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AN OPEN LETTER FROM DIRECTOR NICK BOLDEN

Over 300 confused and angry young people filled the Shirley Brother's Funeral Home. Reeking of marijuana, they were consumed with the classic question, "If God is good, why do terrible things happen?" Why did their loved one have to die before having a chance to live?

Nick Bolden, Director of Urban Youth Ministry, asked to preach the eulogy because of his experience teaching Young Champions, had just the words to deal with that difficult situation. "Yes, there are some terrible things that are happening in the world. The death of the 19-year-old lying before us is a classic example of a really bad day. However, there are some good days that God gives. The good days should far outweigh the bad. So what do we focus on and who do we serve and thank as a result?"

The Young Champions of Pendleton Reformatory actually helped prepare the sermon Mr. Nick was to preach concerning the youth, one that succumbed far too young, having been shot in the head. They said, "tell them to watch out for the 'Runaway Train.'" It reminded Mr. Nick of the story about Lazarus and the poor man in the bosom of Abraham after both had died. Lazarus wanted to warn his brothers from the dead, not to make the mistake he had made.

Thank you for investing in Young Champions, making it possible to impart direction to our youth, the church of tomorrow. It's harder than ever to be a youth in today's society. The laws of right and wrong have been confused. Yet the call of youth ministry is like the call of Ezekiel, one destined to spread the message to a hard necked, rebellious nation. With your support, maybe only a remnant will hear and respond but at least they will know that there are prophets in their midst.

-- C. Nickerson Bolden

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P.S. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience