**I’ve been cheated**

Teens sometimes feel like they’ve been cheated in life and they have no value. Why?

* What are the real underlying issues?

What causes a teen to hate themselves so much that they would be willing to die?

Where do teens try and find their acceptance?

Why do you think being KNOWN is so important to them?

What is it about being needed that satisfies a teen’s desire?

**Four things every teen needs**

* To feel like they are
* To feel
* To feel
* To feel

What do all of the above have in common?

***The word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
5“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
    before you were born I set you apart;  
    I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”  
6“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”  
7But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.  
9Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth.***

**1st important point**

* *Teens need to understand whether they FEEL like it or not, the truth is God can’t lie, what He says is TRUE. (number 23:19)*
* *“The word of the Lord came to me, saying,”*
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  + *He was to speak truth by preaching and by foretelling.*
  + *He was not to prophesy or speak in the name of the Lord unless he knew it was from God. Why?* 
    - *He didn’t want to be a false prophet (one who didn’t tell the truth and it didn’t come to being)*

***Because if he did, he would be stoned.***

**So what’s the truth!!!!**

* Teens need to understand that THEY ARE
* *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,”*
* Most of the time teens won’t FEEL this is such a big deal because it’s not tangible.
* It doesn’t matter, the truth is, **THE GREATEST PERSON IN ALL THE UNIVERSE (GOD), KNOWS THEM**

What does He KNOW about them?

*“Before I formed you in the womb”*

* *Think about that statement for a moment. What would it require for him to FORM you?*
* *Every little detail about us he thought about BEFORE he created it.* 
  + *Therefore, your brain, physical looks, emotional make up, talents, etc…are specifically given to you for a reason.*
  + *The key is helping them FIND that REASON*
  + *Drivers Ed for Parents will help us in this area*

Once known, now what?

* Teens need to know that God  them
* *”before you were born I set you apart;”*
* *GOD CHOSE YOUR TEEN TO BE ON HIS TEAM. (Red rover red rover let your teen come over)*
* *Once again, if a teen doesn’t understand that they are part of something BIG because they are part of God’s team, then they will feel lonely.*
* *It’s the parent’s job to help them FEEL they are accepted and loved by something bigger than they could ever imagine.*

*That’s where Drivers Ed for Parents will help you help your teen FEEL loved and accepted.*

**Once known and accepted, now what?**

* THEY ARE

 ”*I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”*

* *God has a purpose for each teen’s life.*
* *It’s the parent’s job to help them discover that purpose. (Once again, Drivers Ed will help****)***

**Don’t be surprised if your teen doesn’t just jump at the opportunity to live for God.**

*Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”*

* *Teens are professional excuse makers.*
* *But God is an*

*Because of what Christ did, He can overcome any weakness your teen might have.*

How does He help them overcome?

**7**But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. **8**Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth.

* #1-He removes doubt and empowers their youth.
* #2-He removes the fears they face and replaces it with confidence that no matter what, God will rescue them even if they fail.
* #3-Finallly, God will give them what it takes to succeed at what He has purposed for their lives.

Conclusion

* God will help us as parents to help our kids
* Feel Loved
* Feel accepted
* Feel Needed
* Feel Known