most of the world does not live. They walk through life as if walking through a dream, they do the actions, say the necessary words, and "live" out their lives, except only as a zombie would. There is no true life in them, any inspiration or purpose. Some may even be busy their whole lives, scurrying about like a rat, hoping against hope that speed will create enough energy to awaken them out of their self-put coma. They are born, they live, and they die, nothing more. Sadly, many Christians are no exception to the rule. Some even become very involved in ministries and spend all of their time "serving", but most are no more alive then others and are only going through the motions of life on auto-pilot with no reason for it all.

That is how I shall change the world. I will not be a Winston Churchill or a Ronald Reagan, but I will live and I will spend my entire life trying to open the eyes of and awaken those around me from their sleep walking. As a Christian I will continue to discover my purpose in life in a deeper and deeper way, all the while acting in what I already know. But my actions will not be the spasmodic motions of the dead; they will be filled with purpose, knowing the „why“ behind everything. For what is the main difference between humans and zombies if not that humans have meaning for their actions? My plan, I know, will contain hurt and pain inflicted on myself, but being able to feel- the joys and the sorrows- is part of being alive. I will gladly feel rejection, hatred, and sorrow so that I can fully feel the acceptance, love, and joy of God. I will live each day with purpose for people, of drawing them to life. For even living life alive if done only for one's self is death; life must be lived for others for it to be an actuality.

That will be my legacy. My life will be lived, not only walked threw. I will live knowing what my purpose is, that of bringing people to God's life, light, and love and that will be what drives me. I will disciple and teach others how to live and how to show others how to live. I may not affect millions, but I will affect a few, and those few will carry on, affecting even more still. The life I live may be big, though it is doubtful, or it may be small. But I promise you, in some way the world will be changed.