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**Hello my name is Nicole and for this issues** I drew some baby birds. **By day you can usually find me** outside generally somewhere near the ocean **and by night** ill be playing with some lovely friends hopefully listening to beautiful music. **If I had a motto it would be** don't leave a rotten apple in the fruit bowl.



**This is Jackson Stace.. For this issue he Wrote** We are Legends.

**We all think he's a bit of a legend.**

## NEXT MONTH IN J-WALK:

>> Well maybe not next month but the month after we are keen for you all to have the say in jwalk we want you to write it all.

Check out the site for details soon!

>> Coast Youth Revolution

>> Other good stuff that's good.

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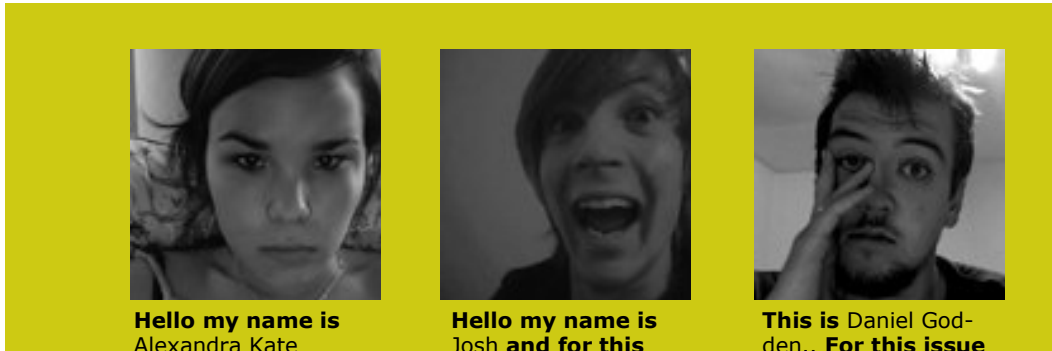
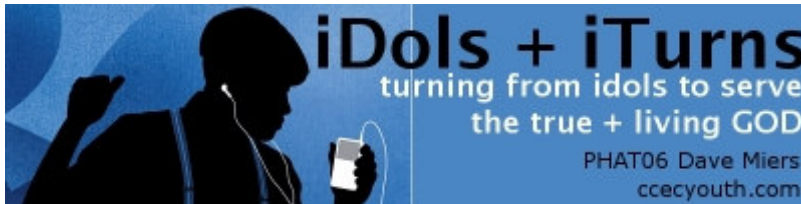
**The one that's there is bound to be good, or at least there.**

**.. and if its not check out the other stuff at**

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**Hello my name is Alexandra Kate Hartley and for this issues** wrote some stuff, found some pictures and eat some Easter eggs. **By day you can usually find me** writing about stocks and what not **and by night** ill be sleeping if it's after 930. **If I had a motto it would be** He fell in love. It was his life. (History of love)

**Hello my name is Josh and for this issues** wrote the next chapter of my fascinating investigation into the history of the native peoples of Southern Zimbabwe. **By day you can usually find me** in front of a computer at work or uni **and by night** I'm incredibly boring. **If I had a motto it would be** if I see a boundary, I eat a boundary, and was it down with a hot, steaming cup of rules.

**This is Daniel Godden.. For this issue he Wrote** At Who's Service.  
  
**Daniel's a legend too but for other reason.**

**I hope I know what your thinking... FINALLY Issue 9.**

**The start of a new year and we're doing things a little differently this time. We're only going to be doing 6 issues this year but bigger and better and with more from you guys!**

**First though this issue is on growth, it's about being in your g-teams, it's about growing as a youth group whole and its about growing in your own Christian life.**

**Our aim for J-Walk is still going to be the same**

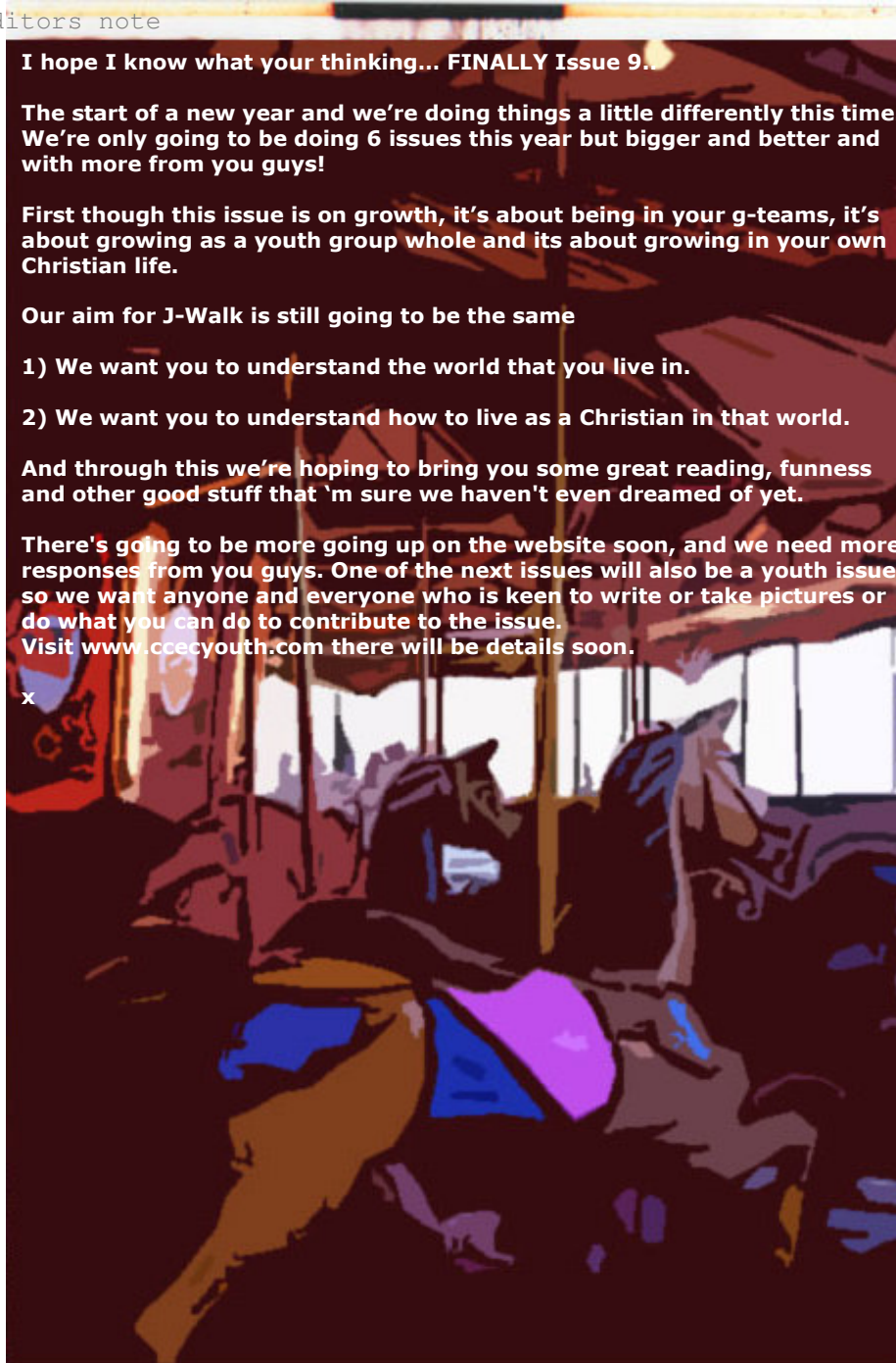
- 1) We want you to understand the world that you live in.**
- 2) We want you to understand how to live as a Christian in that world.**

**And through this we're hoping to bring you some great reading, funness and other good stuff that 'm sure we haven't even dreamed of yet.**

**There's going to be more going up on the website soon, and we need more responses from you guys. One of the next issues will also be a youth issue so we want anyone and everyone who is keen to write or take pictures or do what you can do to contribute to the issue.**

**Visit [www.ccecyouth.com](http://www.ccecyouth.com) there will be details soon.**

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hold an understanding of God that is far below the holy I Am. God's justice and mercy are coexistent and act together in all that God does. More than that, God's justice and mercy are equally and at the same time who he is. This is true for all the divine attributes. We need to strain our souls to see God as unity, as perfect unity. God is not a composition of various character traits in the same way as humans are. He is whole, and there can be no conflict within Him. To think of God as a composition is to make Him a creature, and not the almighty Lord.

The second trap we can fall into is to apply a human understanding of concepts, such as love, to God, as if that is what it means for God to be loving. But how far from the mark such an understanding can be. To continue with the example of love, we can see the way the apostle John came to define love: "God is love...This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:8-10) God defines what it means to love. Similarly, God defines what it is to be just. How many times I have heard the question, "How then can God be just?" This question completely misses the point! God is just! That is the statement of truth that the Scriptures present us with. The question we are to ask is "What actions of God display justice, and how then should we display justice?" Again, with reference to wisdom, ought we to conceive of God's wisdom as simply an extension of what it means for man to be wise. Not at all! Human wisdom is barely a shadow of the divine wisdom. God defines wisdom.

Why do we fall into these traps? We are finite creatures seeking to understand the infinite. It is not possible for us to do so. Do we therefore stop seeking? By no means. Rather we recognize like Ezekiel the limitations of the language that we have, that we can but describe "the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD." (Ez. 1:28). We can only come to understand God as He has so graciously revealed Himself; both in the person of Jesus Christ, and the revelation of His divinely inspired scriptures.

Recently on PHAT camp, we spent a week looking at different aspects of God's character in the book of Amos. We saw that God is a God who roars, a fierce and mighty God coming with all authority to judge all nations and all peoples. We saw that God is a God who cares for the poor and oppressed the weak and powerless. We saw that God is a God who deserves worship, the wonderful Creator and great revealer. Don't let these pictures of God fall from your mind because they are too difficult, too lofty to maintain. Instead, strive to understand the infinite God insofar as you are able, not compromising the difficult and at times impossible truths for a lesser vision of the infinite, incomprehensible Alpha and Omega. And long for the day when you will see God face to face, approaching Him through the precious blood of Christ.

May God work through His Spirit in you to give you eyes to see His glorious being.



## Flickr - V

We have fun at ccecyouth, you all know it.

Our Flickr account holds all the memories from way back when.

Don't forget to watch out for Phat photos which will be up there soon.

In the mean time check out fluro party photos, summerfest and last years jnr and snr camps they were rad, you know it.

Don't pretend you don't.

## talkcasts - V

We've got a whole lot of new talkcasts which are going up on the site.

If you missed Phat or you miss youth one week check out ccecyouth.com and head over to the talkcast section.

Our First Jvid went up this week and will hopefully be going up every week forever.

Have a look on the ccecyouth.com website because that's where they will be residing.

## Jvid - A

ccecyouth has its own myspace AND its own facebook so if you're chilling in any of those social networking areas don't forget to add ccecyouth.

<http://www.myspace.com/ccecyouth>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2446603825>

## FACEBOOK - A

## MYSPACE - A

ccecyouth.com has a forum now for all your chatting and discussing needs. New stuff will be posted from time to time so make sure you check back to see what new stuff is happening.

## FORUM - A

Obviously Jwalk is back this year, and if you would like to contribute something that give us email or speak to one of your leaders.

[ccecyouth@gmail.com](mailto:ccecyouth@gmail.com)

## Jwalk - A

Don't forget the new site is up and has a whole lot more features than the couple here.

Swing on by and check it all out.

## CCECYOUTH.COM

### **one thing we can do first and foremost is show up.**

The act of being in a growth group regularly is an encouragement to the people around you. It demonstrates to others that being there is a priority and a focus for your time, something which you see as worthwhile to your Christian life.

Which ultimately is a simple way of showing love to others.

### **coming prepared helps you and others.**

Reading and reflecting on the passage you will study in your g-teams benefit will not only be a benefit for you, it is a way you can help other to grow in knowledge of Gods word.

Firstly seeing others who come prepared, perhaps with questions and queries can spur others to engage in similar activities themselves during the week.

Secondly it allows you to encourage what others may say. Rather than making only off the cuff comments careful reflection during the week and thinking about what the bible has to say has applications for us and others lives. Through preparation you can stimulate group conversation and the thinking of others within your g-team in addition to letting your leader have a break from answering they're own questions.

### **prayer is an important aspect in g-teams but also at home during the week.**

God hears our prayers and uses them to work in our lives. It is a quiet and sometimes forgotten part of our everyday lives but it is essentially important. By remembering what a person in your g-team has asked you to pray for on a Friday night or Sunday morning you are serving them without them even knowing. It is also an encouragement to hear

someone has been praying for you during the week and shows a loving attitude toward your brother or sister in Christ.

### **become involved and active, have some personality.**

It is hard for us sometimes to have personality and input into our g-teams. For some it's been a long week and for others speaking out in groups is a daunting thought, however having a personality within your group is something important for you and others.

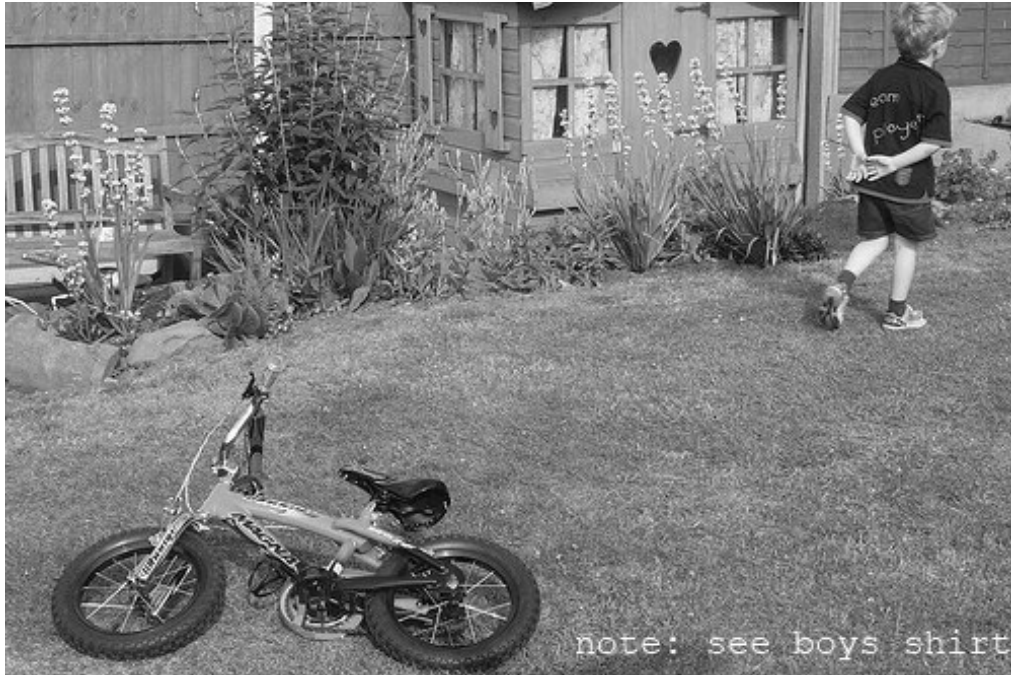
By opening up and sharing thoughts or even struggles from our lives we can show others that we may have the very same concern or anxieties that they do, which can be a comforting thought.

Eph 4:29 says 'Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building other up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.'

### **Show love and care for others.**

Everything you say or do or how you act within your group should be done to build one other up. It is such an amazing thing to serve others and there are so many ways this can be shown within small groups. Reading the bible out loud or praying can be a simple help to your leader. Simply asking a friend how they're going can be an encouraging action. Look for ways you can care and show love to the members of your g-team.

By looking at ways we can serve within our g-teams, ways we can love and encourage others we are glorifying god and obeying him which in turn should help growth in our Christian lives. Our g-teams show us how to live according to Gods will and how we can serve and honour him.



**Words:** Alex Hartley

For seniors it's Friday afternoon, you've just finished school and you have to quickly get changed and head out to your g-team before youth.

End of the week.  
Pretty tired.

For juniors it's a Sunday morning, your parents might be dragging you out of bed when really you want to sleep in.

It's the weekend.  
Pretty tired.

There are so many reasons no to go, or to perhaps be frustrated that you have to, yet in spite of this there are many

reasons people do head out to their g-team.

One might be to fulfil your leader's expectations and not disappoint them, maybe to make some friends, or even to receive encouragement after a tough week.

These aside there is one underlying and primary reason to be going to your g-team. By being involved we grow in love, knowledge and understanding of Christ and additionally we are able to encourage others.

One of the most basic commands which God issues to us is Love thy neighbour as yourself and this is especially relevant as we look to how we can serve others in our growth groups and g-teams.

Just letting you know if you come across something pretty awesome out there in the world and want to share it email [cccyouth@gmail.com](mailto:cccyouth@gmail.com) or send us a comment on the site and we care share is with everyone in the next Jwalk.



We found this cool mix-tape.

Who misses the days of mixtapes? When you would swap them like candy and write in pink and purple pens your favourite playlist.

We know we do.

Check out the new alternate mixtape.

Load up your UBS with your fav tunes and then slap it into an old fashioned cassette. The old school charm doesn't get old.

[www.suck.uk.com](http://www.suck.uk.com)

Go onto [cccyouth](http://cccyouth.com) and tell us your top ten songs to be on your mixtape.

## Foundit.com

Well I found it before you, but I'm willing to share.

Head over to [foundit.com](http://foundit.com) where you can check out the notes people leave for others to find and share.

Its really quite weird and wonderful.

They say our world is full of mass produced identical products, their mission is to help you express yourself through the customization of your personal electronics.

Pretty much they make your stuff pretty, but oh so pretty.

Check out the ipods and macbooks they've engraved.



## engrave ur tech

## Pictures of walls

Similar vibe to [foundit.com](http://foundit.com) but this one is [picturesofwalls.com](http://picturesofwalls.com)

You see something on a wall somewhere in the world and think I wish people everywhere could see what I see.

Check out the galleries there is funny sayings funny pictures.

My favourite is "Where have all the water pirates gone?" on a brick wall next to some water somewhere.

Quiet poetic really.

Anywho have a look.

Ask you're mum tho in case some people are rude.



**I hear you say,** "But it's not inherently sinful to take an extended overseas holiday!" But I ask you this: is it good for the kingdom of God? Consider the effects of the extended, open ended vacation.

**First,** you voluntarily take yourself away from church relationships. Your ability to encourage, challenge, build up and edify your fellow Christians is strongly hindered - not to mention their ability to do the same for you.

**Second,** the evangelistic opportunities you have fostered for years are likewise severed.

**Third,** your cultural self removal leaves you open to temptations that you are normally shielded by because you are known in your community. For example, many would not even consider entering an adult book shop because someone they know might see them. Yet, with the anonymity that overseas travel gives, this helpful barrier to temptation is lost. Add to this the fact that many who do travel are not Christians, do not hold a high attitude to fidelity, holiness and godliness, and would even willingly encourage others to adopt their lax attitude to immorality - and you have a recipe for spiritual disaster.

At its core, travel divides us from our own culture, and (most importantly) from regular Christian fellowship and accountability.

Indeed, if every eager overseas traveler seriously considered the affect that extended separation from one's Church and one's relationships had on oneself, I doubt that many Christians would truly be able to say they thought that their extended trip was a good and godly thing that built up the kingdom of God!

**With this in mind** should it surprise us to find that many seemingly strong Christians, who have wandered abroad for months on end in the hope of seeing the world (and even with the aim of using the evangelistic opportunities God might give them), have in the end found themselves compromising their godliness, exposing themselves to undue temptation, and even surprising themselves by their willingness to join in sin?

**Sure, you may know of people who've come back unscathed.** But can you really say that their extended holiday was driven by a purely godly motive: by concern for the kingdom of God? Jesus called us to seek **FIRST** God's kingdom (Matt 6:33). Jesus died for this Kingdom - to restore us to relationship with God. In the light of this, make sure you ask yourself before you head overseas on your open-ended trip, "Is my travel really motivated by a desperate desire to seek first God's kingdom? Or am I simply bowing the knee to the number one idol of the 21st Century: the extended holiday?"



## idolatry

**Words:** Jenso Norved of [gracenotworks.com](http://gracenotworks.com)

**Believe it or not,** idolatry is alive and well in the modern era. Maybe crude engraved stones have been replaced with slick sophistication, but idolatry it still is. If you are youthful, wealthy and educated (let's face it, if you're reading this you match at least two of these on the global scheme of things...) you have probably felt the lure of this subtle deity. No matter where you live, no matter who you are (except maybe some parts of the United States, where the world can literally be imported to your neighbourhood!) you feel the keen drive to see the green grass found on the other side of the global fence. The **god** of which I speak? The obligatory extended overseas holiday.

# WE ARE LEGENDS

**Words:** Jackson Stace

**Two viking nations; The Saxons led by Thod the Mighty and The Danes under the instruction of Dalos the Brave were driven from their homelands in desperate need of fertile land, livestock and women.**

It was indeed women that they found.

### Day one

Crossing the waters, our brave warriors encountered adversaries that met, if not exceeded, their warrior prowess. The slippery Amazons commanded by Queen Carlaz, and deadly Valkeries directed Queen Lucile, known loosely as the sisterhood blocked the path to the new land.

The battle of the water crossing was a time for both sides to test the defences of each other. After a long afternoon of war across land and water with a special taskforce of Danes, the Vikings secured a crucial victory against the sisterhood and created an outpost on the shores of the Valkerie shores.

Later that night, the Vikings began transporting their resources, food and weapons to their outpost. This became a nightmare as the forces of the Valkeries and Amazons swept down upon them. The Vikings were forced to scavenge food from the land, entering the nearby food rich region known only as the gauntlet. The gauntlet itself proved to be a

treacherous place to enter, filled with horrors and danger for Vikings and sisterhood alike. In the end however, the perseverance of the Viking hordes led them to fend off the sisterhood and fortify themselves for battles to come.

### Day two

With all four nations now set up with

strongholds, a battle of magnitude was imminent. Each nation brought war on one another in order take over each other's forts and citadels. Even though the loose alliances of Vikings and Sisterhood were intact, it was obvious by now that only one nation would remain supreme over all. Treachery was afoot as Valkerie turned on Amazon, and Saxon upon Dane in this mad race for power and dominion. It was the Valkeries who proved their worth in this contest as they quietly manipulated the nations around them whilst gradually taking many forts for themselves. They would not be underestimated again...

That night, now that all nations had staked their claim for land, the Vikings and Sisterhood re-affirmed their alliances. The two alliances planned a surprise attack on each other. The task was to burn down the opposing alliance's stronghold, dodging the outlying security of each and battling the nation's leader in order to plant extra fuel for the fire to burn. The Amazon citadel was hit the worst in this whilst the Danes remained

all but untouched.

### *Betrayal!*

During these attacks however, the leader of the Saxons- Thod the Mighty- sent extra warriors against the fort of the Danes in an all out act of betrayal on the Viking brotherhood. Enraged, Dalos the Brave stormed out of his fort and set fire to the Saxon symbol of strength, their clan pole (strictly not to be mistaken for a totem pole- but pretty much the same thing). Dalos challenged Thod to a battle and a great duel around the flames ensued. Dalos, drawing great power from his anger at being betrayed, overcame Thod and went to strike the killing blow.

Before this strike could be made, Carlaz of the Amazons swept to Thod's rescue, knocking Dalos away. Carlaz revealed to all present the love that had grown between Thod and herself and rushed to the side of her heart's desire.

Watching from the wings, Lucile- Queen of the Valkeries- could not take these horrendous events any longer. She confronted Carlaz and made her choose between the sisterhood and Thod. Carlaz chose Thod and engaged in battle with her once sister queen.

Now recovered, Dalos regained his senses of the situation and called on Lucile to join forces with him. Lucile agreed to this new alliance. What was once Vikings versus the Sisterhood had become the joined Saxons/Amazons (Saxamons) and the Danes/Valkeries (Davalkeries). Contrary to popular belief, the Saxamons did not start throwing balls at their enemies to release small creatures from inside.

### Day three

By now it was clear that only all out war would decide the fate of the land.

Over the course of the day, the Saxamons and Davalkeries endured intense and long battles across various fields. Skill and endurance became the currency of the realm.

In the end, it was the Saxamons who reigned over the land. And of them, the Amazons stood out as the most superior nation from the four.

The Amazon queen held a great feast for all the nations as the undisputed ruler of the land. Food was plentiful and dancing entertained everyone until late into the evening (11.00 for juniors and whenever" for seniors)

Myths and legends are unclear what became of the four leaders of these nations. Some information can be pieced together: Dalos the Brave took his remaining Danes back to the Viking land of old. It is said that they survive there still as a small nation, scrounging what they can from the land. The Danes complain bitterly still about their circumstance however some historians believe that their fate was sealed by some of their own...

Lucile took flight with her closest Valkerie handmaidens. Many stories conflict where it is that she went, however recent Saxamons who have travelled through the volcanic wastelands of the south have come back severely demented, the only words that they can utter is "Who's gonna bring that blood and pain?"...

Thod the Mighty took Carlaz as his queen and together they reigned equally across the land for years and years. King Thod died in battle at the age of fifty four, leaving his queen behind. Carlaz went missing soon after and has not been heard of since...

be looking for ways that we can be of help to each other.

This is easy to forget at Youth Group. At ccecyouth there are tons of leaders running around for you to make sure you get the most out of Friday nights as you can. Leaders minister to you by cooking you food, giving up their time to run G-Teams, clean up after you, set up chairs, chat with you, pray with you, play with you. You have ministers around you all the time so it's easy to not worry and let everything just happen for you.

But that's not what God wants. He wants to see you serving each other. He wants you to go to youth group looking for how you can serve other people there. You see while you the Bible tells us to serve each other it actually throws down the gauntlet in Gal 1:10 'Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.'

Paul is not just a servant of other people, he serves Christ. Because Jesus has served us by giving his life for us, he calls us to serve him. Psalm 100:2 says we should 'serve the Lord with joy'.

Here's the cool thing. By serving each other you are actually honoring and serving Jesus. He wants to see you grow in your love for him and your understanding of what he has done for you. As you grow you will love to serve. You will do ministry with joy.

So where can you serve? Heaps of places. We want to see our youth group grow so that we can take Jesus to heaps of teenagers on the coast. With that in mind I've got three areas you can start doing ministry right now.

## **1. Serve your friends who don't know Jesus.**

The best way you can do ministry to your mates who aren't friends with Jesus is by telling them about him. If that makes you feel uncomfortable then we put on heaps of stuff for you to bring friends to. If we do flipside in your school, serve your friends by asking them to come. If we put on a Double up night, then serve your friends by doubling up. The only way we can bring more teenagers to Christ is by you bringing them.

## **2. Serve your leaders.**

If we want to grow our youth group then we need to free up our leaders to be able to do more. If your year group leader is busy doing heaps of stuff maybe you can help them out. Perhaps on Friday nights you can offer to help them clean up so that they can chat to new people or parents. Offer to tidy their houses if you meet there for your G Team. Listen to what they say. Make it easy for them to serve you. That way we can build up our leaders and allow them to keep pushing on for Jesus.

## **3. Serve each other.**

We have heaps of needs where you may be able to help. Lachlan Grice is our 'Give' G champ.

That means that if you go to him and say 'where can I help' He'll have a bunch of places where you can be ministering. Maybe it's on the music team. Maybe it's on the setup team. Maybe it's welcoming new people to youth. He'll find the area where you can best serve.

I hope that's been helpful in thinking about ministry. We are all in ministry together, pushing each other on. Keep growing in your love and understanding of Jesus and he will keep filling you with a desire to serve.

## at who's service?



**Words:** Daniel Godden

Ministry is a funny word. It can get twisted to mean all sorts of stuff so that only people who are paid by churches are doing ministry, or only the person who preaches is doing ministry, or anything I do that has something to do with church is ministry. You've also got all kinds of ministries around us, the ministry of education, the ministry of the dark arts, some people even talk about something called 'the ministry' eg. He's going into 'the ministry'.

But what is it? What does it mean?

It actually comes from some words that mean 'to serve' or 'to serve like a slave'. Jesus talks about himself doing 'ministry' in Mark 10:45:

'The Son of man did come to be *served* but to *serve* and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

That word 'serve' is the same word that we get 'ministry' from. So Jesus was doing ministry by serving us, giving up his life as our ransom.

To be doing ministry means that you are serving. Paul talks about serving one another in the book of Galatians. He says 'You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, *serve* one another in love.' (Gal 5:13)

So we are all told to serve each other if Christ has set us free. That means we should all be doing ministry. We should all



**Words:** Alex hartley

**Artist:** Fall Out Boy

**My Favorite Albums:** Infinity On High  
From under the Cork Tree  
Live at Phoenix (DVD and CD)

So I'm a little bit in love with Pete from Fall out Boy. I used to think they were lame pop punk and to be fair they kind of are in a way. BUT then one day I was watching *One Tree Hill* and there he was, Pete from Fall Out Boy.

He was all like 'well I gotta go save the world' and then ran to play on stage and truthfully I know It doesn't sound like much but I was a little bit hooked.

The songs are so catchy and fun and they totally do a cover of M.J.'s Beat it on the Live at Phoenix Cd and DVD.

I Love the song.

Have a listen but check with your mum or dad or someone who can say if you can listen because there are some swear parts.



**Words:** Jens Norved [gracenotworks.com](http://gracenotworks.com)

It may seem strange to us - even sacrilegious - but the Bible actually makes quite strong links between the use of money today, and the heavenly reality awaiting us. While salvation is only ever by grace (not by anything we can do), Jesus clearly states that our use of money now, and especially our giving of it, is closely related to the treasure we store up for ourselves in heaven (Matt 6:19-21, 24; Luke 12:32-34; 1 Tim 6:19). Moreover, the Bible makes clear our attitude to money relates directly to whether we are serving God or not. In the words of Jesus, "You cannot serve both God and money" (Matt 6:24). Likewise Paul states, "The love of money is a root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:9-10). That is, money is not wrong but the love of money is.

As our attitude is in question here, this calls for self-reflection (not reflection on your neighbour!). But as this attitude is connected to a "root of all evil" we must beware of the evil of self-deception. How can we work towards honest self-reflection? The following reflections will help us.

[1] Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:6, "Godliness with contentment is great gain". But if you had only food and clothing, could you honestly say you would you be content with that? (cf. 1 Tim 6:7-9)

[2] In verse 9 Paul says there is danger

for people "who want to be rich" (1 Tim 6:9). Ask yourself, do you want to be rich? How much time does thinking about money making drive your thinking? How are you tempted to fulfil this pursuit?

[3] It is a general economic reality that as earnings increase, so does our expenditure, and our perception of what things constitute "necessities". List in order your 7 most expensive possessions on a piece of paper (in decreasing cost value, not resale value) considering any collections as one unit. Beside each of these write if it is a "necessary" or "luxury" item. Then mark next to each item if you would be content to live without it, or if you would remain content if it were downsized (eg: a smaller house).

That third reflection there is a hard one, and many who read this will no doubt not want to do it. But if that's you, I would challenge you to take the time to consider if you in fact need to do it - for Paul's aim in writing is not simply that we be content, but as he says in 1 Tim 6:11, that "you, man of God, flee from all this". In other words, we must not remain passive, but in our lifestyle be actively fleeing from the love of money.

And thus, Paul says, those who are rich must not be arrogant, nor put their hope in wealth, but rather, to hope in God alone, to do good, in fact to be rich in good deeds, to be generous and willing to share (1 Tim 6:17-19).

ment. After all, wasn't there hundreds of ways that the ships portable sensors could have been damaged? But all of them? He had trouble convincing himself of that one in a million chance occurrence. Unless it was intentional.

He cut off the thought short, shaking himself out of his introversion and took a gulp of his drink. Immediately he uttered a spluttered curse as he gagged down the now cold coffee; just how had he been sitting here anyway?

"Cap'n", a voice interrupted his thoughts from a speaker overhead, "Here", "Sir, I've lost contact with the Lieutenant and Seaman Evans, they should have been back fifteen minutes ago and i can't raise them on the radio", alarm bells began to go off in Mark's head and he sat bolt upright, "Prepped a probe?", "Aye", "Deploy and monitor...", a loud beep cut him off and he slumped back in his chair, "That'd be the doorbell Don", "Aye Cap'n, sorry for the false alarm", Mark brushed off the unnecessary apology, "Send them straight to the workshop Don, I'll meet them there"

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Lieutenant Alfred Iverach, Medical officer of the *Ventura*, lay on one of the two beds in the medical bay, his face stark white and a horrified expression on his face, even in sleep. Mark sat at his bedside bent nearly double at the waist with his elbows on his knees and his fingers laced behind his neck, eyes firmly fixed on the floor, thoughts spinning wildly through his head. What had happened? He couldn't piece anything together from the fragments Alfred had told him. Worse, he believed the lieutenant's strident claims that *I don't remember anything!* 'Where is Evans?', 'I don't know!', 'What happened?', 'I just remember... black! Mist... I don't know! Alice! Where is he Alice!?!', Then nothing. Shock, catatonia, finally sleep.

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That was over a day ago now and still he lay there unmoving. Miranda and Wesley, the crew's second Seaman: a young, irritable boy barely out of his teens, were both searching around Evans last known position, Don was again on watch on the bridge. Slowly Mark straightened and stood; made his way through the empty corridors of the ship towards the bridge. He always found the absolute calm and silence of the ship eerie when there was no one around to pollute the atmosphere with the bustle of habitation, and it was even worse now knowing he had already lost a crew member without a trace. With that thought, he picked up speed as he rounded the last corner, descended into the sunken area of the bridge and collapsed heavily into the copilots seat next to Don.

"Still nothing?", Don didn't bother to respond, Mark knew all too well that he would be notified as soon as word came in. there was a moment of silence before Don turned his head towards Mark, "There wasn't anything else you could have done lad", Mark suddenly felt the crushing weight of despair full upon his shoulders and he dropped his chin to his chest,

"The ship is enormous Mark, if he wandered off somewhere and hurt himself it could take us weeks to find him", anger flared momentarily in Mark's breast and fled just as quickly. Although technically Evan's suit could still support him for another 12 or so hours, Mark knew as well as Don that the chances of finding him were beyond slim and flirting with nothing. Still,

"They might find him Don.", "Aye lad, they might", but his disbelief showed in the tone of his voice. Mark sighed deeply. For Don, "You're right", then for himself, "you're right.", he reached for the radio, "Miranda, Wes, come on back.", Miranda's panicked voice, "But Sir! He's still in here some..", "I said come back Miranda." Mark repeated firmly. A defeated 'Sir' came through the radio and Mark leaned back into his seat again, a single tear framed his eye and slipped down his cheek. 21

# She is Rose;



## confusion

**Words:** Josh Bones.

None of it made sense. Over a week of sensor readings from the *Bright Hope* and the data from each visit may as well have been taken from different ships. With a groan Mark straightened in his seat; a series of popping sounds going off in his back like gunfire, "Enough, I've had enough", he muttered and reached for the power switch of the monitor he had been examining. Coffee, that's what he needed. Stumbling to the kitchen with his mug, he inserted it into the dispenser, "Coffee", "Dispensing" responded the female voice of the artificial cook politely. Mark guffawed to himself at the thought of calling a program a cook and took a groggy swipe at his mug as the machine ejected it. He always felt a little foolish drinking from a mug that looked for all the world like a toddler's Mr. Tippy. Mark mentally

cursed the low gravity that necessitated such a juvenile precaution to prevent spilling.

"Bridge, please", even after so long serving on ships he still couldn't break the habit of using 'please' and 'thank you' when addressing the computer. A moments silence then, "Bridge", "Don't it's Mark, how are the boys doing?", "Just finishing up Cap'n, should be back on board in 10 or so.", "Good, get them to upload the readings then take some personal time, we can examine the data later.", "Aye"

As much as he wanted to switch off, Mark still held out some hope that he would be able to piece together the discordant assortment of data and was certain that the sudden illumination would... well that's as far as he could imagine. There was a part of him that was certain that there was hidden significance in the endless stream of figures, yet a larger more rational part of him insisted it was simply faulty equip-

Notice here, "Rich Christians" is not an oxymoron. Paul assumed that some in the church were rich. But from the paper above you may have been again reminded of just how true Jesus' words to the 'Rich Young Ruler' still are today: "It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 19:23-24).

As Western affluent Christians (many of us with University degrees and bright financial futures), we have been richly blessed materially, and have much to give thanks to God for. But as we have seen, our desire for greater wealth and more luxurious lifestyles endanger our spiritual well being. In fact many of us are not truly rich in good deeds, generous or willing to share - and why is that? Possibly because we have not been actively fleeing the love of money, nor had our focus on storing treasures where they count - in the heavenly reality which awaits us.

Maybe at this stage it is helpful for us to reflect on the financially radical life of Jesus himself. He and his disciples formed a community with a common purse (John 12:6) from which provisions for the poor came (John 13:29) and to which their community contributed (including some of the women Jesus had previously healed - see Luke 8:1-3; also Mark 15:40-44). In light of this communal living, it is helpful to reflect on Jesus' words to the rich young ruler.

As one commentator has written:

*When Jesus asked the rich young man to sell his goods and give to the poor, he did not say 'Become destitute and friendless'. Rather, he said, 'Come, follow me' (Matt. 19:21). In other words, he invited him to join a community of sharing and love, where his security would not be based on [his] individual property holdings, but on openness to the Spirit and on the loving care of new-found brothers and sisters.*

The point is not that we must all live in communes, but rather, that Jesus had a very hard word for this young man at the point of his moral difficulty - and it involved losing his great wealth and joining Christ's band.

See, when it comes to sin, Jesus is adamant - and the man went away sad because of his great wealth. We who live such affluent lives today can likewise find God's word very hard if we take 1 Timothy 6 seriously. Some of us know how much our love of money gets in the way of hoping in God, and being rich in generosity. But for us who have been given so much from God, the opposite of hoarding our wealth is our calling - in fact we are to be generous and willing to share what we have. For it is only when we thus move from a hoarding mentality, to a sharing mentality, we know we are truly serving God, and not our money.

# PHAT: 2008

**Words:** Jono McKeown

Critics are calling it a master piece.

This years Phat video is set to storm into youth group and church this May. The hype surrounding this years film is unparalleled and believe me when I say it will not disappoint.

Jackie Young's and Ricky Warner's cinematography is simply superb. Never before have I seen the action captured from so many angles with such artistic integrity. Sweeping panoramic shots of breath taking battles is only the beginning. Their work shows a dedication and integrity towards good old fashion action sequences as seen the matrix and the earlier John Woo movies.

Meanwhile stills captured by Stephen Sutton and Andrew Hayes artfully freeze in time and immortalise all the great moments from Phat including: When That kid hit another kid with pool noodle, and also when that kid tried to hit another kid with a pool noodle, but missed!

Don't for a moment think that this is just another action film. The makers were careful to develop characters well, with careful attention paid to all aspects of Phat, including; eating food, and bible talks, free time and other stuff.

Special mention needs to be giving to Josh Prosser whose dedication to this film is unquestionable. There has been much talk of late that Josh is beginning to become a bit typecast. Lots of people are saying all he ever really does it just stand there making a peace sign. But Josh really has stepped up in Phat 08 and is anything but typecast.

Look out for such brilliant moments as

when he is lying down making a peace sign, hugging someone making a peace sign, and of course his crowning moment in this already perfect role: standing slightly to the left, whilst looking to the right making a peace sign.

Writer Daniel Godden has once again created a master piece story line, which eclipses his previous work in other Phat videos such as under water fairies and Samurai. It was a tough decision whether to go with Morgan freeman or Carlie Thitchener for the narration of this years story line, but in the end the decision was finalised when Morgan Freeman kept on getting his lines wrong and boring everyone with his soothing and whimsical narrator voice. Carlie's narration brings a violent passion to the already turbulent story line, which is just one of the many reasons why Phat 08 the movie will leave you on the edge of your seat.

Director Jackson Stace worked tirelessly with Producer Jackie Young to put together their best and only work to date. Optimists are calling it their best work ever, while pessimists are also pointing out that is their poorest performance to date.

To top of an already perfect combination of film elements the soundtrack to Phat 08 absolutely rocks. Linkin Park's "no more sorrow" was produced specially for Phat 08 and it really pays off. Never before has a song captured the mood of Phat so perfectly.

Don't miss Phat 08 the movie this May at youth group and church. Also be sure to pick up the DVD realise of Phat 08 and check out the bonus features and never before seen behind the scenes footage.

In Short Phat 08 is a must see film which will not disappoint.

**5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.

Our God, our creator and Saviour wants all men to be saved. That includes all the teenagers on the central coast. And there is only one way Teenagers and all men can be saved because there is only one mediator between God and Man.

That mediator is Jesus.

As Christians we need to be on about what our Creator, God, King and Saviour is on about and that is seeing people saved by hearing the good news about Jesus being that mediator between God and us.

*How are we going to do it?*

## the vision four thousand

We want to see all one hundred per cent of Central Coast teenagers bow their knee to King Jesus.

So, why only four thousand in the vision? four thousand is ten per cent of the whole.

Under God if we reach four thousand Central Coast teenagers – they will then become missionaries to the other thirty six thousand Central Coast teenagers. If ten per cent of a population is reached – the other ninety per cent are bound to be friends with one of those Christians.

We won't do this alone. We will do it with other like-minded youth groups. We will plant youth groups. We will grow our youth group. And we will keep using things like Double up and Coast Youth Revolution to reach out to the un-saved teenagers and encourage the Christian teenagers to do the same. This is how we are planning to reach the coast with the gospel. But how are we going to protect ourselves from becoming impersonal and so big and focused on growth that we become like a business?

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the plan. You see the reason why ccecyouth has been a great youth ministry for 10 years is that we have had leaders who have loved God and leaders will who have invested time in the lives of teenagers. The core of what we are doing has always been leaders and teenagers meeting up and studying the bible together in small groups. And caring for each other and investing time and effort in each other's lives.

Our G-Teams are crucial for our youth group to continue to grow in numbers and more importantly Christ likeness. If you are not in a G-Team then you will not have those close relationships that we all want and are so important to us as Christians caring for each other. Make sure you are looking after yourself and your friends by investing time and effort into your G-Teams.

I'll finish by using a illustration you may have heard before. To ask the question about what is the perfect number for a youth group? is kind of like asking the question what is the perfect number of people in a life raft? You see it might be nice to have some leg room and feel comfortable with everyone onboard but when you are in the ocean with people all around you drowning you don't care you want to grab as many people and pull them into the raft as you can. And you wish your raft was bigger and bigger because the need is so great. You start grabbing bits of drift wood and sticking it on your raft so you can save more people from drowning.

As Christians, just as people on a life raft we don't have the luxury of asking what is the most comfortable number of people at youth? The teenagers on the central coast are drowning and they don't even know it. People are dying every day without having Jesus as there saviour. We need to be on about what Jesus is on about and do everything we can so that more and more people hear the truth about the Saving message of Jesus Christ who died once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring us to God.

# vision four thousand



**Words:** Adrian Haynes

Growth is a funny thing, we all kind of know it is good, but so often we would rather just leave things the way they are.

The bigger things get the more complicated they become and sometimes feel less personal. You see this when you compare small shops to supermarkets, small towns to cities and yes sometimes sadly even small churches to big ones. I feel this tension quite a bit. Though I would never say that I don't want people to come to youth or a bible study so often when you do have a small group for things like this I find them more relaxed and enjoyable.

## is this the kind of thing we need to be thinking about at youth?

Are we experiencing enough growth to cause us to think about how we feel about growth and how we deal with growth?

In 1998 our youth group had about twenty people regularly attending now we have around one hundred and twenty regularly attending, with many more that we have contact with irregularly.

This is substantial growth and it does not look like we are going to stop growing anytime soon. Especially if we keep doing things like double ups and inviting our friends along. Maybe it is time we asked ourselves the question

## what is the perfect size for a youth group?

Well that depends on what you are looking for in a youth group?

It would be good if we felt like we belong at youth, and you knew everyone at youth and it would be nice if you had meaningful relationships with everyone there.

## what do you reckon?

Maybe about 50 people would be a good number if that is what we were looking for in a youth group.

But there is a problem with this type of thinking. You see are we making Jesus the centre of our youth group? If we think like this are we putting Christ's priorities above our own? If we think like this we are making youth all about ourselves and what we can get out of it when it should be about Jesus and his priorities.

At night church we've juts looked at 1 Timothy and a helpful passage was the beginning of Chapter 2. Here are a couple of Verses we've looked at that tells us some of what Christ's priorities are.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

**3.** *This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

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THE FOLLOWING **PREVIEW** HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR  
**ALL AUDIENCES**  
BY THE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

"Five stars....I simply have not seen a movie this good in years" (SMH)

"An almost perfect film, flawless, brilliant and altogether marvellous" (Rollin Stone)

"This movie blew my mind. Better than Grand theft Auto IV" (Xbox 360 Magazine)

"Phat 08 video was like totally sweet. Also this magazine that I write for is absolutely awful" (Dolly Magazine)

"Yeah it will be ok I guess" (Zac Masters)

