

Welcome to...

Encourage

MEN

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Good Morning

5 quotes to brighten your morning

- People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one
- A man was preaching in jail. He began by saying, "I'm glad to be here and I'm glad to see all of you here." Without realizing what he had said, he continued, "I know it took a lot of effort for you to be here." Still oblivious, he continued, "You have no idea how much better the world will be because you are here."
- Husbands are meant to be talked to. It helps them concentrate on what they are reading.
- The Lord gave us 2 ends – one to sit on and the other to think on. Success depends on which one we use the most.
- Courage is not the absence of fear but the willingness to push on in the face of it.

Review



- King – righteous energy
- Warrior – conquering energy
- Lover – romantic energy
- Friend – connecting energy



Tyrant / Abdicator

Destroyer / Passive

Critical / Cold

User / Loner

Additional QUESTION for Small Group – Which of these would define your dad??? Which one rises to the top?

- I'm going to tell you my story in a few minutes.

Manhood Plan Worksheet – P 92

- It will help walk you through producing a plan of action of steps to take to accomplish your goals.
- To graduate, we will produce a manhood plan.

By session 5 we'd encourage you to have most of these questions answered to get the process started

By session 8 – Looking at who I am (Start part 2, A Look at Now)

By session 12 – Where do I go from here? (Start part 3, A Look Ahead)

The Target → GRADUATION!

- The next few weeks are going to get a bit intense as we spend time looking back and unpacking the past
- We're going to look back so that we can look ahead so that we can make a difference and be all that we can.
- NOT be who we were but become all that we are designed to be

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III. Up Close and Personal

A. Everybody has a story.

We are a composite of our parents, environment, and people from our past. However, we can be a product of our past, or we can be a product of the regenerative power of Jesus Christ.

Either we will learn to deal responsibly with our past, or our past will deal viciously with us. - Jason Reed

While we are products of our past, we are not prisoners of it!



Born 1937

Born 1942

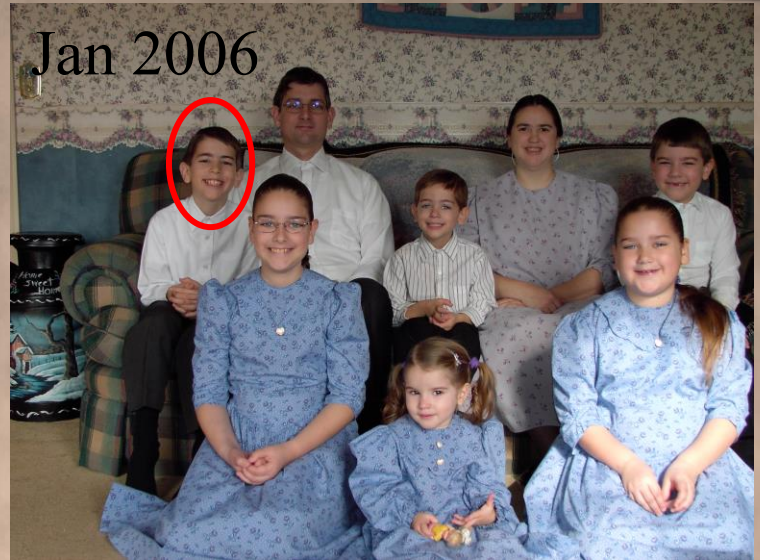


Born 1939 (2 days apart)



Born 1971

Born 1967



Moments that Shaped My Life

1. Good Moments



Oct 2007



Nov 2007



Moments that Shaped My Life

1. Good Moments

2. Noble Moments

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3. Missed Moments

4. Hurtful Moments

5. Defining Moments

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Feb 2016



May 2018



Oct 2019



Looking Back...

A. My story is not unique. As a man, I am not alone.

B. When a boy fails to connect with his Dad, demons, of one kind or another, often fill the void.

Looking Back...

C. Many men have yet to reckon with their past or close out the unfinished business that still lives there.

D. Until a man unpacks his past and deals with the themes and pain that reside there, he can never be an authentic man.

Looking Back...

E. You cannot become a real man without help. There is no such thing as a “self-made man.”

F. For better or worse, we are all significantly shaped by the kind of family life we experienced.

Unpacking

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WHY MEN STRUGGLE TODAY

- a. Some of it has to do with society.
- b. Some of it has to do with family dynamics.
- c. Some of it has to do with Dad.

Cd's back at the table:



Paradoxical Parents

by Dr. Allen Myer

There's 30 available by donation.

Or contact encourageyoungmen@gmail.com for an mp3 version

Notes from the cd:

Our parents were not perfect

If you do not learn to handle the imperfections of your own parents appropriately, it'll be you that pays the price, not them.

We are marked for good or bad from our upbringing, (family of origin).

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Honor your father and your mother

Let the good stuff in your life be as good as it really was.

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Learn the skills of gratitude and forgiveness.

Three Critical Issues

A. Addressing the unfinished business of my past.

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What do we mean by wound?

Any unresolved issue where lack of closure adversely impacts and shapes the direction and dynamics of a man's life now.

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Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32

Three Critical Issues

Five Wounds...

- A. The absent father wound
- B. The overly bonded with mother wound
- C. The all alone wound
- D. The lacking of manhood vision wound
- E. The heart wound

Three Critical Issues

- A. Addressing the unfinished business of my past.
- B. Establishing a clear and compelling manhood vision.
- C. Creating a high impact workable, plan for my life.