

“One Generation, Under God”

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Joel 2:25-29

CORE: God’s heart is for **BOTH young & old to cooperatively receive from Him and reveal Him to the world.**

“What God has planned for us is much bigger than we think—and impossible to achieve through determination alone! In fact, it will take the sanctified efforts of multiple generations to accomplish our God-given assignment.” –Bill Johnson in “Momentum”

NOTE: In some hospitals, it is mandatory for older doctors & younger doctors to work together—combining **time-tested principles** with **fresh innovations**—both **depending on** and **learning from** one another.

Here are some heart attitudes that make this possible:

- 1. FOR YOUNGER ONES (Ben sharing from 1 Peter 5—and other scriptures)**
 - a. Be honoring**
 - b. Be teachable**
 - c. Be wise**
- 2. FOR OLDER ONES (Dave sharing)**

a. BE FLEXIBLE

While traveling in the **Bahamas** in 1956 as part of a **gospel quartet**, **Loren Cunningham** experienced a **vision**. In this vision, he described waves on the shorelines of the continents on a world map. He saw the waves changed to young people covering the continents, talking to people about their faith. This vision would inspire the beginning of Youth With A Mission four years later as a movement providing **missionary** opportunities for Christian youth after high school.

Today, YWAM has an estimated 20,000 full-time workers in 171 countries (out of the 195 countries in the world). At 82, Cunningham continues to be an active international speaker, with engagements in 30 to 40 countries every year.

(Pic of Jet Ski towing surfer)

In light of his original vision of “waves of young missionaries,” listen to his most recent statement:

“We must serve (the younger members of our generation) well, like a jet ski, towing them to the top of the wave, then releasing them to all God has gifted them to be and do.

Just as many of us in our youthful pioneering went into all the empty nations and began to establish permanent YWAM ministries, so we are helping to open the way for the next generation.

If we cling to past structures in YWAM, we will not only **hinder their maturation** in leadership, but we will **cut off YWAM’s future role** in this **coming global move of God.”**

- **Willing to let go of “traditions of men” that served us well “for a season” by “keeping in step with the Holy Spirit” (Galatians 5:25)**
- **“Don’t “lose your temper” (“Be temperate” (1 Timothy 3:2)—the capacity to remain firm on convictions, yet adaptable to circumstances.)**

b. BE ENCOURAGERS

Psalm 78:4- “We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord.” (NLT)

Psalm 145:4- “Let each generation tell its children of Your mighty acts.” (NLT)

Psalm 37:25- “I have been young and now I am old—yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.” (ESV)

- **We can recall the goodness of the Lord or the grief of humanity**
- **This will determine whether we pass on:**
 - **A “double blessing” (causing them to anticipate MORE)**
 - **A “second-hand offense” (causing them to expect DISAPPOINTMENT)**

Where there is HONOR & LOVE there will be a healthy interdependence.

- **Dreamers bring peaceful wisdom & security, freeing the visionaries to risk & learn.**
- **HOW we get along with one another will leave as lasting an impression as WHAT we accomplish together.**