

In an article in The Wall Street Journal, Ruth R. Weiss, a Harvard University professor, described the collective “group think” on the campuses of American universities as a “herd of independent minds.” Her point applied to politics, but the observation is far reaching. College students and career singles in America are largely influenced by cultural forces that convince them they are acting independently, when in reality they simply parrot the claims of their professors and cultural heroes.

This generation is held prisoner<sup>4</sup> by the addiction to seem open-minded, nonjudgmental, and tolerant. It is common to find young people who are willing to sacrifice themselves for any movement in an effort to bring significance to their often empty lives. Even a casual observer can identify the need for a counter-cultural movement against this trend. Our cultural shift away from centralized authority has produced an ideological imbalance. It is seen in an increased emphasis in personal expression and an obsession with self. Proclaiming the truth and authority of God’s Word to this culture, specifically “twenty somethings” takes courage. It takes conviction. It takes resolve.

It also takes a unified commitment by those in that category of college age or young-career singles. To help equip and inspire these young men and women to live Christ-centered lives, Crossroads Ministry and The Foundry are hosting a new conference called *Resolved:*. It is named in honor of the spiritually fortuitous 17 year-old Jonathan Edwards who penned what would become 70 resolutions that guided his life. He was not trying to appear independent, but rather dependent on the Scripture. Edwards was not open-minded; he was Christ-minded (I Cor. 2:14-16). That is where true power, fortitude, and resolve can be found. That is what we want to see in this generation.

Jonathan Edwards is the antithesis to the pseudo-intellectual movement on our college campuses. The objective of *Resolved:* is not to produce an alternative herd of independent minds, but a counter-movement of biblically dependent thinkers, men and women renewed by the truth of God’s Word. The alternative is to be intimidated by the Enemy, and to give in to what amounts to nothing less than peer pressure with a veneer of sophistication.

*Resolved:* will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Anaheim from February 18-21, 2005. Keynote speakers include John MacArthur, Rick Holland, Steve Lawson, and C.J. Mahaney. Special guests include Kirk Cameron, and musical guests Derek Webb and Sandra McCracken. If you or someone you know would benefit from this unique opportunity, visit us online at [www.resolved.org](http://www.resolved.org). If you have any questions, call Crossroads Ministry at 909-554333, or email one of our coordinators at [coordinator@resolved.org](mailto:coordinator@resolved.org). Please join us in praying that God would attract hundreds of young people to this conference, and that it will serve as a catalyst for change on the campus and in the church.

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