

Stories from Pastors and Parents

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Grads succeeding in college – a rapid turnaround

Black Rock Congregational Church in Fairfield CT used to experience the typical 70% loss upon graduation. “Last year I had all of my high school students participated in SUCCEED (YTN Video Material) one afternoon . All were greatly challenged to be spiritually ready for college. Most were blown away by the idea that their first 72 hours at college were the most important in staying strong in their faith. As they have started college, they say that much of what they learned from SUCCEED was true about their first days at college. Many of them were able to find Christian roommates and are already plugged into campus ministries because of LiveAbove.com. The result? All of our graduates continued in their faith and connected to ministries! ” - **Jeremy Taylor, HS Director, Black Rock Community Church, CT**

Youth groups growing and cultures changing

For years, Bacon Heights Baptist in Lubbock TX experienced a problem common to many churches. The youth meetings would normally engage about 30 freshmen, 30 sophomores, 10 juniors, and often just 3 seniors. Two years ago, a husband and wife used the YTN Be Prepared material and videos to engage the juniors and seniors about real issues the teens wrestled with, as well as practical preparation for the future. Youth Pastor Don Bishop credits YTN resources for the fact that the group now has over 30 seniors and they are inviting their friends and changing their work schedules to attend. A number of them have been successful in sharing Christ in their high school, and look forward to doing the same in college. Don is now telling pastors throughout west Texas about YTN. – **Don Bishop, Bacon Heights Baptist Church.**

Parent -Teen Relationships Growing

Rick Rablin reported the fruit of a YTN Shepherding Your Teen seminar saying: “keep going..... because you changed my son through me.” Two weeks earlier he had received a letter from his son, now in college, thanking him for changing the way he approached his son and crediting that change to why he was still walking with God. (see *Going, Going, Gone* book on [YTN.org](#)). A father attending a SUCCEED DVD session with his son said “ I could have never had the discussions with my son apart from the college student videos and speakers opening him up to the challenges and issues ahead, paving the way for discussion and giving me access to help my son in transition”.

Natural and Relational Evangelism increasing

YTN videos were shown at Redwood Chapel near San Francisco, where Chelsea’s parents had been concerned about their daughter going to the secular campus of University of Nebraska. Through YTN

she connected with the Navigators and found a Christian roommate. Both parents came to campus two days early and really hit it off. The first night on their own, Chelsea and her roommate invited 4 girls on the floor who were headed to a party to instead join them at a Navigators fellowship. All six are with the Navigators and walking with Christ today.

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“The “CTI” Seminar brought me to a new place in parenting. It’s hard to put into words all that spoke to my heart. I have three teens—all “good” kids, and doing well in school. The seminar helped me to understand their strong need for community as they head off to college. It also helped me realize that as a parent, I have a pivotal role to play—that of loving support for their times of triumph as well as their times of failure. Jeff Schadt has done extensive research into their world. So many feel the pressure to be perfect, which can lead to a “double-life” syndrome. Jeff gives practical suggestions about how to prevent this, and how to prepare teens now for what they will face tomorrow.” - **Patty Camloh, Mom of Pre-teens and Teens, Church of the Resurrection, East Syracuse NY.**

A Father and Pastor – Healthy Relationships

“From a father’s point of view, Crossing Thin Ice is life changing! I don’t know how else to describe it. My wife and I have read many parenting books but none of them impacted us like this.. I am constantly looking for shepherding moments instead of getting on my kids for something! It has made a difference in how they respond. From a Pastor’s point of view this has healthy relationships written all over it! Healthy individuals make up healthy relationships...they also make healthy churches! Pastors should be jumping all over this!!!” – **Mike McGinnes, Sr Pastor Wellspring AG, Brewerton NY.**

Parent Opened Discussions with my Teen

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