

GOD EVEN LOVES TEENAGERS By Roy Goodlet

Oh, the life of being a teenager. It is the time of life that we believe we are dressing “normal,” but in a few more years we look back in our high school yearbooks and we ask the question, “Why did I ever dress like that?”

I want us to look at two teenagers in the Bible. The first one was Joseph, the one mentioned in the Old Testament in the book of Genesis. Joseph was a believer in God, but he had one main flaw in his character. He was arrogant. During one of his times of being arrogant He stood in front of his family and said, “I have had some dreams. The way I see it these dreams say that you, my family, will someday bow down before me.” That may be true, and it did come true, but you can understand why his family was a little upset with his personality.

Let’s go to our other teenager. He is Daniel. Daniel’s problem is a little different from Joseph’s. The unthinkable has happened in Daniel’s life. Life at home wasn’t so bad as a normal teenager, but now his country had been overrun by the Babylonian enemy. He was separated from his family and taken as a prisoner of war to a country far away from home. Things were really different in his life, and he had some major choices to make.

They were real teenagers who faced some very severe problems in their lives. They were the same age as many of you, and they were raised to believe in the same God as you. They weren’t extra specially gifted by God. They were teenagers that did not let their age become an excuse to not be faithful to God.

So, do you think as a teenager that you have a lot of challenges ahead of you? Sure you do, and you don’t even live in a third world country where food and the nice things in life are scarce, and Christianity is not heard much of. I find myself tempted to complain to God on many days that life just isn’t fair to me, that I have it really tough, and that I am being persecuted for my faith. Then I feel ashamed and wonder, what would I do if I would have to walk in the sandals of Joseph or Daniel.

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