

Legacy



with Crawford Loritts

a **MOMENTUM** event



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SESSION 1

FAMILY



SESSION 2

VALUES



SESSION 3

CONFIDENCE



SESSION 4

COURAGE



DIVE DEEPER

JUST ANOTHER MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE... I DON'T THINK SO!

It's great to come to a men's retreat or seminar, hear a great speaker and spend some time with fellow Christian men, isn't it? But we don't want this weekend to be just another inspirational weekend that makes no lasting impact.

During the weekend, you will have a chance to gather into groups with a few other men to go to the next level. In just an hour or so per week for six weeks, you'll have a chance to dive a little deeper into the topics discussed this weekend, plus get to know some other guys. Don't miss this opportunity.

DISCUSSION LEADER'S GUIDE

Any man interested in starting a group to discuss "Legacy" can successfully do so and lead a lively discussion. Consider the following guidelines for a six session discussion group.

Starting a Group

At the conference - You will gather a group together at the conference. The optimum size for the group would be four to six men, but more is OK. Introduce yourselves, and collect everyone's name, phone and email address on the inside cover of this booklet. Before you leave the discussion time, make sure you know where and when you will be holding your first meeting. It should be within the next seven days, so that you don't lose your momentum.

What if someone is not at the conference – could they still join a group? This study stands on its own – it will still make sense even if you did not attend the conference. Give a copy of this booklet to the men with whom you want to meet. Ask them if they would like to be in a discussion group that would read and discuss the material. You could even start a group from your work, church, neighborhood, recreation or a combination. Invite anyone you would like.

Format

There are six two-page sections in this booklet. Complete one section during each week of your discussion group. This study is designed to work one of two ways: (1) as a "show up Bible Study," where guys simply bring their book each week and you read through it together, or (2) guys may agree to work through the material during the week, and then meet to discuss what you have learned. Obviously, you will have deeper discussions if the guys come prepared.

At your meetings, read and talk about the Discussion Questions found in each section. Here is a good schedule for a one hour meeting:

- 10 Minutes Fellowship
- 40 Minutes Discussion Questions
- 10 Minutes Group Prayer
- End Promptly at the Scheduled Time

For a 90 minute meeting, simply add 10 minutes to each section.

Don't forget to pray for each other!

There is no better way to grow closer as brothers than to lift each other up in prayer.

Leading the Discussion

The best groups are facilitated by shepherds, not teachers. Don't feel like you have to have all the answers. Rather, your role is to encourage each man to share his thoughts. Try and make sure everyone in the group gets some "air time." If someone dominates the time, privately ask them to help you draw out the more reserved members of the group. And remember, it's more important to talk about "real" things than it is to answer every single question.

Experience

You don't have to be an experienced Bible teacher to lead a discussion using this booklet. If someone asks a question beyond your scope, simply say so and move on.

Next Step

In session four, you may want to begin talking about what you will do when you finish this booklet. Connect with the leaders of your church's ministry to see what next steps they suggest. By the end of session six, have a plan for what you will do next.

SESSION 1

Get to know the guys in your group... As you begin, ask each man to introduce himself briefly to the others by giving name, family info, job, and the last good movie they've watched. Also ask each man to tell something they do well and enjoy doing.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT

Most of us have an item we display that reminds us of something significant--a trophy, a diploma, an award, a team picture, an autographed hat, a mounted 8-point buck, or something else. This item represents something about us-- an accomplishment we've achieved or a goal we've reached. Often when others see it they ask us about it, and we take great pride in telling them the story. Sometimes we plan to pass along this item to our children. We hope they will keep alive the memory of that accomplishment or will follow in our footsteps with an equal or greater achievement.

What's something you have (and maybe display) that you hope to hand down to your children some day?

The word "legacy" has its origins in the legal realm, where initially it referred to money or property that a person received through a will--an inheritance. This is something that can be sold or traded for something else if it has no meaning for the person who inherited it. But a legacy can also refer to anything that is handed down from a parent or an ancestor. Usually this isn't a tangible item--or at least it's not something that can be sold or bartered. In addition, this legacy isn't a one time gift. It's "given" over time, often a lifetime, as one person interacts with another and experiences an example to follow.

INVESTING

There is no inheritance without an investment. If we want to leave a legacy that's valuable, we must make valuable investments during our lifetime to insure there is something worth leaving. This is especially true in the spiritual realm. In the space below, list one or two ways you are investing spiritually in the lives of your family members. Beside each item, list one or two results (or ROI--Return On Investment) you hope will come from your investment.

Investment Guidance

Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him. - *Gen. 18:18-19*

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. - *Deut. 6:4-9*

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. - *Eph. 6:4*

FOR DISCUSSION

1. When have you taught something to someone else (a skill, a class or seminar, a task, etc.)? How was your teaching like making an investment in that person? What was the result of your teaching?
2. After the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land, God gave instructions about how the people were to remember and tell about their experience. Read about this in Joshua 4:1-24. Why do you think God wanted to use stones as a spiritual investment for future generations? How were those stones like a legacy? What does this say about the value of creativity when we're trying to teach something important to others?
3. Why is it harder for most guys to be comfortable making spiritual investments in others rather than making other types of investments (such as helping a child learn to shoot a basketball)?
4. What are some creative ways you have experienced or heard about where men have made spiritual investments in their families?

A THOUGHT FOR THE COMING WEEKS

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." (Pericles, 495-429 BC) Monuments can serve to help create a legacy, but they don't become a legacy. The legacy comes through the investments we make in the lives of people, especially our families. Since God is the Creator, He flows with creativity! If He lives in you (which happens through a relationship of faith with Christ), His creativity is available to you to help you build a legacy. He wants this for you even more than you do!

JOURNAL QUESTION:

What spiritual investments did your father (or another significant male adult) make in your life when you were growing up?

PRAYER FOR YOUR BROTHERS:

Ask each man to tell one thing you can pray with him about in the coming week.

SESSION 2

Get to know the guys in your group... See if you can remember every man's name and the thing he does well and enjoys doing. Then answer this question: What's the most valuable possession you have that was given to you by someone else?

STICK WITH IT

At some point when many of us were growing up we heard someone tell us to "finish what you started." We may have begun music lessons, got tired of practice, and wanted to quit. Or we may have joined a team but didn't get much playing time and wanted to give up. But whatever the situation, the person (often a parent) wanted not only to encourage us but also to challenge us to stick with it. They wanted us to develop a long-term perspective and to experience the value of perseverance despite the monotony, discouragement, or difficulty.

When you were growing up, was there a time you wanted to quit an activity but someone encouraged you to stick with it? What was the result?

LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE

How's your retirement portfolio? If you've look at your quarterly statements you may have been discouraged over the past few years because often the losses exceed the gains. Some people wonder if it would be better to take the money and bury it in a glass jar in the backyard! But investment advisers emphasize to us the importance of a long-term perspective where retirement planning is concerned--we must keep investing money and give it time to grow, regardless of the market fluctuations. What's true in our financial investments is also true in our legacy investments. Throughout our lifetime we must continually make spiritual deposits in the lives of others. But we must keep in mind that we may not see immediate "results" from our efforts; we must stay committed for the long-haul.

On a scale of 1 - 10 (1 = highly likely; 10 = highly unlikely), how would you rate your overall tendency to throw in the towel when you don't see immediate results from your efforts?

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In what areas of your life are you more likely to give up early?

In what areas are you more likely to stick with it to the end?

Don't Give Up!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Gal. 6:9

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. - Heb. 10:36

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. - Heb. 12:1-2

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How difficult would it be for you to prepare to run a marathon? Why do you think most people would never even consider this? When have you done something that you would say was a lot like running a marathon?
2. Paul worked hard for many years sharing the message of Christ with others, and he left a valuable legacy that extends even to our day. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8, which was written near the end of Paul's life. How did Paul describe his perseverance? From this passage, what were some of the difficulties Timothy could expect as he carried out his task of investing in others? How did Paul encourage Timothy to persevere even when things were difficult or Timothy didn't see the results he expected? Why is it important to have others encouraging us as we seek to leave a valuable legacy?
3. What are some obstacles we face as we seek to invest in others over the long haul?
4. What value would there be for you in having another man available to encourage you in this long-term process of leaving a legacy?

A THOUGHT FOR THE COMING WEEKS

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." - (Nelson Henderson)
Our lives are not all about us. We have a responsibility to consider others and to take an interest in their welfare. That's especially true for those in our family. This responsibility is a lifelong pursuit and it's not always easy. But there are others available who can encourage us in our task. Our primary encourager is Jesus Christ, who prays for us in our task and who encourages and strengthens us through His Spirit.

JOURNAL QUESTION:

How could you be an encourager to another man who is struggling to persevere in leaving a valuable legacy?

PRAYER FOR YOUR BROTHERS:

Ask each man to tell one thing you can pray with him about in the coming week.

SESSION 3

Get to know the guys in your group... What movie have you seen that had an impact on your life? What effect did it have on you?

STICK WITH IT

John Wooden, the legendary basketball coach of the UCLA Bruins, died June 4, 2010 at the age of 99. In 1999 ESPN named him the Greatest Coach of the 20th Century. But Wooden wasn't just focused on basketball. Rather, he was focused on people; specifically the young men who played for him. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who played three seasons at UCLA in the late 1960s, recalled Wooden's focus: *"Coach Wooden enjoyed winning, but he did not put winning above everything. He was more concerned that we became successful as human beings, that we earned our degrees, that we learned to make the right choices as adults and as parents. In essence, he was preparing us for life."* Bill Walton, who played for Wooden in the early 1970s, added this: *"Coach Wooden... rarely talked about basketball, but generally about life. He never talked about strategy, statistics or plays, but rather about people and character."*

Several years ago Wooden was asked by a reporter about the problems of athletes and drug testing. Wooden said, *"Having worked with young people all my life, I can tell you for a fact that today's kids are crying out for discipline. Unfortunately, they aren't getting the discipline they need at home or from most of their teachers. Until we give them the proper standards to live by, we will continue to be a nation whose young people will be in and out of trouble. The purpose of discipline isn't to punish but to correct. It's not there to be used to antagonize an individual, but to help and improve him."*

Values are the standards by which we live. They represent the qualities we believe are essential for us to get the most out of life. In the space below, list some of the values that are important to you. Beside each value, write why it is important to you.

Solid Foundation

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.
- Ps. 119:105

Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about.
- Ecc. 12:13-14

These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.
- Matt. 7:24-25

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. - 2 Tim. 3:16

WORDS TO LIVE BY

John Wooden always carried a piece of paper with a message from his father that read: *"Be true to yourself. Make each day a masterpiece. Help others. Drink deeply from good books, especially the Bible. Make friendship a fine art. Build a shelter against a rainy day. Pray for guidance, count and give thanks for your blessings every day."*

From whom did you learn your values? What was the source of your values? (for example, the U.S. Constitution, the standards of a political party, Boy Scout Oath, the Bible, a fraternity oath, etc.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What's a valuable lesson you learned from a teacher, coach, or boss that continues to influence your life? How did you learn that lesson?
2. Read Matthew 7:24 – 27. How are our values like the foundation on which our lives are built? Why is the Bible the best source for values that will help us leave a valuable legacy?
3. What are some biblical values that serve as a foundation for your life? How have these values enhanced your life?
4. Often it's the little things we do that strengthen our foundational values. For instance, on the first day of practice each year, Coach Wooden would spend half an hour teaching his players the proper way to put on a sweat sock. "Wrinkles can lead to blisters," he'd warn. What are some things that seem "little" but are really important in helping us develop (and teach) our values?

A THOUGHT FOR THE COMING WEEKS

"Material possessions, winning scores, and great reputations are meaningless in the eyes of the Lord, because He knows what we really are and that is all that matters." (John Wooden) Most of us will never achieve the fame and recognition that John Wooden experienced. But we can leave a valuable legacy as we faithfully follow God's Word and help others, especially our children, make it the foundation for their lives.

JOURNAL QUESTION:

If you were going to give a short note of "words to live by" to your child (or a child you know), what would you write?

PRAYER FOR YOUR BROTHERS:

Ask each man to tell one thing you can pray with him about in the coming week.

SESSION 4

Get to know the guys in your group... What's the most unreliable vehicle you ever purchased? Why did you buy it in the first place? What were some of the costs (financial and otherwise) of owning this vehicle?

LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING

You've no doubt heard the story before. A politician who has championed family values for years gets caught in a prostitution sting. A highly respected pastor is discovered to be having an affair. A successful athlete who encouraged youth to stay away from drugs is found to be using illegal drugs himself.

Sometimes we get frustrated at those in the public eye who don't "practice what they preach." We often wonder where they went wrong or how long they've been living a lie. We may expect or even press for their resignation because of what they've done.

When was the last time you heard a story like this? What were your thoughts about the person? What were your thoughts about yourself when you heard the story?

Integrity

... People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. - *1 Sam. 16:7*

I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. - *1 Chron. 29:17*

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. - *Ps. 139:23 – 24*

The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out. - *Prov. 10:9*

INSIDE OUT

In the movie *Salt*, Evelyn Salt (Angelina Jolie) poses a question to a fellow CIA agent: "You think everyone is who they say they are?" It's unfortunate that often we expect hypocrisy in people--that they really aren't who they claim to be. But what is most discouraging is when we allow (or accept) hypocrisy in ourselves. If we want to get the most out of life and leave a valuable legacy, we must continually make sure that what we affirm with our lips (our values) is consistent with what we apply in our lives (our actions).

FOR DISCUSSION

1. In talking about an organization's stated values and its practices, Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Community Church, asks the question: "Is what's hanging on the wall what's happening down the hall?" What's true for organizations can also be true for people. Sometimes our actions don't line up with the values we emphasize. When have you witnessed someone living differently from their stated values? Why is that so easy to do?
2. Read I Timothy 4:12–16. Paul wrote these words to Timothy, a young pastor he had mentored. What stands out to you in these instructions?
3. Read Titus 2:7–8. Paul wrote these words to Titus, another young pastor he had mentored. What stands out to you in these instructions? Why do you think Paul felt the need to encourage both of these young pastors to be concerned about their integrity--the consistency of their lives and their teaching?
4. The word "integrity" means whole, sound, or complete. It refers to something that is the same on the inside as on the outside--"what you see is what you get." With all our roles and responsibilities sometimes we as men get so busy we don't pay much attention to our integrity. But if we want to leave a valuable legacy it's something we can't neglect. What do you do to maintain your integrity?
5. How could having other guys involved in your life--perhaps a mentor or a few men in an accountability group--help you practice what you preach? What would it require from you to make this effective in your life?

A THOUGHT FOR THE COMING WEEKS

If I had it to do over again I would... At some time in your life you may have thought of how things might change if you had a "do over." Sometimes you may think of how things would be different if you had learned something earlier in life and had made different choices in relationships, finances, education, work, and so forth. But too many men live their lives lamenting the damage that resulted from the choices they made.

You don't have to live in the past. Failure is not permanent any more than success is permanent. Regardless of where you are or what you've done you can still become the man God designed you to be. You can leave a legacy with whatever time you have left. Paul's life was a good reminder of this, and his words can encourage us as we live from this point forward: "Forgetting what is behind... I press on toward the goal..." (Phil. 3:13–14)

JOURNAL QUESTION:

What needs to happen in your life for you to be a man of integrity? How can God help you with this?

PRAYER FOR YOUR BROTHERS:

Ask each man to tell one thing you can pray with him about in the coming week.

SESSION 5

Get to know the guys in your group... When was a time you forgot something significant--perhaps in your marriage (like your anniversary), on the job (a meeting), or with your kids (a major performance or game)? What was the result of you forgetting the event? What do you do now to ensure you remember things that are important?

DEFINING MOMENTS

It's a common "game" that goes something like this: Two or more guys are together, perhaps at lunch, at someone's house, at a sporting event, or at a reunion. They've known each other for while; perhaps for decades. This "game" may be triggered by something that comes on TV, by a song that's playing, or simply by a comment someone makes. Then it happens. One of the guys speaks up and says, "Remember when...?" Soon others chime in, adding details to the story. They begin to think back to the event they shared together. In some way that experience had an impact on their lives. As they talk, some may express regret (or thanks that the experience didn't have a permanent negative effect on their lives!), while others wish they could go back in time to relive the occasion.

Can you recall sharing a "remember when" story with another guy or group of guys? What was it? How did that initial experience impact your life? How did recalling the story with someone (or the group) impact you?

R&R (Remember & Respond)

"Perhaps you will think to yourselves, 'How can we ever conquer these nations that are so much more powerful than we are?' But don't be afraid of them! Just remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all the land of Egypt."

- Deut. 7:17-18

For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth. - Ps. 71:5

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

- Ps. 105:4-5

But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. - Jer. 17:7

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! - Heb. 10:35

FOR DISCUSSION

1. When was a time God “came through” for you in a very significant way? Tell a little of what your life was like after that experience--especially in your relationship with God.
2. Read Psalm 77:1 –15. How would you describe the writer’s situation in the opening verses? When have you felt like this writer? How did the writer keep from having a pity party? What do you typically do when God doesn’t answer your prayer like you expect or respond according to your timetable? Why do you think the writer spent so much time recalling events from the past? What might happen if we were to turn our thoughts to what God has done in the past instead of dwelling on our difficult situation?
3. How could sharing God’s deeds with your children (or grandchildren, nephews/nieces, etc.) be valuable to them?
4. Sometimes God’s people have a “What have you done for me lately?” attitude toward God. How does that happen? What might be the result of this attitude? What could you do to prevent this attitude from creeping into your life?
5. Read Hebrews 10:35. What “reward” might come from maintaining our confidence in the Lord? How might that reward be something (a legacy) we can leave for others?

A THOUGHT FOR THE COMING WEEKS

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” (George Santayana) Perhaps you heard this quote in a history class or from a political party. This statement expresses a valid concern because we as individuals or as a society can end up doing the very things we vowed never to do again simply because we forgot about the past. In our spiritual lives, the concern is even greater. When we have “memory problems,” forgetting how God has worked in the past for others and for us, we will lose confidence that He really wants the best for us and is working for our good. And if we lose this confidence, we will not leave a legacy for those who come behind us. That’s why throughout Scripture we’re challenged to “remember” what God has done.

JOURNAL QUESTION:

Recall some of the things God has done for you in the past. How does remembering what He’s done help you to have confidence in Him for the future?

PRAYER FOR YOUR BROTHERS:

Ask each man to tell one thing you can pray with him about in the coming week.

SESSION 6

Get to know the guys in your group... What's the greatest challenge or dare anyone ever made to you? How did you respond? What was the outcome?

FEAR FACTOR

What do you fear? If you're like many men, your first response may be "Nothing!" But that's not true for any of us. Every man fears something. One thing many men fear the most (but don't acknowledge) is fear of failure. Most men are task oriented. We like to see tasks completed. But often we bite off more than we can chew, and later realize we're in way over our heads. Or someone challenges us to do something and as we consider it we may recall the past and how we failed at a similar task. We play the "What if" game and suddenly find ourselves struggling with fear.

Fear can paralyze us. It can keep us from doing things we need to do. But we don't have to be held captive by fear. We can overcome it.

What are some of the things you fear? How have these paralyzed you in the past? How have you tried to conquer your fears?

Nothing to Fear

Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or terrified
because of them, for the LORD
your God goes with you; he will
never leave you nor forsake you.
- Deut. 31:6

I trust in God, so why should
I be afraid? What can mere
mortals do to me? - Ps. 56:11

Don't be afraid, for I am with
you. Don't be discouraged, for I
am your God. I will strengthen
you and help you. I will hold you
up with my victorious right
hand. - Isa. 41:10

But Jesus spoke to them at
once. "Don't be afraid," he said.
"Take courage. I am here!"
- Matt. 14:27

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of
those who love him, who have
been called according to his
purpose.... What, then, shall we
say in response to this? If God is
for us, who can be against us?
- Rom. 8:28, 31

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Billy Graham said, “*Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.*” There may not be a better story to illustrate this saying than the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. In this chapter the Israelites were “terrified” because of Goliath, the Philistine champion. One day the young shepherd boy David showed up and accepted the giant’s challenge. With a sling and stone David killed Goliath. This gave a boost of courage to the whole Israelite army who pursued and devastated the Philistines. How have you seen or experienced that one man’s courage can “en-courage” other men?
2. One of the hardest things a man can do is to keep going in the midst of a difficult task. Leaving a legacy is difficult work. It can be painful, frustrating, and discouraging. Our enemy wants to do whatever he can to keep us from accomplishing God’s purpose. But we’re not alone in the process. Read Paul’s words to Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:7. How can “power, love, and self-discipline” help us with our task? Where do these things come from? Do they come to us automatically simply because we are Christians? What’s necessary for them to be activated in our lives?
3. When God calls us to a task, He doesn’t send us out on our own. Read Isaiah 41:10. While God initially made this promise to Israel, His words apply to us as well. How can God’s presence with you give you strength and courage as you labor to leave a legacy?

THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

This small group study ends with this session. But the experience of doing life with a few other guys doesn’t have to end. Leaving a legacy is difficult, but it becomes easier as we have other guys walking alongside us in this journey of life. So why not consider ways you can continue to develop relationships with each other that will help you progress in living, loving, and learning?

You could follow up this study with a something fun--such as going to a ballgame. Or you could plan a date night together with your spouses.

In addition to planning something fun you might consider continuing to get together on a regular basis. You could serve together through an ongoing ministry (such as one that builds houses for low income families or one that tutors children after school--your pastor or another church leader may give you some ideas). You could begin another study that addresses other areas in a man’s life or one that drills down farther into one of the topics from this study.

Talk together before you leave about the next steps for this group.

JOURNAL QUESTION:

What is one action you believe God is calling you to do but you struggle to do it or have concerns about it? What might God say to address your hesitation?

PRAYER FOR YOUR BROTHERS:

Ask each man to tell one thing you can pray with him about in the coming week.



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5 Events To Choose From...

Which One Is Right For The Men In Your Church?



Leading A Mission Driven Life shows men how to "refocus" themselves.

- Redefine Their Vision
- Refresh Their Goals
- Rediscover Their Heart that Drives them
- Create Your Own Life Mission Statement



What if it feels like you're never going to "make it"? Men often get caught in the "performance trap." We can't escape our own and other's expectations. It's easy to end up living a life of obligation and quiet frustration.

True Christianity is not about "acting good." God offers more than behavior modification. He offers heart transformation! Come learn how God REWIREs men's hearts to build a passionate faith.



Most men are up to their elbows in debts and duties, and very unsure if they are prepared for the responsibilities and opportunities ahead. This event shares the secret to winning in every season.

- The Season of Reflection · The Season of Building
- The Season of Crisis · The Season of Renewal
- The Season of Rebuilding · The Season of Suffering
- The Season of Success



The problem isn't that men aren't achieving their goals. They are - but often, they are the wrong goals. Topics include:

- Finding the Purpose of Your Life
- Finding Respect and Honor at Home
- Finding a New Best Friend in Your Wife
- Finding a Deeper Personal Relationship with God



Dads That Make a Difference is a dynamic men's event that will give your men the encouragement and practical insights they need to succeed as Christian fathers. This fun, interactive event will engage men both intellectually and emotionally with Biblical truth and challenge them to apply it to their daily life.

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