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CHICAGO, IL

I am a youth worker...

NAME: Dexter Young

MINISTRY POSITION: Volunteer Youth Worker

CHURCH NAME: Golden Gate Christian Reformed Church

LOCATION: San Francisco, California

LENGTH OF TIME IN MINISTRY: 17 years

MINISTRY SNAPSHOT: It's the most important, underrated ministry in the church.

THE ONE THING I KNOW FOR SURE IS: My passion for working with these kids is an undeserved gift from God.



I AM CALLED TO: Work with junior highers, accompanying them on their journey to Jesus.

IN MY MINISTRY I NEED:

- + stamina to keep up with the kids
- + discernment to know when to let them run or rein them in
- + honesty to cry with them when appropriate
- + humility to let them know I'm imperfect but love them very much

I'VE QUIT (OR ALMOST QUIT) YOUTH MINISTRY BECAUSE: My heart aches when kids are hurting, and I feel powerless to help them.

I'M STILL IN YOUTH MINISTRY BECAUSE: My heart aches when kids are hurting, and I feel powerless to help them.

FOUR YOUTH MINISTRY CONFESSIONS:

- I love junior highers now because I hated being a junior higher way back when.
- 2. I don't mind being a 58-year-old junior high leader, but I wish the kids would stop asking if I voted for Lincoln!
- 3. When I tell adults I lead junior high ministry, I'm tired of hearing "SOMEBODY has to do it!"
- 4. Need to do more to help the kids find Jesus.

FIVE TOTALLY RANDOM THINGS ABOUT MY MINISTRY:

- 1. Close your eyes and hold on!
- 2. Why do they keep coming back?
- 3. Burritos, not pizza.
- 4. BFF (best friends forever).
- 5. God is a junior higher.

THE REASON I'M GOING (OR WANT TO GO) TO THE SIMPLY YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE: I need to recharge my batteries in the company of other like-minded people who love God, Jesus, and teens!

And, I am not alone.

Details and registration at youthministry.com/conference. Or call us at 615-349-7111.

For you. For them. For Him. FUEL YOUR CALLING.