

A Life without Limbs

Nick Vujicic is a public speaker and author. In the last decade, he has spoken to more than 3 million people in more than 24 countries on five continents, challenging audiences to live life to the fullest and embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ.

But Nick almost gave up on life at the tender age of 10.



Nick was born in Brisbane, Australia, with tetra-amelia syndrome – he has no arms or legs. When he was a child, the taunts he received at school so depressed him that he tried to drown himself in the bathtub.

Then Nick met Jesus and discovered that God loves him and has a special purpose for his life. At the age of 17, he started his own non-profit organization, Life Without Limbs. Now he travels the world, sharing Jesus' love with everyone he meets. Nick offers motivational speeches on life with a disability, on hope, and on finding meaning in life.

He believes that God can use any willing vessel to do His work, and through the power of Christ, anyone can overcome any disability.

In the ancient world, people born with disabilities were considered cursed by God because of their sin.

Jesus confronted this worldview in the ninth chapter of the Gospel of John when Christ and His disciples saw a man who was blind from birth. The disciples asked, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."

Our challenges are not divine accidents, and they are not punishments. Instead, they are a means of displaying God's power. The Apostle Paul confessed that he had "a thorn in the flesh," and he prayed for it to be removed. Rather, he said Christ told him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Have you considered that God may be using whatever unique challenge you may have to make Himself known to the people around you?

Like Nick Vujicic, you may discover that an obstacle you have been trying to overcome may be the very thing God uses to accomplish His purposes in your life.

– Beecher Hunter