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"it's all about reaching people where they are"

Today's youth are bombarded by messages of what it takes to be cool. For some, cool is being in a gang, for others, it's drugs, alcohol, or sex. Pastor Preston believes that teenagers need to find out who they are before they can make sound choices for their future. They need to know what they believe in, what they are good at doing and what their goals and dreams are. Pastor P's message is aimed at helping young people figure out what their dreams are, inspiring them to achieve their goals, and encouraging them to be true to themselves instead of sacrificing their goals to peer pressure, violence or victimization.

Preston's sincere desire is to help youth overcome adversity. He excels in helping troubled kids, because he shows them acceptance, love, and respect. The more troubled they are, the more success he seems to have in relating to them and empowering the message of hope. His goal is to inspire the leaders of tomorrow to overcome life's challenges. "Whether there are problems in their home, their school, or their neighborhood. I want to make South Jersey a better place to live for all of us. " - Preston

History

As a young boy Preston was invited to church by a deacon that promised him jello if he would go. This small effort made a great difference in the life of a young boy that God would eventually call into the ministry.

After graduating high school, Preston followed the call of God by going to Valley Forge Christian College. During his college years he began ministering to teens at a local church. After graduating

from Valley Forge, he intensified his ministry to teens through the local church becoming a successful youth pastor serving churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Although Pastor P has continued ministering to teens by serving local churches, his personal ministry has grown beyond the church doors. Preston founded South Jersey Youth Alliance in 2000 in order to continue to expand ministry to his community and surrounding communities in South Jersey. Since its inception, SJYA has continued to expand its services to teens while, "uniting the community for the benefit of youth". Preston's evangelistic heart and love for people have made it possible for him to be used of God to bring the gospel of hope to teens and adults around the United States.

Vision

Pastor P is a visionary. God has given him the ability to look beyond what most people see. He can look at a young man or woman and see the potential in them that most would not. He can look at a businessman and know that their desire is to be more than just successful in business.

Preston looks beyond the current methods of reaching people with God's message of hope and sees that there are many more ways that need to be explored. As he continues forward into the future of his ministry, it will be exciting to watch what God does through the creative heart of Pastor P.