

Yes, You Can!

Guideposts magazine published the story of Jim Stovall, who became totally blind at age 29. While he still had partial vision, he volunteered at a school for the blind.

He was assigned to help a 4-year-old boy, blind and severely handicapped. Stovall spent considerable time trying to convince the boy he could tie his own shoes or climb stairs in spite of his limitations.

“No, I can’t!” the boy insisted.

“Yes, you can,” Stovall replied.

“No, I can’t!” The verbal battle went on.

Meanwhile, Stovall fought his own limitations. Because of his deteriorating vision, he decided he had to quit his college courses. On his way to withdraw from college, he decided to resign his volunteer position as well.

“It’s just too tough,” he explained. “I can’t do it.”

“Yes, you can!” said a little voice beside him. It was the 4-year-old who refused to tie his shoes.

“No, I can’t!” said Stovall with conviction.

“Yes, you can!”

Stovall realized if he did not continue, the child would give up, too. So Stovall stayed in school and graduated 3 ½ years later.

The same week he graduated, his little friend tied his shoes and climbed a flight of stairs.

What obstacle are you dealing with today? With determination and persistence, you can overcome it.

Yes, you can!

– Beecher Hunter