
How to Have an Awesome Life - Dangers to Overcome



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Breakaway Camp Bible Studies

Breakaway Kids Camps

Our mission is to provide a fun environment where relationships are built and the gospel is shared so that lives are changed eternally.

Breakaway Kids Camps are Interdenominational Christian Holiday Camps for Kids located 2 hours south of Sydney, NSW. Australia.

The camps are held at Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre - 71 Ryans Lane Fitzroy Falls, NSW Australia, during the January School Holidays. There is a Junior Camp for Primary Schoolers (Years 3-6) and a Senior Camp for High Schoolers (Years 7-12). There are also Summer and Winter Camps for Underprivileged Children. We aim to provide opportunities for young people to develop mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in a healthy natural environment.

The camp team consist of Christian men and women who relate well to young people and who care for their well-being. They give their time on a voluntary basis

Introduction

Welcome to the Breakaway Kids Camps Bible Study - How To Have An Awesome Life - Day 2 - Dangers to Overcome.

Have you noticed how eager kids are to see how quickly they are growing up? They don't want to remain children their whole lives. They want to grow up to full maturity like their parents. With the gift of life a kid needs the right food, the right care, the right discipline, the right education, and the right exercise in order to grow. Without these, kids cannot grow up healthy and strong.

Before you can begin to experience an awesome life and be the person you were meant to be, you must accept and develop your spiritual life. You must be born again by the Holy Spirit. To lead an amazing life, you need the spiritual food of the Bible. You also need prayer and Christian fellowship. Further, you need to develop your abilities to do the work of God through Christian service.

Enjoy,

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How to Have an Awesome Life - Dangers to Overcome

There are serious dangers for those that live the awesome life. We all face dangers. We face the physical dangers of sickness, accidents, attacks, fighting, driving and war. We also face the mental and emotional dangers of fear, worry, anger, depression and guilt that can spoil us from living an amazing life.

There are serious spiritual dangers as well. There are side-paths and shortcuts that can lead us away from God's best for us. There are spiritual enemies ready to fight against us each step of the way. Jesus never promised that the awesome life of a Christian would be easy. He never said that we would have less problems and dangers than before. In fact, he told us to expect adversity (John 16:33). When journeying with the Spirit of Jesus, you have left the world of the banal and entered the world of spiritual conflict (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Knowing the dangers will help us to walk more carefully. Seeing how others have failed will warn us not to make the same mistakes (1 Corinthians 10:11). Being awake to our enemy's clever tricks will help us to stand against him when he comes.

Self-Reliance

Peter boasted, *"Even if all the others reject you, I never will!"* (Mark 14:29). There can be no doubt that Peter meant what he said but he faced a danger that we all face - the danger of trusting in your own strength instead of trusting in the Lord. This can happen in any area of your life - your work, study, ministry, your attempts to witness, as well as when we face temptation. Instead of depending on the Spirit of God within you to make you strong and bring success, you can begin trusting in your own abilities and self-effort. Depending on self can happen without you realising it and brings three undesirable results to an awesome Christian life: -

- It will dry you up spiritually (John 15:5,6)
- You will try to fight spiritual battles with worldly weapons (Lk 22:38-51)
- It will weaken your witness and your service for Christ (Luke 22:55-60)

Trusting yourself will not strengthen your Christian life, it will weaken it. It will not help you to push forwards in discipleship, it will hold you back. It will not bring you success in Christian service; it will bring you failure *"Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him."* (Jeremiah 17:7,8).

Do Not Leave Your Back Uncovered

After his proud boast in the upper room, Peter now moved into enemy territory with his back uncovered. He had made his self-confidant boast. Now, as he warmed himself by the fire in the presence of Jesus enemies, he was wide open to spiritual attack. The enemy's arrows caught Peter unguarded. After trying so hard to follow Jesus, he now failed so badly. Why? He had given the enemy something to use against him.

Deal with the Past

To safely move forwards in your Christian life, make sure you deal properly with the past. Don't leave any sin or failure unconfessed and unforgiven. Don't just sweep things under the carpet. As far as you are able, put things right straight

away. Don't leave any parts of your life under the enemy's control. Don't leave anything in your life for the enemy to use against you. If you do, you will be shot at from behind and will greatly damage your Christian life and growth.

Destroy Enemy Strongholds

There may be things from your old life that you need to repent of and renounce, asking God to set you free from any influence they may still have over you. Remove any idols from your life. If you do not deal with these things, the enemy can continue to use them against you to condemn, accuse and trouble you.

Put to Death Earthly Desires

Desires, behaviour and responses which are part of your old sinful human nature can also give the enemy a foothold in your life (Ephesians 4:25-27). Sexual immorality, purity before marriage and afterwards, faithfulness. Deal with relationship problems - do not run away from them. Put wrongs right. Be quick to apologise. Be willing to forgive. Resolve your anger, bitterness and resentment quickly (Ephesians 4:26)

Satan will oppose you in many ways. But do not give him any ground to use against you. Where you have failed, deal with those areas. Repent and seek God's forgiveness and cleansing. Then you will be able to move forwards in your amazing life with Jesus in safety and confidence.

Discuss

1. When you become self-reliant rather than reliant on God, how does it show itself and how should it be dealt with (Revelation 3:15-20)?
2. How can you overcome the attitude of self-confidence or self-reliance? (see Jeremiah 17:7,8; Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:5)
3. According to Colossians 2:13-15, what has Christ done for you?
4. But to know victory in your life with Christ what do you need to do (List)?

Get rid of these things (Col 3:5-9)	Clothe yourself with these (3:12-14)

5. Circle those things you have not yet properly got rid of or put on.
6. What will happen if you leave those on the left-hand side undealt with? Or if you have not clothed yourself with the Christ-like qualities on the right-hand side.