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Ice Breaker

What was the first car you owned, and do you have any fun memories with it?

Message

Speakers: Jon and Julie Hasselbeck

Message: Dependency

Pastor Jon and his daughter Julie illustrated the fact that our dependence on God brings us closer to Him. Julie mentioned stories of her experience with the Younglife ministry and how God has been able to use her in the lives of students despite her overwhelming schedule. One specific example involved her attending a volleyball game where she felt like the only fan in the stands and knew that a football game with all of the student fans was going on outside. She kept her promise to the volleyball player she wanted to see and was very surprised when all of the students from the football game rushed into the gym after the football game to support the volleyball team. This serves as an example of how God is creative in the ways he can use us if we display a willingness to serve him. Jon concluded his message with list of five pieces of encouragement when we experience stress: ensure that we communicate with God in the face of stress, we can receive the most help from God in the midst of our most demanding days, be patient when we encounter times when we need to wait on God, learn to be content in every situation, and worship God during difficult times by beginning your prayers with thanksgiving. As we allow the Lord to work through us and guide us through difficulties in life, He will build His house in us and we will experience His blessings in new ways.

Discussion Points

1. Would you consider yourself a stubborn person in general? Does that ever have an effect on your level of dependency on God?
2. How can we train ourselves to become more dependent on God? How might an amplified level of dependency affect our decision making on a daily basis?
3. Julie mentioned that one of the primary goals of Younglife and their ministry in high schools is to "earn the right to be heard." Do you believe this mentality is limited to a high school setting? How can this have an influence on one's reputation at work or at school?
4. Think about a leader or a role model in your life. Did they earn the right to be heard in your life? How were they able to have such a lasting impact on your life?
5. Pastor Jon spoke about a difference between actual stress and perception of stress, concluding that some stress causes us to push forward and lean on God more. However, other forms of stress are more suffocating and inhibit our ability to connect with God and others. How can we make sure that the stress we encounter is the healthier form of stress that can motivate us in our walk with Christ?

LifeNet Vision-To cultivate an atmosphere where we experience genuine relationship with God and one another.

LifeNet Mission-To build a Christian community by equipping people through biblical teaching, discipleship, and fun fellowship.