

“I CAN DREAM AGAIN” CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

CHAPTER 12 – THE TEEN CHALLENGE MIRACLE

Miracle Family

We named my dog TC, but his birth certificate records his real name—Teen Challenge. Some of you must be thinking: *You must really love this ministry to name your dog Teen Challenge. I guess it has had a miraculous impact on your life to name your dog after it.* My reply is that Teen Challenge has been instrumental in reaching my entire family and friends. I love the ministry of Teen Challenge.

In 1986, just 2 years after I entered Teen Challenge, David Wilkerson said I had a messed-up family. My family now has a historic testimony: The Jack family is widely known in the Teen Challenge world as having the most family members go through the program. All eight of my siblings and my mother either went through a Teen Challenge residential program or through one of its outreaches.

Mending Broken People

Teen Challenge climbs over racial and denominational barriers to minister to people who are in desperate need. When Jesus came to earth, He broke through the walls of tradition. He took the church out to the highways and byways. He took the church to the people.

Teen Challenge is the Bride of Christ getting outside herself to pick up what society has labeled as lost, hopeless, and dead. Teen Challenge is touching men, women, and families who were once prostitutes, heroin and crack addicts, thieves, scoundrels, and outcasts of society. They are transformed into students, educators, businessmen, evangelists, pastors, and missionaries. They not only become citizens of the kingdom of God, but also soldiers of the Cross.

Teen Challenge is the arm of the church that invests monies, talents, strengths, gifts, and efforts not into buildings, cathedrals, or comfortable cushions, but into helping hurting people and mending broken lives.