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HERE'S SOMETHING I READ TODAY: *The best way a man can turn his wife on is to turn on the vacuum cleaner.*

### TODAY'S STUDY

## COME UP BY FAITH TO WHERE YOU BELONG!

You've may never have heard of Kar-oly Ta-kacs. However, in Hungary, he's a national hero - everybody there knows his name and his incredible story. After hearing his story, you'll probably never forget him...

In 1938, Kar-oly Ta-kacs of the Hungarian Army was the TOP PISTOL SHOOTER IN THE WORLD.

He was expected to win the gold in the 1940 Olympic Games scheduled for Tokyo.

Those expectations vanished one terrible day just months before the Olympics. While training with his army squad, a hand grenade exploded in Ta-kac's right hand, and Ta-kacs' shooting hand was blown completely off. He spent a month in the hospital depressed at both the loss of his hand, and the end to his Olympic dream.

At that point most people would have quit. And they would have probably spent the rest of their life feeling sorry for themselves. Most people would have quit but not Ta-kacs. He was a winner. Winners know that they can't let circumstances keep them down. They understand that life can be hard and that they can't let life beat them down.

Winners never quit and quitters never win.

Winners know in their heart that quitting is not an option.

Ta-kacs did the unthinkable; he picked himself up, dusted himself off, and decided to learn how to shoot with his left hand!

His reasoning was simple. He simply asked himself, "*Why not?*"

Instead of focusing on what he didn't have – a world class right shooting hand, he decided to focus on what he did have – incredible mental toughness, and a healthy left hand that with time, could be developed to shoot like a champion.

For months he practiced by himself. No one knew what he was doing. Maybe he didn't want to subject himself to people who most certainly would have discouraged him from his rekindled dream. People like to do that you know they seem to enjoy putting the other person down.

In the spring of 1939 he showed up at the Hungarian National Pistol

Shooting Championship. Other shooters approached Ta-kacs to give him their condolences and to congratulate him on having the strength to come watch them shoot. They were surprised when he said, ***"I didn't come to watch, I came to compete."***

They were even more surprised when he won the national championship with his left hand!

The 1940 and 1944 Olympics were cancelled because of World War II. It again looked like his Olympic Dream would never have a chance to realize itself.

But he refused to give up and kept training and in 1944 he qualified for the London Olympics.

At the age of 38, He won the Gold Medal and set a new world record in pistol shooting. Four years later, He won the Gold Medal again at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

Ta-kacs - a man with the mental toughness to bounce back from anything. Winners in every field have a special trait that helps them become unstoppable. God sees us all as **WINNERS IN CHRIST**.

Winners have a special characteristic that allows them to survive major setbacks on the road to success.

Winners recover **QUICKLY**.

But just bouncing back is not enough. Winners bounce back **QUICKLY**.

They take their hit, they experience their setback, they have the wind taken out of their sails, but they immediately recover.

Right away they **FORCE** themselves to look at the bright side of things – and they say to themselves ***"That's OK. THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY. I WILL FIND A WAY."***

They dust themselves off, and pick up where they left off.

The reason quick recovery is important is that if you recover quickly, you don't lose your momentum and your drive.

Ta-kacs from Hungary recovered in only one month. If he had wallowed in his misery, if he had stayed ***under the circumstances***, if he had played the martyr, and felt sorry for himself much longer, he would have lost his mental edge – his "eye of the tiger" and he never would have been able to come back.

I am interested in boxing and always have been but when a boxer gets knocked down, he has just **TEN SECONDS** to get back up. If he gets up in **ELEVEN SECONDS**, he loses the fight. That **ONE EXTRA SECOND** means a loss,

Try to remember that next time you get knocked down by the devil, **A PERSON IS NOT BEATEN BY BEING KNOCKED DOWN; IT'S WHEN HE STAYS DOWN THAT HE IS BEATEN.**

So Ta-kacs definitely could have thought he had a right to feel sorry for himself.

He could have thought had a right to stay depressed and to ask himself "Why me?" for the rest of his life.

He could have thought had the right to act like a mere mediocre man.

Ta-kacs could have let his terrible accident cause him to become permanently discouraged, to take up heavy drinking, to quit on life altogether, and maybe even to end his own life. He could have acted like a loser.

But he made the **QUALITY DECISION** to dig deep inside and to find the solution.

It was to pick himself up and to learn to shoot all over again.

Winners always search for a **SOLUTION**.

Losers always search for an **ESCAPE**. They accept what seems inevitable.

Next time you get knocked down **DECIDE** you will act like a winner. **DECIDE** to act like Ta-kacs.

Get up quickly, take action, and astound the world around you by your remarkable recovery!

Most of you probably may never have heard of the Nick Vujicic, his story **LIFE WITHOUT LIMBS** is available on DVD. He spoke to my grandson's school. Some of you might have heard him at one of the churches he has

been to in the area. Nick born in Melbourne in 1982 to a Christian Family but he had no arms or legs, his mother said TAKE IT AWAY when she saw him for the first time.

He has not let that stop him he has gone on to become a motivational speaker, a preacher with a great testimony, he owns several pieces of fine real estate and is going from strength to strength, all with no arms or legs. So what's our problem!

*Norman*

Dr. Norman Campbell

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Put this into your browser ***Nick Vujicic LIFE WITHOUT LIMBS*** and you will get lots of information about him

**Just a smile for today**

Johnny, a very bright 5 year old, told his daddy he'd like to have a baby brother and, along with his request, offered to do whatever he could to help.

His dad a very bright 35 year old paused for a moment and then replied, *"I'll tell you what, Johnny, if you pray every day for two months for a baby brother, I guarantee that God will give you one!"*

Johnny responded eagerly to his dad's challenge and went to his bedroom early that night to start praying for a baby brother.

He prayed every night for a whole month, but after that time, he began to get sceptical. He checked around the neighbourhood and found out that what he thought was going to happen, had never occurred in the history of the neighbourhood. You just don't pray for two months and then, whammo- a new baby brother. So, Johnny quit praying. After another month, Johnny's mother went to the hospital. When she came back home, Johnny's parents called him into the bedroom. He cautiously walked into the room, not expecting to find anything, and there was a little bundle lying right next to his mother. His dad pulled back the blanket and there was -- not one baby brother, but two!! His mother had twins!

Johnny's dad looked down at him and said, *"Now aren't you glad you prayed?"* Johnny hesitated a little and then looked up at his dad and said, *"Yes, but aren't you glad I quit when I did?"*

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