



► ASK GOD TO BUILD A JUNIOR YOUTH CHALLENGE MINISTRY IN THE BROOKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FILL THE GAP BETWEEN GNC & CYIA.



► PRAY GOD WILL GIVE THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO EQUIP STRONG LEADERSHIP AT EACH GOOD NEWS CLUB



► ASK GOD TO HELP CEF DIGITAL MINISTRIES CATCH FIRE; BRINGING CHRIST TO A GENERATION OF UNREACHED CHILDREN ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.



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Prayer focus

INTERCEDING FOR THE NEEDS OF THIS MINISTRY.
POINTING CHILDREN TO AN ETERNAL FUTURE.

Invincible in Christ

As my heart tightened and the pressure built to the point of real discomfort, I found myself wondering if I was having a heart attack. The episodes became so frequent that I realized if it truly were a heart attack, I would already be gone. That's when I recognized what I was actually experiencing—**anxiety attacks.**

Even if you've never had a full-blown panic attack, I know many of you understand what it feels like to be weighed down by ongoing pressures in life. My heart aches when I see my treasured CEF® friends—our volunteers, staff, prayer partners, and financial supporters—facing loss, hurt, confusion, and what seem like insurmountable expectations pressing in from every side. This struggle is not unique to you or to me. Since the beginning of time, life's circumstances have stirred unrest in our minds and pain in our hearts. And when the battles persist without a clear resolution, the temptation is strong to wrap ourselves in discouragement and despair, the same way we curl up in bed with tissues, pillows, and blankets when the flu sets in.

There is no quick cure for the flu—only symptom management and time. Sadly, many of us treat our mental and emotional struggles the same way, as though endurance is our only option. But let me interrupt that narrative with breaking news: there is healing and wholeness available—

even in the midst of despair.

2 Corinthians 4 reminds us of this truth. Paul writes that no matter what we experience outwardly, God is doing a deeper work within us. And then comes the powerful charge: **"So we fix our eyes..."** We are reminded that we can choose to look beyond our circumstances to our Savior: **"For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."**

This is not a one-time decision but a continual, moment-by-moment course correction for me. Choosing to stand on God's promises—one at a time, regardless of what I see or feel—is the only way forward. It may sound simple, but it is far from easy. More often than not, I find myself praying, **"God, I believe; help my unbelief."**

One recent encouragement has been a small book titled *Jordan River Rules* by Robert Morgan. It takes us back to the Israelites' wilderness wanderings and the seemingly impossible obstacles they faced before entering the Promised Land. The book is, at its core, a reminder of God's unchanging character, purposes, and promises—that **"the same God who led you out will lead you on."** God has been using it to reset my heart and mind in this season.

***Therefore we do not lose heart...
For our light and momentary troubles
are achieving for us an eternal glory
that far outweighs them all.
2 Cor. 4:16-18***

Fast forward to the Harmony Grange Fair this past week. God blessed us with 156 children visiting the Truth Seeker, and 21 of them received Christ as Savior! Among them was a 10-year-old boy named Evan. As I shared some of God's promises with him, I asked what those truths made him. Without hesitation, he shouted: **"INVINCIBLE!"**

That's right—invincible! Out of the mouth of a child came the very truth I've been wrestling to live out myself. My heart overflowed with joy as I smiled, gave him a high five, and marveled at how quickly he took God at His Word. He believed—fully and boldly—that there is nothing greater than our Savior.

That is my prayer for you today as well: that the all-encompassing God we serve will be real to you in every way. That in each stage of your journey, you will allow Him to guide your steps, standing firmly on one precious promise at a time until you reach your own Promised Land.

Would you join us this month in lifting the CEF family before the throne of grace? Each of us faces challenges, but remember this: there is healing and wholeness even in despair. And together in Christ—we are invincible!

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