

If I had one hundred thousand dollars, I would use it to organize a concert that focuses on the abolition of slavery. As some of you probably know, slavery is not thought of as a common problem in today's world. Unfortunately, slavery not only exists—it thrives. Twenty-seven million slaves, half of whom are children, live throughout the continents. There are slaves living here in America, as well as in poor countries and areas. One way that I would like to help stop the slave trade is by holding a free out-door concert, both organized and hosted by Christian teenagers. The reason that I want it to be organized by teens is because I want to show them how much of a difference they can really make in somebody's life. I know that teens have a desire to do something great, and the best way to show them that they can is by letting them do it. This project will show all of them that with God's help, things that may look incredibly impossible are actually quite possible—even probable.

We would invite two or three Christian bands to play at different times during the day, and we would have an abolitionist speaker talking about how we can make a difference in the slave trade. Three or four times during the day we will ask for donations toward ending slavery. All of the donations that we would receive would go to an organization that frees slaves. Because of the hundred thousand dollars, we would have enough funds needed to rent a field for the concert, bring in the speaker and bands, provide food, and any other expenses, like transportation or possible stage rental.

Another thing that I'd like to do at the concert is have an alter call. I have been to Christian concerts before, and have found that they change the way that people look at God. I went to a free concert that took place this last summer, and I could feel God at work. I was able to talk to Him even better than I could before—because I was able to feel Him there with me. That is the reason that I want to have an alter call—I want the people to see that God saves. He doesn't only save the slaves who live half a world away, but also you and me, plain people, who don't deserve His love. I want to be able to give lost people a chance to change their direction and go a different way. I want to love the way that Christ loved, and show the world that it's possible to change. I want to make a difference in their lives.

In Matthew 12:48-50, it is written:

“Jesus asked, ‘Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?’ Then he pointed to his disciples and said, ‘These are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!’” (New Living Translation)

In these verses, Jesus calls us His brothers, sisters, and mother—He is saying that we are His family. That means that we are loved and looked after—by Him. Plus, we have the best Father and Brother that we'd ever want! I'm not really sure who you are, but want to tell you that God can make one hundred thousand dollars go much further than they normally would be able to go. If He can feed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish, He can stretch even a meager five dollars and make it into the equivalent of five hundred.

This essay is not about a dream of something I wish would happen, it's a reality of something that can be done with God's help. When I imagine all of the difference something like this will make, it doesn't matter that I'm a mere fourteen years old, or that I was afraid to talk about slavery last spring—the only thing that matters is that I'm a daughter of the Most High. God can use me, regardless of my difficulties and challenges. God can make the impossible happen. He can move the mountains.