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## “Life”

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Life is a game, a test of strength, courage, want, forgiveness, faith, and accepting changes. You will always have things you love, and things you hate. It's not something you can control. It's just how we're created, how we're made. Throughout life you will eventually hate some things you love, and maybe start to love some things you hate. It's just how it goes. And there's no way of avoiding obstacles, or changes, they will occur, no matter where you are or what you do, life will always have hard times. But one of the hardest things that will happen in your time

will be losing something you love, and it will always be something you never wanted to let go of. How do you fix it? Well I've figured out something, you can't fix it. You just have to play the game. You can't be in control of everything, ever. And not being in control will be the death of us all. Because control, is what everybody craves. The power to keep your life exactly how you want it. I can promise you right now, no one has that power, no one has that control, and no one ever will. Has anyone else lost something you love, or had things happen that you can't have happen, and you just don't think life can go on? I know you have, I know everyone has, I know I have. I've lost people I love, family members, friends, and the only girl I ever wanted to be with. All lost through death or words of detachment. I've had many things happen that I didn't think would ever happen, and I didn't think I could handle it. But I do. The best way I possibly can. I can't be strong when I'm broken, I can't have courage when I feel so small, the more I want the weaker I feel, and forgiveness and accepting changes, isn't an option. So what's left for me? Faith. Kneeling beside my bed, with my cross in my hands being held tight. Then I speak. I don't question the lord on why these things have to happen, I don't ask why things don't go my way. I ask for the ability to overcome obstacles that come my way. Then I touch my heart, kiss my cross, and point up. Because I believe the lord is always listening. Then when I stand up and take my breath, I don't feel like anything will change, and I still feel as I've hit the bottom. But there's one more thing I feel, and that's relief. Relief that the girl I love might love me again one day, but if she doesn't I'll be okay. Relief that my family might never be rich and struggle during hard times, but we'll all be okay. And relief that I'll look at life one day as the beautiful peaceful thing it's supposed to be... have you ever heard the bible verse Deuteronomy 31:6? "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord you God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." My favorite verse, my hope in life. What keeps me living the life I was given. But I know there's people that don't believe in things I do, there's people who don't believe in anything and that is okay. But you have too, always, find relief. For relief is the key. I'm Zach Young, I know I'm strong, I know I'm filled with courage, I know I can forgive, I know I always want, and I know I can accept things. I also know I cry, I know I get angry, and I know I can get very sad. Everyone has all of those things inside of them, and everyone knows it. But nobody wants to show it. Just like me. So go ahead, let those emotions out and feel every single one. But like I said, relief... is the key.

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