

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY**

Biography is a life story of a human being doing by other people. Sometimes it is written from a second or third point of view. The reasons for writing a biography are to satisfy the curiosity of the famous people and sometimes to become involved in their situation. It enriches our knowledge as the readers or listeners from life core values. Meanwhile autobiography is a life story written by the individual itself which is told from a personal point of view. It tells a personal point of view or someone's life story without being influenced by other people.

Nick Vujicic is a motivational speaker, preacher and also an owner of nonprofit organization "Life without Limbs". He was born on December 4 1982, in Melbourne, Australia with tetra Amelia disorder which is characterized by the absence of arms and legs. Even though he was born without any arms and legs, he is known as a motivational speaker who talks about life values and suggests people to never give up. He wrote some biographies containing moral values that became famous. He becomes a role model for everyone who wants to find their purpose in life. He inspired people around the world although he was born without arms and legs but He can conquer the world with his uniqueness. He encourages people around the world to face obstacles in life. He teaches people around the world to overcome

their challenges in life. "However impossible, we can do it," he says. He encourages people who cannot get miracles. "We can be a blessing for people around the world." He believes that his courage, faith, hope and love are his core values. Vujicic finds his purpose in life, therefore he is confident to inspire people around the world. (Vujicic, 2010)

The writer is going to analyze the kinds of conflicts experienced by Nick Vujicic. As someone who was born without arms and legs. He certainly faces some challenges, and problems. He consequently faces various conflicts. In addition to writing about his conflicts and how he deals with them. This research also tries to explain his purpose in writing about his life. This research is important since it might inspire those having similar issues to face life adversities with brave hearts. People might learn how Nick Vujicic "conquers" the world despite his disabled conditions. If Nick Vujicic who has no arms and legs is able to inspire the world with his uniqueness, then everybody should be able to do it. He says, "If you can't be a miracle, become one." Therefore, the writer proposes the following thesis title, *The Life Conflicts of Nick Vujicic in Biography Life without Limits and His Purposes Writing It.*

## **1.2. FIELD OF THE STUDY**

The field of the study is literature, especially a study of the intrinsic element of the biography of Nick Vujicic.

### **1.3.SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

The study focuses on studying the conflict experienced by the main character, how he deals with them and his reasons for creating the book.

### **1.4. PROBLEM FORMULATIONS**

1. What conflicts does Nick face and how does he overcome them?
2. What are his purposes of writing his biography?

### **1.5.OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

1. To investigate the various conflicts experienced by Nick and how he deals with them, how Nick overcomes his conflicts in life, and how he overcomes his life conflicts.
2. To describe his purposes in writing his biography.

### **1.6 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

The study is expected to open the mind of the readers about special needs people and give awareness to special needs people from around the world. The writer hopes that this thesis might nurture hope for readers especially those who have issues with their physicality. Furthermore, this research also intends to remind people that everything happens for a reason, especially when you have children with special needs children like Nick. Having children like Nick is not a curse, God has a plant

forus and it is blessings in disguise for us. Moreover, this research encourages people to accept themselves, and to be always grateful for every situation in life.

## **1.7 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **a. Life**

Life is the period between birth and death or the experience or state of being alive (Cambridge Dictionary).

### **b. Biography**

Biography is "the history of particular men's lives." The name now connotes a relatively full account of a particular person's life, involving the attempt to set forth character, temperament, and milieu, as well as the subject's activities and experiences (Abrams, 1971).

### **c. Autobiography**

Autobiography is a biography written by the subject about himself or herself. It is to be distinguished from the memoir, in which the emphasis is not on the author's developing self but on the people and events that the author has known or witnessed, and also from the private diary or journal, which is a day-to-day record of the events in one's life, written for personal use and satisfaction, with little or no thought of publication (Abrams, 1971) .