

YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Our ministry team meets every other week, coming from Elk Grove, the Auburn area, and points in between. During our meetings we cover the nuts and bolts of what needs done to run the organization efficiently and effectively. But we also get to share biblical insights, devotional thoughts, and compelling stories of transformation in kids' lives. Below is a lesson shared by Arianna Le at a recent staff meeting. It really impacted me, and I hope it will bless you, too, as we are all called to be Ministers of the Gospel of Grace:

Philippians 2:14-17

"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy."



"This is such a beautiful scripture that embodies our "why" as ministry leaders, but more importantly, as Christ followers. Just as Paul was encouraging the Philippians in this many, many years ago, I'm encouraging you in this today!

But first, let's be real. **Ministry stretches us, tests us, exposes us, and at times exhausts us.** But it also refines us, strengthens us, and draws us deeper into the heart of Christ. Paul's imagery of being "poured out like a liquid offering" reminds us that our sacrifice is never wasted.

There will be days when ministry feels heavy. Days when you wonder if the seeds you've planted are taking root. Days when the battles feel bigger than your capacity. Days when the calling seems to cost more than you thought you had to give. But right there, in those moments the grace of God meets you.

He strengthens what feels weak. He breathes life into what feels empty. And he reminds you that the work was His before it was ever yours.

But the truth is:

There is joy in the pouring out.
There is purpose in the perseverance.
There is eternal reward in the faithfulness.

Your labor is not in vain. Your offering is seen by God. This race matters. So keep showing up. Keep loving people. Keep holding firmly to the word of life. **God is using you more than you know**, and the fruit of your faithfulness will far outlast the challenges of the moment.

Your inheritance is huge.
Your reward is great.
And Jesus is worth every ounce of the offering.

In light of Paul's challenge:

What are some specific challenges we face as ministry leaders that could cause us to lose sight of joy in our service?

How can we support one another in maintaining that joyful, sacrificial heart in the midst of those struggles?"

I am grateful for each of my team members at YFC as we strive together for the gospel for our youth in 2026. And I'm grateful for you who pray and support this work. We contend for this generation; we won't give in and we won't give up!

Together for our youth-



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