

Nick Vujicic: 'Life Without Limits'

Twenty-seven-year-old

Nick Vujicic was born with no arms and no legs, and yet he has learned what it means to have a “ridiculously good life.”

“I’m officially disabled, but I’m truly enabled because of my lack of limbs,”

Vujicic writes in *Life Without Limits: Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life*.

Attributing

this positive attitude in spite of his physical limitations to his “beautiful

God,” he learned that “there’s a greater purpose for all things.” Still, it

took this son of an Australian preacher a while to get to that positive stance.

From 8 years old, “feeling like there was no hope and feeling like I was

becoming just a burden to my parents and not believing that I’d become

self-sufficient, employed, married, have a family,” Vujicic decided it would be

better if he would “just disappear.”

Believing

the lies that he was unloved and not good enough, he attempted suicide at age

10. “Three times in the bathtub I turned over and tried to drown myself,” he

said. “The first two times I rolled over, I thought I was

doing a good thing by
relieving my parents of their biggest burden—which was me—but
the third time I
realized that there was something worse than my parents having
a son without
limbs, it was a son without limbs that gave up, so I couldn't
go through with
it, and I thank God for that because you don't know what's
around the corner
until you actually go around the corner."

Now,
with the help of three caregivers that rotate every 10 days,
he can walk, swim,
surf, and with the help of his two-toed left foot, even type
42 words per
minute.

"With
every limitation, there are blessings that come with it—and
that might be
offensive to somebody who's dying of cancer, whose mum and dad
just split up
and so on, and I never belittle anyone's pain—but in my life,
you will see the
examples again and again how we have a choice to really just
concentrate on
what we do have and stop complaining about what we don't have
and live life to
the fullest, knowing that we have a true destiny and a true
purpose [in] the
One who gives me peace," he said.

At age
15, Vujicic came to a personal faith when he read John 9, the
story of the man
born blind to give God glory in his life. "I just wanted to
know that God knew.

That was the greatest and is the greatest comfort today, that God knows, He knows your pain. He will not let you go through more than you can handle. If you trust in Him and lean not upon your own understanding, He will direct your paths. He will be with you till the end."

Now living in California, he is an internationally successful motivational speaker and preacher, traveling to six continents, and has become wildly popular on YouTube, with millions of views for videos showing him surfing, speaking or simply brushing his teeth.

"That's the beautiful thing about having no arms, no legs, how God packaged this, that we can cross over boundaries, build bridges and all that, but mainly it's because I know that I'm not alone," he said. "I think fear of being alone is the biggest disability of all. ... You can be complete on the outside, but if you're broken on the inside, there's no point."

In *Life Without Limits*, he offers advice on when to seek the guidance of others, how to graciously ask for and accept assistance and how to know when it is better to strike out on your own. Believing that "brokenness can be a good thing," Vujicic shows how he learned to accept what he could not control and focus on what he could.

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