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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

“Behold The Lamb”

John 1:29

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

You might be thinking that this is a message better suited for April as that was the month we celebrated the Resurrection. But, as I hope you will see, the resurrection cannot be contained to celebrating just for one day or even for one month! With resurrection Sunday still fresh in your minds, I thought it would be good to revisit and expand on some of what was shared on Easter Sunday during worship.

The Christian Research Institute (CRI) sends me via email a daily devotional and in the past several years, the focus for the Holy Week devotionals was on The F.E.A.T. that demonstrates the Fact of the Resurrection (if you would like a copy of these devotionals, let me know and I will email you or make you a copy). Each of the letters in FEAT represent a different set of facts surrounding the resurrection account. The ‘F’ stands for the Fatal Torment that Jesus endured on the cross. The ‘E’ represents the fact of the empty tomb that was witnessed by the soldiers, the women, and two of the Apostles. The ‘A’ points to the many appearances of the resurrected Lord that were witnessed by over 500 people living in or around Jerusalem. The final letter, ‘T’, deals with the fact of the transformed lives that happened within 50 days of the resurrection event. This transformation fact is what I want to focus on for this article. Although the other three ‘letters’ represent significant facts about the resurrection, this amazing transformation of the lives of the disciples is what really stands out to me. Walk with me through the following account.

First, let us look to the night Jesus was arrested in the Garden. As the soldiers came to take Jesus away, Peter strikes out in an attempt to defend his Lord, but is rebuked by Jesus and thus he and the rest of the disciples flee as Jesus is led away. Yes, John and Peter eventually do follow after and John enters into the gathering of the Sanhedrin where Jesus will be placed on trial, with Peter hanging out in the courtyard. I am sure you are all familiar with what takes place next as Peter, the one who said he would never desert Jesus, denied even knowing Him three times. Now fast forward to the Sunday following the crucifixion. Where were the Disciples, those who were closest to Jesus? Huddled behind locked doors fearful that they would be the next to be arrested and executed!

Elders

Charlie Clouse

Shannon Kane-Vice Chair

Deacons

Carl Baughman-Chairman

Dawn Agar –Secretary

Deaconesses

Betty Clouse

Joann Varner



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Special points of interest:

Pastor Snyder will have office hours as shown on page 2. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will return your call.

In case of an emergency, you may call Pastor Snyder at home or on his cell. Numbers are found on

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MAY

Pastor Don

- For Tammy as she winds up another year with the scholars in her third grade class.
- For Erica as she transitions into home ownership!
- For my oldest daughter Megan as she continues in her new job.
- For me as I walk alongside all of them!

Pastor Brian

- For the upcoming Marriage Date Night on May 18
- For our upcoming youth programs: Youth Sunday; Children's Day; VBS
- Emily and I will be staffing 7th and 5th grade camps this summer.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR MAY

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

May 2, 6, 9, 20, 23, 30

Pastor Don's email is

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In case of an emergency you may contact Pastor Don at home or on his cell phone at:

Home: 776-1191

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

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Office will be closed on May 6

They would not even venture out to the tomb! It was the women who went to try and 'properly anoint' the body of Jesus. So what turned this bunch of fearful, cowering, and scared to be seen in public men to suddenly be so bold as to preach in the town square of Jerusalem, the same city in which Jesus was crucified and in which they had been in hiding, fearing for their lives, about this Jesus just a month and a half later??? What caused this Peter, the one who denied even knowing Jesus, to say to the very ones who were responsible for killing Jesus, when confronted by them to stop preaching in the name of Jesus, basically, that they could do what they wanted, but he was going to keep preaching Jesus?? The RESURRECTION! Peter and the rest of the disciples had been transformed by the **FACT** of the resurrected Lord! They knew He was who He said He was when they witnessed with their own eyes the power He had in raising from the dead, demonstrating His authority over death and life!

That is the **POWER** of the resurrection. It is transformational! It is life changing! It is Amazing! It is 'only God could do it' kind of revelation! And it has become the stumbling block for so many people today. Many will acknowledge Jesus was a real person but will not accept the **FACT** of His resurrection because, they say, that is unbelievable. But have they really ever examined the **FACTS** about the life and death AND resurrection of Jesus? Most have not for if they did they would come to the same conclusion that Lee Strobel and Josh McDowell did; 'It is REAL!'. And then they would need to decide, as these two men had to, if they believe it for themselves and accept it. Have you? Do you really believe in the resurrection, the bodily resurrection, of the Lord Jesus? The **FACTS** are there. They are verifiable. They are believable. But will you accept them for yourself? If you are sitting there thinking, "Well certainly I believe that!", hallelujah! Now are you willing to share that with those God brings your way? **Will you join me in being a transformed disciple of Jesus? I hope so!**

(references: Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, John 18-20, Acts 2-4, Lee Strobel's 'Case For Christ', Josh McDowell's "Evidence The Demands a Verdict")

Pastor Don

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

Learning to Care for One Another - Part 5

“If we are to help wisely, we want to know the heart and the significant influences on the heart.”

There are countless influences that shape our lives, but the three that are most prominent are other people, our physical bodies, and our circumstances. As we learn to care deeply and sincerely for others, we are often called to share the pain brought on by other people. God himself is moved to act when His people are treated unjustly. In the past month I have (literally) been the shoulder for a friend to cry on. Judges 10:16 says that, in the midst of Israel’s rebellious history of chasing after other gods and were subsequently overrun by the peoples around them, that “He could bear Israel’s misery no longer.” The author of “Caring for One Another” writes, **“When we hear about someone’s good relationships, we are blessed along with them. When we hear about hard relationships, we take notice, hope at some time to hear more, and ask how we can pray.”**

Psalm 130:1-4, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.”

The words of Psalm 130 reveal incredibly dire circumstances, likely brought on by other people. It was a psalm of ascents, spoken aloud together as a group of pilgrims would approach Jerusalem (Jerusalem was a higher elevation.) These circumstances have brought the Psalmist as close to death as you can get and still be living. Notice that he directs his laments to the Lord. And there are two words both translated “Lord” in our bibles. One is in all caps, meaning it’s God’s covenant or personal name. It implies God is closely attentive and cares about what’s happening to His people. The Psalmist reminds us there is forgiveness, and that God’s word brings hope. **These are three things we can share with those who are hurting:** Remind them that God personally cares deeply for them, and he desires close relationship – first-name basis – with them; remind them that God forgives; and remind them that God’s word offers us hope.

~ Pastor Brian

MAY'S GREETERS



5-Jenn Bolze, Angie Lowery & Joann Varner
12-Mike & Melisa Lucas
19-Randy & Diane Shade
26-Mel & Kallie Kauffman

MAY'S WORSHIP NURSERY

5-Jeannine & Ayden Reed
12-Lori & Nathan Chronister
19-Carley Miller & Emilyynn Howell
26-Tammy Cornman & Eli Reeder



****If you are unable to fulfill your duties as a GREETER or NURSERY attendant, PLEASE contact someone else on the schedule to change with you.**



ACTS OF RANDOM KINDNESS KIDS (ARKK)

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Small Group Showcase

ARKK stands for Acts of Random Kindness Kids. Our group does acts of random kindness for people in our church and community. This is a youth program for all ages from 3 thru 18 years old. We meet the last Sunday of each month during Junior Church. ARKK runs from January through October, we take a break in November and December. ARKK began in 2016 as a way to help our youth think of others and their needs. We want to do these acts, not for our own personal recognition, but to put a smile on someone's face and share God's love with others through small acts of kindness.

Class usually begins with a devotion, an inspirational video and then we do a project. In three years the kids have donated to a different organization or group of people each month. To just name a few we have done over the years, the kids have made cards for shut-ins, handout treats for our church congregations, filled lunchboxes with goodies for Project Share, filled purses for women at Safe Harbour, collected food for BSA Food Bank, handed out backpacks with school supplies at BSA Food Bank, collected sheets and old towels for Molly's Place Rescue, and we collect aluminum soda tabs and glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. For more information or questions you can contact, Melisa Lucas at 717-713-4244 or at actsofrandomkindnesskids@gmail.com.

JUNIOR CHURCH 1 (AGES 3-5) TEACHERS & HELPERS

*Meet in Room #4 in the CE Wing at 10:00 am

5,12,19-Stephanie & Oliver Cohick
26-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

JUNIOR CHURCH 2 (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd Grade) TEACHERS & HELPERS

*Meet in Room #2 in the CE Wing at 10:00 AM

5-Sharon Barrick & Ayden Reed
12-Sharon Barrick & Maycey Davis
19-Sharon Barrick & Mikayla Lowery
26-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

JUNIOR CHURCH 3 (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade) TEACHERS & HELPERS

5-Adam Cohick & Camryn Mountz
12-Adam Cohick & Carrie Kimmich
19-Adam Cohick & Wendy Stuber
26-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

**When you are assigned to be a helper, PLEASE be in the Junior Church room by 9:50. If you cannot be a helper on the Sunday you have been assigned, PLEASE let Carrie Kimmich know (658-6339) so a replacement can be obtained if necessary.

ACTS OF RANDOM KINDNESS KIDS (ARKK)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:1



Instagram

We are proud to share ARKK with the rest of the world! The long awaited Instagram article has finally been posted. Check out our ARKKids on Instagram at Stand Out Kids at the following link (you don't need an Instagram account to view it):

https://www.instagram.com/p/BvfDDVCnKyL/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet

or you can see the link on ARKK's Facebook page.

ONGOING COLLECTION REMINDERS: Keep those aluminum soda tabs and glossy magazines coming in for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

BOX TOPS: We added a collection bin on the table in the narthex for Box Tops. We are collecting Box Tops for the benefit of the Cumberland Valley Christian School.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melisa Lucas at 717-713-4244 (cell) or email at actsofrandomkindnesskids@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry

May 5 10:00 AM
Thank Offering Sunday

Pastor Caleb and Christina Acosta will be sharing an update on the Latino Ministries and bring the morning message.

***Remember to bring your Thank Offering Barrels.**

May 6th 6:00 PM
Secret Sister Dinner
Marcello's Ristorante & Pizzeria

900 Cavalry Road, Carlisle

All lady are welcome-please bring an item for South Mountain Restoration Center. Also we will be revealing our Secret Sisters and picking new ones.

Cumberland Valley Mission Celebration

Sunday, April 28

Carlisle First Church of God

5:00 pm-Light Meal

5:00 pm-Mission Team Displays

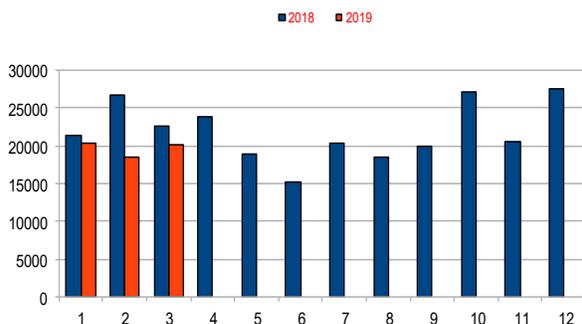
6:00 pm-Worship Music

6:15 pm-Celebration Service

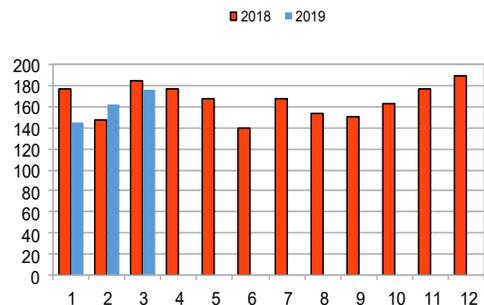
Theme-"Here and There"

MARCH'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as March 1, 2019	\$37,382.36	USPS (Postage Stamps)	\$88.00
		LifeWay (Women's Bible St. Books/Bulletins)	\$104.44
DEPOSITS	\$20,077.09	Walmart (Diaper Genie Liners/Nursery)	\$16.47
		Saylor's Market (3/22 Lenten Luncheon)	\$30.46
		Saylor's Market (Sportsmen's Dinner)	\$71.92
EXPENSES		Trevor Rosenberry (Sportsmen's Dinner Spkr)	\$200.00
Donald C. Snyder (March Salary)	\$1,921.18	WalMart (3/22 Lenten Luncheon)	\$21.96
Donald C. Snyder (March Housing)	\$1,192.10	Hartman Fire Equipment (Service/Inspections)	\$103.00
Donald C. Snyder (February Travel)	\$176.00	Building Fund Transfer (March)	\$3,000.00
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/March)	\$578.96	BJ's (3/22 Lenton Luncheon/Sportsman Dnr)	\$49.37
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/March)	\$791.74	Bill Fulton (Mower Spring Tune-Up)	\$109.32
The Board of Pensions (April)	\$468.41	John Gross (Kitchen and Paper Supplies)	\$103.54
ERC (Ret Pastors Insurance)	\$91.67	Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99
ERC (Conference Tithe/March)	\$1,904.00	Mirelle Associates (Feb. P/R & Tax Service)	\$80.00
ERC (Conference Registrations)	\$138.00	IRS (January FIT, SS, Medi)	\$825.34
ERC (Ministry Training Institute-Missions)	\$300.00	Comm of PA (February SIT)	\$164.30
Churches of God, Gen Conf. (M. Yerger Mem.)	\$50.00	Sherry Koppenhaver (March Cleaning)	\$500.00
Tom Barkdoll (Refiner's Fire 2/24 Worship Min)	\$200.00	Bender's Auto Parts (Septic Lid Replacement)	\$13.77
Jeremiah Quail (Junction 114 3/3 Worship Min)	\$150.00	From Benev.Fund to Miss.Trip Fund	
Hannah Britcher (Worship Ministry)	\$200.00	(February)	\$300.00
Waste Management (March Trash Svc.)	\$115.96	Pleasantville COG (January Benv Fund)	\$300.00
Blue Mountain Blooms (Get Well/Funeral/Altar)	\$172.00	Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry (Feb Benevolent)	\$425.00
Timmons Oil (663 Gallons @ \$2.60)	\$1,703.91	Camino Global (Ruth/Scott Yingling)	\$100.00
Adams Electric Cooperative (February)	\$216.00	Send International (Heather/Tony Book)	\$70.00
Century Link (February)	\$165.75	Paw Packs Program, Inc. (February Benv)	\$160.00
Reinford Landscape (Snow Removal)	\$450.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,068.55
Agar Welding & Steel (Angle Iron for Doorway)	\$55.00		
Paul Stouffer (Home Depot - Pre-Hung Door)	\$449.00	Balance as of March 31, 2019	\$38,390.90
Jacob Bear (New Doorway Materials)	\$56.99		
Carrie Kimmich (Children's Church Crafts)	\$35.62		
Carrie Kimmich (Wht Bd/Storage Containers)	\$175.13		
Office Max (Printer Ink & SS Whiteboard)	\$144.25		
Marvette Hochstettler (FPU Reimbursement)	\$50.00	Building Fund	\$240,878.98
Katie Kane (FPU Reimbursement)	\$50.00		
Roxy Fulton (FPU Reimbursement)	\$50.00		
Justin Morris (FPU Reimbursement)	\$50.00		

(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$138,413.21)

The following is a breakdown of the major funds available within the general treasury:

Live Nativity Fund	\$3,386.96
Mission Fund	\$3,926.16
Mission Trip Fund	\$6,577.12

DISCIPLESHIP

Bulletin Board

May, 2019



Sunday Morning Adult Discipleship Groups

“**Power of Love**” by David Jeremiah

Leader: Charlie Clouse

“**Standard Lesson Quarterly**”

Leader: Bobby Baker

“**The Bible: God’s Voice to Mankind**”

Leader: Adam Cohick

“**The Life of the Messiah**” by Ray Vander Laan

Leader: Mike Bolze

New 5-week small group study, “Intentional Parenting**”, starting April 28! Join us as we learn together how to move from “quick-fix” parenting to “intentional parenting”. A RightNow Media study by veteran youth ministry worker and author Doug Fields. Nursery will be provided!

Weekly Adult Groups

“**Book of Acts**” Pastor Brian is leading a bible study on the Book of Acts. We meet in the sanctuary-
Wednesday at 7 pm. It’s an open-discussion, question-and-answer style group study.

“**Fight Back with Joy**” by Margaret Feinberg

Ladies bible study, meets in Room 10 (last room on the left, down the hallway)-Wednesday at 7 pm

From Amazon’s description: “**Joy Is More Than Whimsy. It’s the Weapon You Can Use to Fight Life’s Greatest Battles.** Through months of treatment, questions, and hopes, Margaret discovered that joy is a far more dynamic force than most of us realize. It has the power to reignite our passion for laughter and celebration. It can free us to rise above endless demands as we become more content and thankful. It can change unchangeable circumstances and bring a peace rooted in the remarkable love of God.”

“**Book of Mark**” RightNow Media study with Francis Chan

Men’s Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, starting with snacks at 6:45 pm and study at 7 pm.

Mission Board Update

May's Mission Moments

5-Thank Offering Sunday

12-Meet the Need

19-Camp YoliJwa

26-Testimony & Praise

2019 Faith Promise

Gesse Church and School-
\$1,442.00 First Quarter

Paw Pack Program

We (as a church) give \$160 per month to the paw pack program and also collect the following items:

Small packs of goldfish (1 oz bags)

Snack Pack Pudding (4 oz non refrigerated type)

.Next Mission Board Meeting

May 2, 2019

Camp YoliJwa Campers

associated with Doubling Gap COG

Please fill out camp forms completely and give to Pastor Don to sign.

*Each camper is responsible to pay the deposit fee of \$30 and the church will pay the balance.

Our church will pay for one week of camp and one winter retreat for each camper.

Ladies
Night Out

at Doubling Gap Church of God

Sunday, May 19th at 5:00 pm

Elva Hurst will be presenting a chalk talk on

Seasons of a Woman's Life

Supper will be provided

Check these out on



RightNow Media is a free resource our church provides to you. *Check out one of these this month!* Unsure how to use RNM? Contact Pastor Brian or the church office, and we'll get you started!

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**Raising Kingdom Kids**, by Tony Evans. Most of us believe passionately in contributing to our children's physical, social, and intellectual development. We make sure they have clothes and shelter. We try to see that they eat right, get enough sleep, and monitor their friendships. We also do everything possible to make sure they succeed at school. Featuring the inspiring teaching of Dr. Tony Evans, this six-part study calls and instructs parents to raise God-following children who are also spiritually strong and prepared to take on the assignments God has for their lives. Contains practical examples and illustrations to help parents grow kids' faith, with specific instruction in the power of prayer, wisdom, love of God's Word, getting through trials, controlling the tongue, developing patience, and the surrender of service. An optional participants guide can be purchased for around \$6, and you can also buy a devotional book based on the series for around \$12. To go deeper, check out the book "Raising Kingdom Kids."

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No More Perfect Kids, by Jill Savage and Kath Koch. Love Your Kids for Who They Are. Mom and Dad, your kids are created in God's image, not your own. Jill Savage and Kathy Koch will guide you in truly appreciating your kids. They will teach you how to study and become an expert on your children, because you cannot fully embrace them until you truly know them. One of the best gifts we as parents can give our children is to set them free to be all that God has created them to be—not forcing them to live out our dreams or comparing them to our friend's kid. In **No More Perfect Kids**, Jill Savage and Kathy Koch equip us with the tools and perspective to: Identify and remove the Perfection Infection from our parenting; really know each child so we can fully embrace their unique design; release our children from unrealistic expectations; answer the questions our kids are silently asking in a way that gives them the courage and freedom to be themselves. Written in a passionate, candid, and personal way, the authors will instill within you hope and contentment. You'll be inspired to apply the practical, realistic, and relevant ideas and tactics Jill and Kathy share. There are 8 sessions, and each is only 5 minutes or less. Perfect for the busy parent, who is wrestling with knowing if they are being effective parents!

Parents' Corner

May 2019

How To Respond When Your Teen Is Hurting

By Dr. Kevin Lehman

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/teens/how-to-respond-when-your-teen-is-hurting>

"I know teens can be mean, but kids at my daughter's school take it to a whole new level." "He hasn't acted like himself for more than a year — ever since the divorce." As a psychologist, I often hear comments like these from the parents of hurting teens. In today's unpredictable world, encountering hurt is as inevitable as paying taxes. It's even more so for your teen. Add intense peer pressure, a friend's betrayal, derogatory comments on social media, and the cultural rearranging of values and family structure, and it's no wonder teens face significant trauma.

No parent likes to see her children in pain. When your teen is hurting, you can follow these three simple principles to help him work through the hurt and develop strength and resilience.

ACKNOWLEDGE THE HURT

Ignoring a hurt doesn't make it disappear. But you can comfort your teen by saying, "I know you're hurting. If that happened to me, I'd be hurting, too." That speaks volumes to your teen about your support.

A month after Ben committed suicide, his classmates stopped talking about him. But Ryan, his best friend, continued to struggle with the loss. His parents gave him space to grieve but occasionally talked about what happened. "I know you miss Ben," his father told Ryan one night. "I lost a friend in high school, and it was hard. If you ever want to talk or cry, I'm here. Ben was a great friend to you. I miss him, too. When he laughed, you couldn't help but laugh. Remember when . . . ?"

In just a few words, Ryan's dad acknowledged the hurt, connected with his son's experience and affirmed that he'd remain by his son's side. With Dad firmly in his court, Ryan felt less isolated in his pain. Dad also nudged his son's heart toward healing by sharing a happy memory.

LISTEN WITHOUT JUDGMENT

Emotions are not right or wrong. They're simply what your hurting teen feels. If you want her to talk, sometimes the best thing to say is nothing. When Adele's boyfriend dumped her in a text message after six months of dating (an eternity in high school), she blurted out, "I hate him! How could he do this to me?"

Her wise mom didn't say, "You don't mean that. You shouldn't hate people." Nor did she exclaim, "He what? Broke up with *you*? I'm going to call his mother right now!" Instead, she sat next to her grieving daughter. Adele vented and cried for two hours. Being with her mother helped Adele's heart long term, simply because her mother listened without judgment.

STRATEGIZE HOW TO HANDLE SITUATIONS

Rather than solving the problem for your teen, encourage him to strategize a path to healing. Adam, a top striker on his soccer team, and a young woman were targeted with malicious gossip by a teammate. Adam's parents knew something was up when their normally even-keeled son went straight to his room and slammed the door. They waited until he was ready to talk. Four hours later, he explained how teammates were talking about him having a crude relationship with a girl at his school.

"I'd be upset, too," his mom said. "What they said is mean and untrue. What's your next move?" His parents listened and empathized but didn't solve Adam's problem. Instead, they encouraged him to do something about the situation. The next day, Adam privately asked his coach if he could speak to the team. "I'm disappointed in you guys," he told his teammates. "If you don't like me or something I've done, tell me straight. Don't start a rumor about me and hurt an innocent girl. She deserves better than that, and I want you to stop."

Helping your teen brainstorm his next move will make him more resilient in the future. On the other hand, rescuing your teen from emotional hurt weakens him and promotes a victim mentality. Yes, there are times when he should get an adult involved. But most of the time, his staying in the fight and proactively problem-solving will help him stand strong in life's storms. When your teen has followed through on his plan, cheer his effort: "What happened to you was really tough. But you were strong and rose above the situation."

Your belief in your child means more than you will ever know.

