



Turning the **Hearts** of the Children

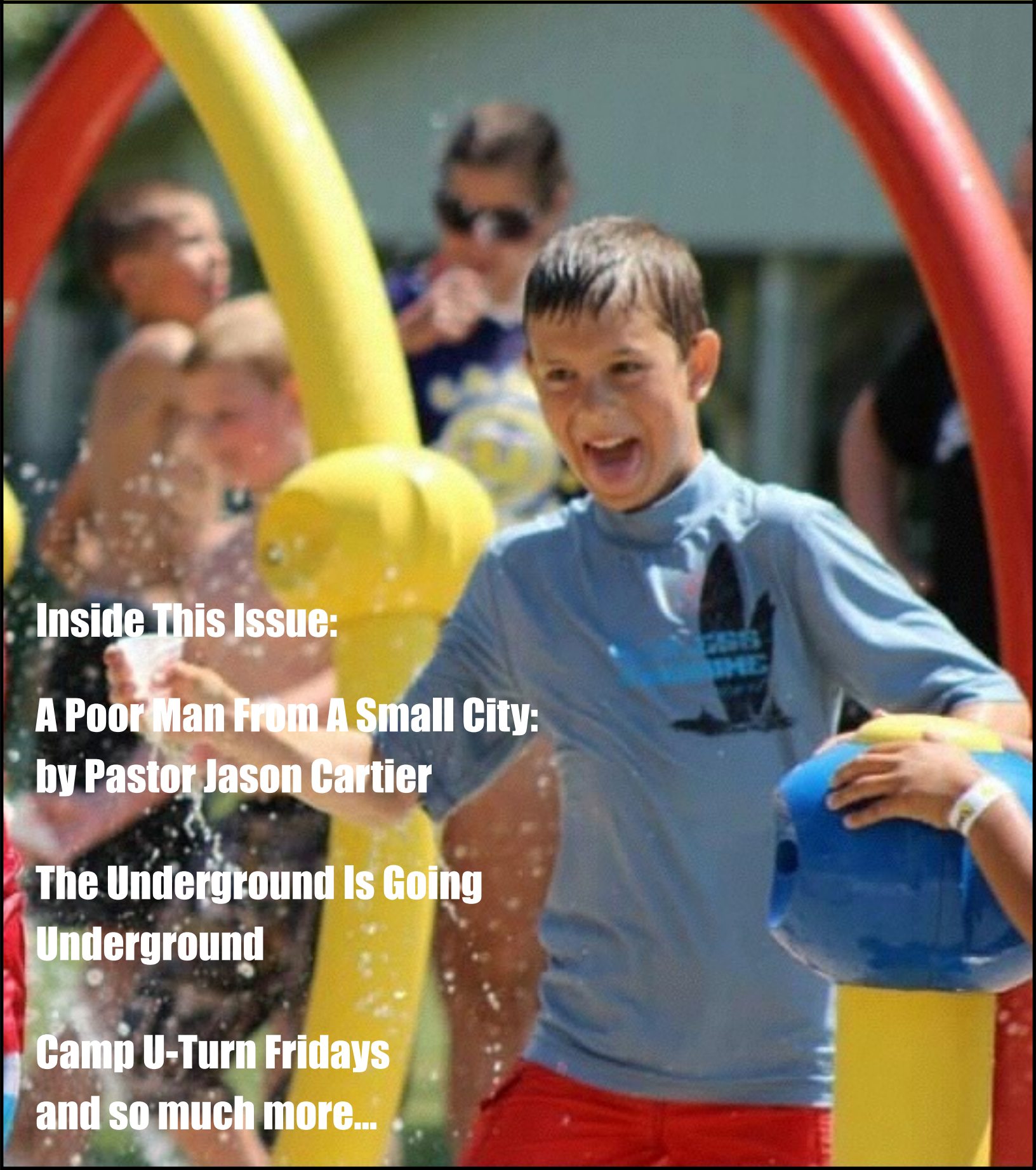
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## INTRODUCTION

After 21 years in full-time ministry you start to think that you have a couple things worked out. There is always so much more to learn and to do. Yet, there is this sense you've seen some stuff, learned from enough mistakes and have some experience under your belt that will serve as a guide for the future.

However, the last six months have proven to all of us that there are seasons that are difficult to navigate, much less plan for. In my relatively short 43 years I can't recall a time where there was this degree of tension, unrest and division in the world. In season's such as this what should we be immersed in and surrounded by? In John 20:19 we see the disciples gathered together in a house after the death of Jesus. Fear had overtaken them. The doors were shut and locked. Nobody was supposed to come in or leave; they were trying to figure out what to do. Then, in the middle of the tension, fear and doubt, Jesus appeared in His resurrected body. He came and stood 'in their midst'. His first words? "Peace be unto you." He spoke peace! Why? Because peace is what they needed at that moment.

Like the disciples, people everywhere need to hear and know one thing: Peace! Not a man-made, superficial peace, but the peace of Jesus Christ. The peace that only the Saviour can bring.

We are doing everything possible to bring and communicate peace to the kids and their families; I pray you will take that mandate as well. Continue to pray for us as we commit to carry His peace to our community.

Together, through this power of partnership, we face today's challenge head-on. We might have to do it differently, in different places, but we'll get it done no matter what. In Jesus' name!

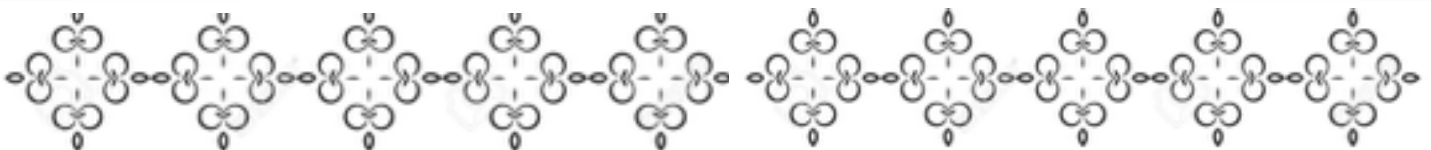
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U-Turn Ministries, Founder



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Seth Griffith, Wallaceburg's very own hockey hero is just as disappointed as we are about the cancelation of Camp U-Turn! Join him and others in wearing your Camp U-Turn t-shirt every Friday until the end of August!

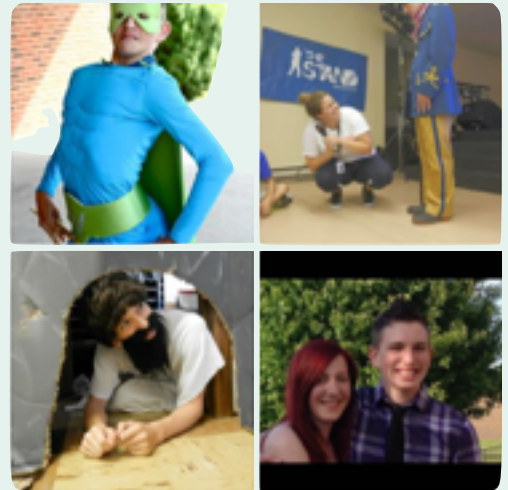
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## Camp U-Turn Fridays!

Is it bad that we couldn't bring ourselves to actually announce that Camp U-Turn has gone the way of every other day camp, festival or public gathering this summer? We love all aspects of what we do (well with the exception of year end paperwork) however, our summer programs are the absolute highlight of our year. Therefore, to celebrate the impact and tradition of Camp U-Turn we would like to invite you to wear your commemorative camp t-shirt on Fridays. Send us a picture of you wearing it and we'll post it on the U-Turn Facebook and Instagram pages. Also, in this edition we will include excerpts from a couple, out of the thousands of amazing people Camp U-Turn has impacted over the course of it's 16 year history.

### WES NELSON

I've played many characters in my years spent with U-Turn Ministries. Yet, the most important character that I was able to work on was my own. I learned, failed and had every experience in between. Leading dramas, building curriculum, setting up stages, and serving musically. It's all shaped me into who I am today. I also met my wife, Felicia at The Underground. I am very thankful to have been a part of U-Turn and all the great work they continue doing.



### Rhyann and Olivia Van Damme

Camp U-Turn is our favourite part of summer. We had so much fun. made a lot of new friends and we can't wait to go back every year!



# A Poor Man From A Small City

By Pastor Jason Cartier



Have you ever received an acknowledgement or some sort of recognition from an individual or group who are widely considered the preeminent standard of excellence? For instance, imagine being a young up and coming basketball player who was openly complimented by Michael Jordan. Or an aspiring guitar player who the likes of Jimmy Page or Jimmy Hendrix was impressed by. If any of these three people were to mention you on your merits, it would be a meteoric rise without question!



In Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 there is an easy to miss instance where King Solomon reflects on the impressiveness of another man's wisdom:

<sup>13</sup> I also saw under the sun this example of [wisdom that greatly impressed me](#):<sup>14</sup> There was once a small city with only a few people in it. And a powerful king came against it, surrounded it and built huge siege works against it. <sup>15</sup> Now there lived in that city a man poor but wise, and he saved the city by his wisdom. But nobody remembered that poor man. <sup>16</sup> So I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." But the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are no longer heeded. <sup>17</sup> The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. <sup>18</sup> Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

Solomon was proclaimed King and successor by his father, David at the age of 15. As a young inexperienced King, the Lord came to Solomon in a dream (1 Kings 3: 5-10). The Lord committed to give Solomon what he felt he needed most to rule and to serve well. Rather than asking for material wealth or power, Solomon asked God for wisdom. The Lord was pleased to grant his petition.

Consequently, Solomon was quickly recognized as a man who possessed a matchless measure of wisdom and discernment. Other kings, scholars and philosophers would travel great distances to learn from Solomon. King Solomon is widely regarded as the wisest to ever live. Therefore, when the wisest to have ever lived, encounters an outside dimension of wisdom that impresses him, it provides a wealth of opportunity and deep insight.

For me the pressing question is, “What was it about this wisdom that impressed King Solomon?”

Solomon was not only wise, but he was also wealthy, powerful and essentially the foremost decision-maker of the time period. He was objective enough to know that his wealth, position and power gave him a ton of leverage that allowed him to have incredible influence and impact. Yet, in contrast, the King characterizes the wisdom that impressed him as coming from a “poor man from a small city.” Essentially his polar opposite. It’s like Solomon was having a transparent moment, admitting a situational advantage of types. In other words, Kings are supposed to save their cities, poor people aren’t ... and that’s what he found impressive. I guess you could say that Solomon was impressed by the wisdom, but really he was impressed by the person, knowing he would have had significant obstacles to overcome besides the obvious ones (a powerful King and his army) to save his city.

Have you ever felt like the equivalent to a “nobody living in a small city?” Asking questions like; What possible difference could I make? What do I have to give? If you’ve wrestled with these questions and the emotions associated there is so much we can learn from this remarkable man who saved his city. What was true about him is true about us:

### **1. You are not limited by who you are not.**

You see, he was a poor man from a small city. He could have spent his entire life excusing his lack of impact and influence by saying, “You don’t understand who I am – I’m just a poor man from a small city.” People would have understood. Heck, most would have agreed with him!

The most powerful and important moment in my life came when I understood that Jesus gave me a new identity. My new identity is the direct result of who He is in my life. The Apostle Paul articulates this spiritual reality in his second letter to the Corinthian church; Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2 Cor 5:17).

Consequently, our influence and impact is the by-product of Jesus’ redemptive work and therefore, is not subject to my past or my carnal limitations. Stop focusing on what you are not and start walking in the fullness of who Christ has made you to be!

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### **2. You are not limited by what you do not have.**

I am convinced that when our dreams or goals don’t come to fruition in the time period expected we convince ourselves it’s because we don’t have what we need. Yet, when you are dealing with God’s intention and purpose for your life you’re not limited by what you do not have.

Based on what we read in Ecclesiastes 3 it’s obvious that this man had character, therefore, it’s safe to assume that he loved the small city and the people who lived there. And when it became apparent that the city was coming under siege he acted. He acted with no pre-existing influence or credibility.

My experience throughout approximately 21 years of ministry has taught me that the Lord doesn’t give us the resources to move out in faith. In contrast, the resources come when we move out in faith. Many wrongly believe that provision creates vision. It’s the opposite: vision creates provision.

Let this sink in: You are only limited by what you don’t use, that you already have in Christ. (Colossians 2:20 you are complete in him)

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### 3. You're not limited by what others don't know about you.

Most individuals who have had a major impact share a common aspect to their story in that there was a significant other who didn't think they could accomplish what they felt called to do.

Do you think for a second that when the King and his armies were barring down on the city that those in authority said, "Hey! I know who to get. Go track down that poor man, we need his wisdom and knowhow to save the city?" I can guarantee it didn't go down that way.

Truth is, initially no one cared enough to see that he was the one that God would use. That he was the one that God had prepared.

What's the take away? You can be seemingly unknown to this world – you can be a figurative poor person from a small town, but when the Lord enters into your equation, you humble yourself and allow him to pour into your life, you will have all the resources you need to make all the difference in the world that you were created for!

Right now there is a spiritual battle that rages for the souls of all humanity and God has placed you where you are as a soldier in His army. He has equipped you by His Spirit to figuratively save your city. You don't need a title. You don't need worldly power, or position. All that is needed is a willing, dedicated heart.

Perhaps no one else has picked you. Perhaps no one sees what the Lord sees in you. Perhaps no one else expects you to have influence in the battle. But when the dust settles we already know you won't be the first one and you won't be the last one who arises from relative obscurity to set their city free through the power of God.

**"You can be unknown to this world, but when the Lord is factored in you have all the resources you need to make all the difference in the world you were created for!"**



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**Sandy Duffy and Pastor Jason Cartier have the privilege of serving students throughout Chatham -Kent and Lambton County through U-Turn Ministries. However, they couldn't do what they do without the love and support of their spouses Ryan and Chrystal and their families**

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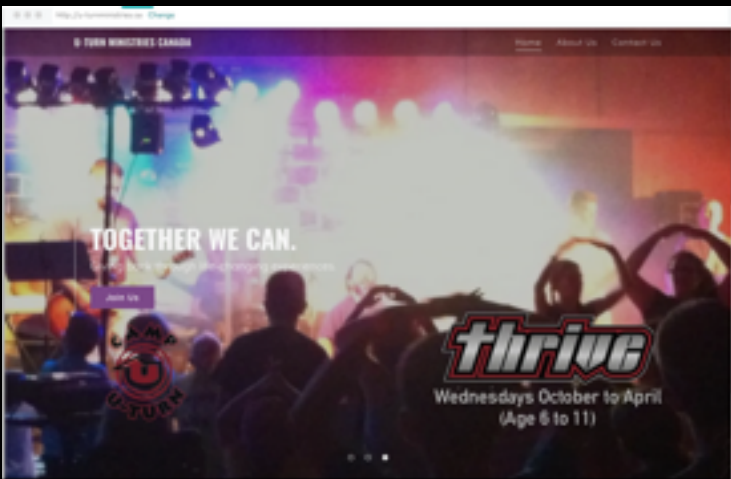






**COMING SOON!**

U-Turn Ministries is elated to notify our families, partners and friends that in September 2020 we will launch our new online home: [u-turnministries.ca](http://u-turnministries.ca). U-Turn is pleased to announce that [uturnministries.ca](http://uturnministries.ca) will be very much a user- friendly website that will allow people to register for events, get up to date information, make on-line donations and so much more. Look for [u-turnministries.ca](http://u-turnministries.ca) in September 2020.



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