



## Worldview Transformation Series

*Season Two ~ Disk 22~ Episode 1  
Snowboarding: Live on the Edge ~ Coaching*



### Video Summary

The snow-covered mountains of Southern California are the backdrop for this fun and impacting episode. Jesus said in Matthew 28 that we should go and make disciples of all nations. This can be a daunting request especially when we look at the weaknesses in our own lives. We can never give away or impart to another that which we have not first acquired ourselves. God has called each of us to a life of victory and success in every area of our lives. Ask any successful person and they will give you the specific names of people who helped them achieve their God-given dreams and goals. We all need a “cheerleader” and “coach” who is willing to deposit into our lives the wisdom they have received over the years. No man is ever an island unto himself and we have NOT been called to “live on the edge” alone. Life is best lived when we live it together. This is a sound principle and it is echoed through the life of the disciples in the Scriptures. Jesus sent disciples out two by two, not only so one could help the other but also so they could be accountable to each other in all aspects of their lives.

This God-given principle however is sadly neglected and as we look at the lives of most teens today, most under the age of 25 have never experienced the life-changing process of mentoring and intimate discipleship. It is the secret to an abundant life and success in Christ. Allowing someone who has gone before you to share with you his or her victories and failures will add volumes to your character and personal development. This episode introduces young people from different walks of life that have varied levels of experience in snowboarding. Each of them has a certain skill level, but for them to build on what they already know, they will need to accept help from others who know more than they do. As Chad leads this motley group through the mountains of Snow Valley Ski Resort in California, he imparts to them many secrets of “carving” and some essentials to a victorious life in Christ!



### Icebreaker

Get Lost!

Mr. Jacobson decided to take a week off from the pressures of the office and went skiing. Alas, no sooner did he reach the slopes than he heard an ominous rumbling: moments later a sheet of snow came crashing toward him. Fortunately, Mr. Jacobson was able to jump into a cave just before the avalanche hit. Just as fortunately, he had matches with him and was able to light a fire.

Hours later, when everyone but Mr. Jacobson had returned, a rescue team was sent to search for him. After several hours, they saw smoke curling from the cave and went to investigate. Poking his head into the entrance, one of the rescuers yelled, “MR. JACOBSON, ARE YOU THERE? IT’S THE RED CROSS.”

Bristling, the harried executive called back, “GET LOST! I ALREADY GAVE TO YOUR CHARITY BACK AT THE OFFICE!”



## Primary Lesson

Coaching: The importance of having a humble and teachable spirit!

Pastor Wellington Boone made this profound comment many years ago- "It's not who you are but who you help others become that makes the most difference."

When I first heard this statement it struck a chord deep in my spirit. When I was a younger man, I always had three people on my mind: me, myself and I. They consumed all of my thoughts and seeing one or all of them succeed is what motivated me. But as I have gotten older and grown in wisdom and life experience I have realized through Christ that it is not about my accomplishments, nor me, it is always about other people. I had many coaches through life, they were everywhere; they drove busses, worked as janitors, were waiters and waitresses, and ultimately, just normal people who knew something that I did not. At the time I did not consider their unconventional wisdom necessary for my success in life, but as I look back now, I see that had I actually taken the time to listen and learn, I could have shaved years off of the disappointment and failure I experienced as a young man.

Young and old alike in our present culture can express this sentiment, especially when it concerns their personal relationship with Jesus. We are always taught to "figure it out yourself"; "don't read the directions"; "make your own way in life", etc. Unfortunately this will always lead down a path of destruction. God has implemented a system of discipleship and mentoring throughout scripture that is designed to impart the truths of God experientially to our lives. This can be seen not only in the spiritual realms but also in the natural realms. If you see a successful sports team or athlete you can bet that there is a committed, persistent coach on the sidelines. They are the key to the success of any individual or team effort. As we examine the issues of snowboarding and the principles needed to succeed, we will also compare them to the natural course of our lives. If we are willing to follow directions, remain teachable and receive instruction, we will see our lives changed for the better. People pay hundreds of dollars a year to have a private coach in the gym or spend thousands of dollars a week to attend a motivational seminar, keenly aware that success in any part of life will take the help of others.

It has been my privilege over the years to have had the opportunity to personally disciple lots of different teens

in many different cultures and from varied walks of life. I was not interested in seeing them become superstars in their personal endeavors; my motivation was to help them experience a depth and intimacy with Jesus that can only be forged through intense discipleship and submission to authority.



## Facts, Figures & Illustrations

Frogs

Snowboarding was first invented by Sherman Poppen in the year 1965.

Early boards were very simple in their design and were made by just fixing two skis together.

However, highly specialized models are available today. These recent designs reflect the variety of riding styles that emerged within the sport in due course of time.

The two common primary styles of snowboarding are: 'freestyle/freeride' and 'alpine/carving'. The specialized set of equipment used in each style is different from each other.

Today, snowboarding competitions and events are being held at an international level. These events include 'the halfpipe', 'boardercross', 'slopestyle' and 'parallel giant slalom', to name a few.

In 2000, Snowboarding was the fastest-growing sport in the US (followed by skateboarding), with the number of enthusiasts rising to a total of just over 7.2 million.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 37,600 Snowboarding injuries and 84,200 skiing injuries were treated in 1997. Approximately 17,500 of those incidents were head injuries.

A study by the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that each year, 11 Snowboarding- and Skiing-related deaths and 7,700 head injuries – including 2,600 head injuries to children – could have been prevented if helmets were worn.

- 17.3% of snowboarders are ages 7-11
- 23% of snowboarders are women
- One of every four snowboarders is aged 25 to 44
- 24% of the snow sports populations are snowboarders



## Key Scriptures

(From NKJV, unless otherwise noted)

**Proverbs 8:32-34** ~ *Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.*

**1 Corinthians 11:1** ~ *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*

**Proverbs 19:20** ~ *Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days.*

**Isaiah 28:10** ~ *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."*

**Matthew 22:14** ~ *For many are called, but few are chosen.*

**Proverbs 16:18** ~ *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

**Jeremiah 12:5** ~ *If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?*



## Complimentary Story

How a piece of wood changed world history

*Many times someone doing something a little different and having his or her ideas catch on has changed history. The pasteurizing of milk to prevent spoiling and contamination is a perfect example. Snowboarding was also the result of someone doing something a little different. In a few short years we have taken a crazy idea and turned it into a household word and created a culture and language around it.*

The history of snowboarding officially begins in 1929 with a man named M.J. Burchett. For some unknown reason, perhaps a dare from friends or the result of drinking, Mr. Burchett changed history when he cut a plank of plywood and secured it to his feet using a clothesline and horse reins. This humble beginning changed history forever.

Not much changed for snowboarders until 1965 when Sherman Poppen invented a toy for his daughter and eventually marketed it. His "Snurfer" consisted of 2 skis bound together with a rope at the nose of the skis to hold on to. This idea caught on fast and Mr. Poppen sold half a million of his Snurfers by 1966. Mr. Poppen helped create demand for his product by holding contests for Snurfers. Jake Burton took part in many of these competitions until he broke his collarbone in a car accident.

Snowboards as we know them came into existence in 1969 when riding down snowy hills on a cafeteria plate in college inspired Dimitrije Milovich. Mr. Milovich decided to make snowboards that were based upon the design of a surfboard but worked the same way skis did. In 1972 Mr. Milovich started a company called Winterstick and really fired up the idea of snowboarding until 1980 when he left the industry. To this day Milovich is seen as a very important pioneer in the industry.

In 1977 Burton came back to his first love, the Snurfer. After completing university, Burton moved to Vermont and needing to make some money, started to produce Snurfers again. Burtons snowboards were made of laminated wood and he shocked the world when he won a Snurfer competition on his own board. One major reason for Burton being able to win the competition was the skiing styled binding that he added to his boards thus allowing him to control them much better. During this time Burton had on major competitor, Tom Sims. Sims borrowed from skateboarding technology to create his own version of the snowboard. Sims snowboards came from an idea he had in shop class when he glued carpet to the top of a piece of wood and aluminum sheeting to the bottom of the board. In order to showcase their innovations, Burton and Sims held the first-ever snowboarding competition in Vermont in 1982. This competition was more of a survival contest as the runs were icy kamikaze runs. This event helped to launch the magazine Absolutely Radical that became the International Snowboarding Magazine.

Snowboarding technology continued to improve, as did the fame of its competitions. The competitions became so popular that the International Snowboarding Federation was formed to help judge competitions. In 1998 snowboarding made its grand entrance into the world of the Olympics at Nagano, Japan.

Source: <http://www.faqs.org/contrib/jj2/The-history-of-snowboarding.html>



## Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the issue of being teachable. Why is it that most people (and teens) do not want to take instruction from others, especially older individuals? How can this attitude lead to problem-areas in their lives?
2. One of the biggest obstacles to growth in Christ for teens can be fear: fear of failure, and fear of exposure. Discuss this point and what attitudes can be adopted to overcome this. (Leadership protecting teens and teens being transparent with leaders) Offer suggestions on dealing with natural fear and irrational fear.
3. Discuss the issues of following the wrong leader.  
*Hint: 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits." Proverbs 13:20 "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."*
  - a. How many in the group have been led astray by corrupt friends and corrupt influences?
  - b. Ask if any of the kids will share an experience about relationships that have been very costly to them.
4. Discuss why most teens quit after failing only once at a vision or new endeavor. Most of these are based on personal insecurity and pride  
*Hints: fear of what others will think or say, easier to walk away than pick yourself up and try again Proverbs 24:16- For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again...*
5. Discuss the positive influences in kids' lives: grandparents, parents, friends, and sports heroes. How has an example made by others has impacted their lives positively and has been implemented as a way of life.  
*Example: Becoming a radical giver, being kind, being patient, overcoming weakness, etc. 1 Corinthians 11:1 "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."*