

Letter to a teenager...

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HOPE





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***“Nothing influences the quality of our life more than how we respond to trouble.”***

**- Elton Trueblood**



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- **He turns.**

***“God is not just the God of power in creation; He is the God of presence in our affliction.”***

**- Ravi Zacharias**

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- **He turns.**
  - **He hears.**

***“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”***

**- Matthew 11:28**



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- **He turns.**
  - **He hears.**
  - **He lifts.**

***“Sometimes storms of life come to teach us that God is in control, that we must lean on Him ...”***

**- Max Lucado**

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***“I have been used for many years to study the histories of other times and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer, than the great sign which God has given us that Christ died and rose from the dead.”***

**- Thomas Arnold**



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***"The gospel is the ultimate story that shows victory coming out of defeat, strength coming out of weakness, life coming out of death, rescue from abandonment. And because it is a true story, it gives us hope because we know life is really like that."***

***"It can be your story as well. God made you to love him supremely, but he lost you. He returned to get you back, but it took the cross to do it. He absorbed your darkness so that one day you can finally and dazzlingly become your true self and take your seat at his eternal feast."***

**- Tim Keller**

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