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## Session 1 - Welcome

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *Top Gun: Maverick, The Matrix, Man of Steel, Fury*

**Other:** N/A

Most men live lives of quiet desperation  
and go to their grave with a song still in them.

- Henry David Thoreau

It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

- C.S. Lewis

### **Time Alone with God**

Why are you here? What do you want?  
What are you Hopeful for?

I hope to one day see the hearts of men so foundationally settled, so well-trained,  
so well-equipped, and so well-engaged that when evil dare raise its head,  
Beloved Sons/Warrior men will know what to do and will do it well.

Michael Thompson  
*The Heart of a Warrior*

It is absolutely critical that you experience that you are the beloved Son of God and that the Father wants you to know and experience His delight in you, His favor over you and His affection for you. That is what being a Beloved Son is all about. Experiencing the Love of God.

The Weekend is about Becoming ORIENTED MEN... Men who encounter and experience God's LOVE for healing their broken heart, training their true self, for stepping into the validation and initiation God wants to give you (show and tell you) in order for you to become the beloved sons of the Kingdom.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
Because the Lord has anointed and commissioned me  
To bring good news to the humble and afflicted;  
He has sent me to bind up [the wounds of] the brokenhearted, To proclaim release [from  
confinement and condemnation] to the [physical and spiritual] captives  
And freedom to prisoners,

Isaiah 61:1 Amplified ( Luke 4:16-21)

Assumptions we are making:

1. You are a Kingdom Man
2. We Are At War
3. Restoration is available

But there's far more to life for us. We're citizens of high heaven! We're waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ, who will transform our earthy bodies into glorious bodies like his own. He'll make us beautiful and whole with the same powerful skill by which he is putting everything as it should be, under and around him.

- Philippians 3:20-21

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels  
fought against the dragon, and the dragon  
and his angels fought back.

- Revelation 12:7

We also pray for this, that you be made complete [fully restored, growing and maturing in  
godly character and spirit—pleasing your heavenly Father by the life you live].

- 2 Corinthians 13:9 (AMP)

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.”

- C.S. Lewis

Nothing to Hide  
Nothing to Prove  
Nothing to Fear

It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and  
set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching.  
Say the welcoming word to God—“Jesus is my Master (SAVIOR, FRIEND, KING)”—embracing,  
body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it.  
You're not “doing” anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you.  
That's salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say  
it, right out loud: “God has set everything right between him and me!”

- Romans 10:9-10 MSG

So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went off to wage war on the rest of her  
children (seed), those who keep and obey the commandments of God and have the testimony  
of Jesus [holding firmly to it and bearing witness to Him].

- Revelation 12:17 (AMP)

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## Session 2 - Two Realms Two Kingdoms (What we are up against)

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, War of The Worlds, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

**Other:** Map given out

Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist,  
but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.

- G.K. Chesterton

If you are looking for a simple equation to live from or one principle by which to run your entire life, then you are going to be forever frustrated. You are also going to end up living in a story that is much smaller than you deserve...If I believe the story is all about me, then I'm living in way too small a story and I will miss most of Life.

- Michael Thompson  
*Search and Rescue*

Therefore see that you walk carefully [living life with honor, purpose, and courage; shunning those who tolerate and enable evil], not as the unwise, but as wise [sensible, intelligent, discerning people], making the very most of your time [on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence], because the days are [filled with] evil. Therefore do not be foolish and thoughtless, but understand and firmly grasp what the will of the Lord is.

- Ephesians 5:15-17 (AMP)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.

- Ephesians 6:12

For though we walk in the flesh [as mortal men], we are not carrying on our [spiritual] warfare according to the flesh and using the weapons of man. The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

It is by the heart that God is perceived (known) and not by reason...  
so that is what faith is, God perceived by the heart.

- Oswald Chambers

"All the same," said the Scarecrow, "I shall ask for brains instead of a heart;  
for a fool would not know what to do with a heart if he had one.

"I shall take the heart," returned the Tin Woodman; "for brains do not  
make one happy, and happiness is the best thing in the world."

- L. Frank Baum  
*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

"the heart is the center of spiritual activity  
and all the operations of human life."

- *Easton's Illustrated Dictionary of Biblical Terms*

"The heart is regarded as the seat of emotions, seat of knowledge and wisdom, and can  
be used of the man himself or his personality. It is also considered the seat of  
conscience and moral character."

- *Vines Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*

And the seed that fell on the good soil stands  
for those with a good and noble Heart

- Luke 8:15

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?

- Jeremiah 17:9

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people,  
and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

- Jeremiah 24:7

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

- Jeremiah 29:13

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart  
of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

- Ezekiel 36:26

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them;  
I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

- Ezekiel 11:19

May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent  
home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,  
That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints  
[God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and  
height and depth [of it]; [That you may really come] to know [practically, through

experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

- Ephesians 3:17-19 (AMP)

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

- Proverbs 4:23

### Why Jesus Came

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed and commissioned me To bring good news to the humble and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up [the wounds of] the brokenhearted, To proclaim release [from confinement and condemnation] to the [physical and spiritual] captives. And freedom to prisoners,

- Luke 4:16-21 &

- Isaiah 61:1 (AMP)

Luke 19:10	Seek and Save that which was lost
John 10	That we might have LIFE
Matthew 20:28	Give His life a ransom
Galatians 1:4	Rescue
Colossians 1:13	Rescue us from the dominion of darkness
I Peter 5:10	Restore Us

Hard for us to get right if we have Jesus wrong.  
You have to understand what we were created for...  
Intimacy , oneness, and connectedness with God.

If the Enemy is unsuccessful in stopping the seed of the Kingdom of God from being planted in your heart with new life, then he will try to stop the seed from growing into its intended stature (an oak of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor [Isa. 61:3] and from multiplying- yielding a crop [Luke 8:8 100 fold].

Understanding that the battle intensifies now because we are aware of it. As I have examined my own life, the lives of others, and the Scripture, I have found a pattern to the Enemy's attack—he uses distance, diminishment, disdain and disqualification to render us useless in the Kingdom of God.

- Gary Barkalow  
*It's Your Call*

We look upon the enemy of our souls as a conquered foe,

so he is, but only to God, not to us.

- Oswald Chambers

Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times.

That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion  
[fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour.

- 1 Peter 5:8

So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil  
[stand] firm against him] and he will flee from you.

- James 4:7

He one who practices sin [separating himself from God, and offending Him by  
acts of disobedience, indifference, or rebellion] is of the devil [and takes his inner  
character and moral values from him, not God]; for the devil has sinned  
and violated God's law from the beginning. The Son of God appeared  
for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

- 1 John 3:8

And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge,  
or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness].

- Ephesians 4:27

Ephesians 6 – Armor We must going to need it.

We know [for a fact] that we are of God,  
and the whole world [around us] lies in the power  
of the evil one [opposing God and His precepts].

- 1 John 5:19

We need to take heed because a fallen world is a dangerous world.

Many things are neither in their right place nor their right mind.

The lamb ought not lie down with the lion just yet. Right now the norm consist  
of facing conflicts and struggles, , overcoming \challenges, having courage,  
crucifying the flesh, walking wisely, being alert, armoring up, standing firm and walking  
in a manner worthy of what we've been called to... There is a lot going on.

The Life we are meant for, the one granted to us by God, is both fragile and glorious.

It must be understood, learned, and practiced.

- Michael Thompson

*The Heart of a Warrior*

To put it bluntly, your flesh is a poser. And your flesh is not you.  
Did you know that? Your flesh is not the real you.  
When Paul gives us his famous passage on what it's like to struggle with sin (Romans 7), he tells a story we are all too familiar with:

- John Eldredge  
*Wild At Heart*

However strong a castle may be, if a treacherous party resides inside (ready to betray at the first opportunity possible), the castle cannot be kept safe from the enemy. Traitors occupy our own hearts, ready to side with every temptation and to surrender to them all.

- John Owen  
*Sin and Temptation*

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace.  
In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous  
[be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world."  
[My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]

- John 16:33

Greater is he who is in you, than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

Our failure to hear His voice when we want to is due to the fact that we do not in general want to hear it, that we want it only when we think we need it. There is no avoiding the fact that we live at the mercy of our ideas. This is never more true than with our ideas about God. Specifically, in our attempts to understand how God speaks to us and guides us we must, above all, hold on to the fact that learning how to hear God is to be sought only as a part of a certain kind of life, a life of loving fellowship with the King and his other subjects within the kingdom of the heavens.

- Dallas Willard  
*Hearing God*

## **TIME ALONE WITH GOD**

Father, I give you access to all the files of my heart.  
My history, journey, beliefs, and interpretations of life.  
What have I believed about hearing from you....you speaking to me?

Jesus, what have I believed about my good heart?

Holy Spirit, what have I believed about the context of my

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## Session 3 - The False Self and the Wound

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *The Matrix*, *Good Will Hunting*

“We develop very early in life what is called the false self which represses our true self and hides its potential from us. This false self interacts with our environment under the influence of pain and self- protectiveness with the net result that we experience ourselves most of the time dominated by external events and our emotional reactions to them”. The gospel however, invites us to recognize that the false self is a disease that can be healed and to accept Christ as the Divine Physician.

- Thomas Keating  
*Intimacy with God*

The principal effects of sin are alienation from God, from others, from oneself, and from creation. They emerge almost all at once. Alienation from God led Adam and Eve to fear him and flee from him.

- Unknown

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

- Matthew 13:15

For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do.

- Galatians 5:17 AMP

I know that all God's commands are spiritual, but I'm not. Isn't this also your experience?" Yes. I'm full of myself—after all, I've spent a long time in sin's prison. What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary. But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help.

- Romans 7: 14-20 (MSG)



I've spent a long time in sins prison.

- John 7 (MSG)

A man can be so fooled, so tricked into believing his false self is his real self, that he isn't ever ready to fight against it. Like an old shirt, it becomes comfortable and even indispensable. Things began to change in my life when I started to observe my false self. Seeing what had to be overcome was a huge step towards overcoming it.

- Michael Thompson  
*The Heart of a Warrior*

**If a settled whole hearted man has:**

Nothing to fear  
Nothing to hide  
Nothing to prove

**Then an unsettled false self driven man must be:**

Afraid  
Hiding  
And trying to prove - his worth /value / specialness

I am sitting in a mall on a Saturday afternoon. As I sip my coke and relax, I study people. I notice some are pretty and some are not. Some are slender; some are obese. On the basis of what they wear, their facial expressions, the way they relate to their spouses, friends, or kids, I conclude some are "godly" while others are "ungodly". Some give me a warm feeling as I watch their tenderness toward their children. Others make me angry and disgusted. Then suddenly I notice that I'm noticing all this.

Believing as I do that every activity we engage in, including our thinking, is for a purpose, I begin to wonder what purpose this silent commentary about other people is serving. After a moment's introspection I realize it is on some level making me feel good. It is in a sense feeding me. It's satisfying some need I have to stand in judgment over people. Deep down, I enjoy being the one who at least before the tribunal of my own mind gets to pronounce the verdict:

Pretty, Ugly, Good figure, Fat, Godly, Ungodly, Disgusting, Cute, And so on.

- Greg Boyd  
*Repenting of Religion*

### **The False Self**

- Is a formed persona or personality
- Causes us to feel separate from God and each other
- It keeps us in bondage
- Is a disease that needs healing
- Best of all it is false – it is not who we are

The good news?  
Jesus wants to heal us and set us free

### **Time Alone with God**

Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit,

- What/Who am I afraid of?
- How does this cause me to hide?
- What have I been trying to prove or disprove?

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## Session 4 - The (Father) Wound

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *The Judge*

**Other:** Radar O'Reilly, Colorado River, La Poudre Marsh

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

- Philippians 2:3

He will be like a tree firmly planted [and fed] by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season; Its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers [and comes to maturity]. The wicked [those who live in disobedience to God's law] are not so, But they are like the chaff [worthless and without substance] which the wind blows away.

- Psalm 1:3-4 (AMP)

They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord for the display of his glory.

- Isaiah 61:3.

It becomes the devil's business to keep the Christian's spirit imprisoned. He knows that the believing and justified Christian has been raised up out of the grave of his sins and trespasses. From that point on, Satan works that much harder to keep us bound and gagged, actually imprisoned in our own grave clothes. He knows that if we continue in this kind of bondage...we are not much better off than we were spiritually dead.

- A.W. Tozer  
in *The Heart of a Warrior*

### **Wound -> Message -> Agreement -> Vow**

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

- Proverbs 4:23

The larger story reveals two kingdoms that are at war over the vital piece of real estate Scripture calls the heart. Both kingdoms know its value and its worth. Both kingdoms know that if you get the heart of a person you get the whole person. Every heart matters. Every choice matters. Every moment matters.

*The Heart of a Warrior*  
Michael Thompson

## **Time Alone with God**

Father, what were the wounding moments through my father? (His absence or passivity or aggression or anger)

Jesus, what were the messages that came through my father? (You're on your own; You're not worth it; You need to be something different; You're such a disappointment)

Holy Spirit, what were the vows and agreements that I made about me, You, others and life?

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## Session 5 - Masculine Journey

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *Rocky Balboa*, *Black Panther*

**Other:** Boyhood Photos, Masculine Journey,

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

- James 1:2-5

If a king hasn't been the Beloved Son,  
then he may spend his time and power  
making himself comfortable and safe, buy himself toys,  
and try to control things and people around him.

If a man at this stage has power but has not been the Explorer well, then he may use  
his power and money  
to recapture this earlier stage by arranging for  
adventure after adventure and use his power  
to explore new horizons, risking much.

If he has not done the Warrior stage,  
the man may pick fights and use his power  
to destroy others in order to prove he is a man.

If he has not done Lover, he will use his power  
to possess beauty (usually women), manipulate  
them for his benefit, and or subject himself to them.

I was carrying some deep-seated wounds.... I had logged in the record book of my heart. So the big question for me was, "How can I be liberated from these core beliefs that are based on actual experiences and therefore must be true?" As I carried that question with me along my life's journey, I came to this very large conclusion: Only God really knows who I am, and only He can make it known to me.

- Tom Benner

Recover  
Redemption  
Restoration  
Release

### **Time Alone with God**

Father, I give you the files of my heart... who are my other wounders? What other wounding moments do you want to invite me to see?

Holy Spirit, who has wounded my heart? When and where?  
What was the message of that wound?

Jesus, how did it make me feel...what agreements and vows did I make?

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## Session 6 - Healing the Father Wound

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *The Chosen* Season 2, *Rocky Balboa*, *Black Panther*,

**Other:** Boyhood photos, Mr. Rogers, William Wallace, Creecy, Maximus, Aslan, Masculine Journey Slides

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

- John 1:5

“The people who hanged Christ never, to do them justice, accused him of being a bore - on the contrary, they thought him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround him with an atmosphere of tedium. We have efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him "meek and mild" and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies.

- Dorothy Sayers

Jesus promised his disciples three things—  
that they would be completely fearless,  
absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

- G.K. Chesterton.

The primary work of God is finding men whom He can entrust  
His power and authority. And the story of most men is being entrusted  
with power and bringing harm to himself and those under his care.

- Dallas Willard

*The Divine Conspiracy*

I don't see what's wrong with you.... I see what's missing..

Grace - The empowering presence of God that enables you to become the person He sees when He looks at you in and through the person of Jesus.

For the heart (the understanding, the soul) of this people has become dull (calloused),  
And with their ears they scarcely hear, And they have shut their eyes [to the truth];  
Otherwise they might see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with  
their heart and return [to Me], And I would heal them.'

- Matthew 13:15

Self Promotion  
Self Preservation  
Self Protection  
Self Provision  
Self Sufficient  
Self Reliant  
Self Loathing

IT IS THE ENEMY'S MESSAGE  
OF THE FATHER WOUNDS  
(Delivery of LIES)  
THAT CRAFT THE FALSE SELF...

GRACE is the empowering presence of God  
that enables you to become the person He sees  
when He looks at you- How you are known  
in heaven- your True Self in and through Christ.

When a man gets to despair he knows that all his "thinking" will never get him out. He  
will only get out by the sheer creative effort of God. Consequently he is in the right  
attitude to receive from God that which he cannot gain for himself.

- Oswald Chambers

The quickest way for anyone to reach the sun and  
the light of day is not to run west, chasing after  
the setting sun, but to head east, plunging into the  
darkness until one comes to the sunrise.

- Jerry Sittser

I didn't trust God. And it is impossible to let someone you don't trust love you...  
We need to receive from God the good things we didn't get...  
and give to him the bad things we did get.

- Michael Thompson  
*The Heart of a Warrior*

I don't see what's wrong with you... I see what's missing.

- Jesus (Graham Cooke)

When they reach it their nature is fulfilled and their happiness attained:  
a broken bone in the universe has been set, the anguish is over.  
When we want to be something other than the thing God wants us to be,  
we must be wanting what, in fact, will not make us happy.

- C.S. Lewis



Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

Psalms 139:23-24 AMP

...to be made new in the attitude of your minds;  
and to put on the new self, created to be  
like God in true righteousness and holiness.  
Ephesians 4:23-24

### **Time Alone with God**

Jesus, what agreements have I made about you that aren't true? I want to become like you. Help me get out of the way anything that i in the way. I invite you to show me, tell me.

Father, I turn from and unsubscribe from the agreement that I am \_\_\_\_\_, and the vow that I will always/never \_\_\_\_\_

I unsubscribe / renounce / repent from believing that \_\_\_\_\_

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## Session 7 - Healing Part 2

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *Les Miserables*, *The Shack*

**Other: Soaking time** - Graham Cooke, Laura Woodley, Cody Carnes

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

- Ephesians 1:3-6 NIV

"Whatever any company of good men thinks or believes, is to be approached with respect; but nothing claimed or taught must come between our soul and the Spirit of the Father who is himself the teacher of his children". The refusal to look up to God as our Father is the one central wrong in the whole human affair: whatever serves to clear any difficulty from the way of recognition of the Father, will more or less undermine every difficulty in life".

- George MacDonald

The Atonement is not simply about reconciliation but about regeneration. The new birth is not a one time event, but is the beginning of a formative relationship with the indwelling Spirit of Christ whose love transforms us into Christ-likeness. Being "saved" entails knowing Jesus relationally and thus becoming like Him.

- Derek Flood  
*Healing the Gospel*

There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection].

- 1 John 4:18 AMP

"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

- Matthew 5:8 (MSG)

You [spiritually] blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the plate [examine and change your inner self to conform to God's precepts], so that the outside [your public life and deeds] may be clean.

- Matthew 23:26

The first and most essential principal for our training is this: we must stay intimately connected to the King – we in him and he in us. Whatever else happens or doesn't happen, warriors stay close to their King.

- Michael Thompson  
*The Heart of a Warrior*

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and [a]let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop.

- Mark 11:25 (AMP)

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

- Matthew 18:21-22 (AMP)

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

- Luke 23:34

### **Time Alone with God**

With the Father's help - Write a letter to Him.

1. Confess, renounce, and repent of any and all lies you have believed about him, and how he sees you.
2. Ask Him - Father, what do you want to say to me?

### **Soaking time**

Laura Woodley  
Graham Cooke  
Cody Carnes  
Graham Cooke

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## Session 8 - The Glory of Your Life

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *Finding Forrester*, *Mr. Holland's Opus*

**Other:** Roles / Callings / Assignments slide

### Overcoming and Becoming

Something hidden is about to be found  
Someone legendary is about to be discovered  
Something extraordinary is about to take place

Find your passion  
Find your Courage  
Find out what you're made of

The tragedy of life is not death, rather, it is what we allow to die within us while we live.  
- Albert Schweitzer

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a display of his glory.  
- Isaiah 61:3

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,  
so we can do the good thing He planned for us long ago.  
- Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do...  
as you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.  
- John 17:4,18

Masterpiece: made with design, precision, best materials, beautiful.  
Painting vs. watch, car, tool, knife

Many lives have a mystical sense but not everyone reads it aright.  
More often than not, it is given to us in cryptic form, and when we fail to decipher it,  
we despair because our lives seem meaningless.  
- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power.  
We have guided missiles and misguided men.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

For it is God who is producing in you both the desire  
and the ability to do what pleases him.

- Philippians 2:13 (ISV)

We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his  
likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

- 2 Corinthians 3:18

Glory: splendor, brilliance,  
abundance, beauty, weightiness

You bear God's image in both CHARACTER and in the unique,  
particular brilliance or EFFECT that He has given you.

We pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling,  
and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power.

- 2 Thessalonians 1:11

Now with God's help I shall become myself

- Soren Kierkegaard

"Each tree is recognized by its own fruit..."

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart."

- Luke 6:44-45

### **Time Alone with God**

Father, show me what is the particular desire, passion, compelling that you've put in my heart?

Jesus, how do you see me? What image or character does my glory look like? What names capture a part of who i am and what I am to bring to the world?

Holy Spirit, show me the particular way that you've inviting me to see and hear with the eyes and ears of my heart.

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## Session 9 - Loving a Woman

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** Amazing Grace

**Other:** The Nail, The Rendezvous Project Excerpts

True Self / True Self

True Self / False Self

False Self / True Self

False Self / False Self

A man needs a much bigger orbit than a woman. He needs a mission, a life purpose,  
and he needs to know his name. Only then is he fit for a woman,  
for only then does he have something to invite her into.

- John Eldredge  
*Wild At Heart*

MISSION #1  
Your Heart

### Core Desires of a Woman's Heart

She wants to be loved - to be seen, known, and wanted.      like you and me,  
she wants to be the beloved.

She is designed and desires to offer beauty.

She longs for romance — to be pursued for who she is.

She desires to play an essential role in the Larger Story

MISSION #2  
Her Heart

MISSION #3  
Her Wound

Husbands, love your wives [seek the highest good for her and surround her with a  
caring, unselfish love], just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her  
- Ephesians 5:25 AMP

If you know your wife's core desires, then you know the areas in which the enemy has sought, and seeks to plunder and destroy her. Most of the enemy's work was done long before the wedding day. Understanding her wounds, agreements, and vows gives you insights on what darkness will use against your relationship as her false self and yours interact.

- Michael Thompson  
*King Me*

Women cannot turn to us for healing just like we cannot turn to them. We cannot heal one another. Love each other, yes: heal, no. That is God's department...  
...Our hearts are far too needy to put that kind of weight or pressure on one another.

- Michael Thompson  
*The Heart of a Warrior*

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## Session 10 - Fighting for the Hearts of Your Kids

**Movie Clips and Trailers:** *City Slickers*, Volkswagen Commercial (Catch)

**Other:** Dove - Changing one thing, Dove - Mom's and Daughters

2 things we want to communicate no matter how old they are...

1. You are worth my time (learn to text)
2. I want to know your heart (ask questions)

It's easier to raise strong boys (and girls) than it is to heal broken men (and women).  
- Frederick Douglass

Do you see me? Do you love what you see?

Train up a child in the way he should go  
[and in keeping with his individual gift or bent],  
and when he is old he will not depart from it.  
- Proverbs 22:6 AMP

Pray for them, over them. They are going to make mistakes.  
Lectures- Answers vs Let it play out... timing! Each one is different little  
image bearers... They will need to be loved differently, seen differently, engage  
differently... the sooner you can ask God to see the better.

Make a moment happen / Seize a moment.

### Validation

To make valid; substantiate; confirm. To give official sanction, confirmation, or approval to someone for what they have achieved, accomplished, endured or recovered.

### Initiation

Formal admission or acceptance into a status in one's community or society. The ceremonies or rites of passage calling some up to more; any important act or event that serves to mark a passage from one stage of life to another.



1. Model for them what it looks like to Walk with God  
First 10 years they follow (your example)  
Second 10 you try to walk with them (you follow)  
Third 10 they walk with God. God takes over.  
You pass the baton and give them to Him and to the world

2. Model for them what it looks like to walk together-  
Love their Mom.

Three things we want to communicate  
no matter how old they are...  
You are worth my time (learn to text)  
I want to know your heart (ask questions)  
Physical Affection (hold hands)

But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage. You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted...

... as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son (PARACLETE) into our lives crying out, "Papa! Father!" Doesn't that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.

- Galatians 4:4-7 (MSG)

### **TIME ALONE WITH GOD**

Write down your kids names

-Father, what would I have loved to have heard from my Dad?

-Jesus where are their hearts? What are the qualities, characteristics, strengths of my child.

-Holy Spirit, how have I wounded my kid's hearts? What have I offered them?

-Trinity, I ask your forgiveness for \_\_\_\_\_

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## Session 11 - Brotherhood

### Movie Clips and Trailers: Band of Brothers

If you're building a ministry, then you'll probably be all right on your own... but if you are in a war, you'd better have friends and allies and know who they are."

- Haines Maxwell

- Men Should Not be Alone
- Men Should Be Treated Like Men – Respect
- Friendship – loving God and loving others is key to a Redemptive Community
- Culture trumps - everything – That is to say – redemptive Friendships

Redemptive Friendships are built around a small and intimate community of the like-hearted... where the deepest level of friendship is practiced; knowing and being known. Being alone is not an option. Life is now best lived in community centered upon walking with God together for healing, training, validation, and initiation.

Redemptive Friendship is centered around The transforming love of God. It takes time. It involves a willingness to embrace the messiness of life, and spiritual battles that affect is all. It leads to deeper life with God as hearts venture to walk with God together.

- Zoweh Allies

Redemptive Friendships are intimate and transparent relationships living in a community seeking freedom and life through the transformative power and love of King Jesus.

Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another,  
"What! You too? I thought I was the only one.

- C.S. Lewis

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another...

- Proverbs 27:17

Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds... let us not give up meeting together – let us encourage one another.

- Hebrews 10:23-25

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:  
If either of them falls down one can help the other up. But pity anyone  
who falls and has no one to help them up.

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

"In community we work out our connectedness to God, to one another, and to  
ourselves. It is in community where we find out who we really are.  
It is life with another that shows my impatience and life with another that demonstrates  
my possessiveness and life with another that gives notice to my nagging devotion to the  
self.... In human relationships I learn that theory is no substitute for love. It is easy to  
talk about the love of God; it is another thing to practice it."

- Joan Chittister

Benedictine Nun/Author, *Inward/Outward*

Friendship is one of the greatest gifts a human being can receive. It is a bond beyond  
common goals, common interests, or common histories. It is a bond stronger than  
sexual union can create, deeper than a shared fate can solidify, and even more intimate  
than the bonds of marriage or community. Friendship is being with the other in joy and  
sorrow, even when we cannot increase the joy or decrease the sorrow. It is a unity of  
souls that gives nobility and sincerity to love. Friendship makes all of life shine brightly.

Blessed are those who lay down their lives for their friends.

- Henri Nouwen

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

- Genesis 1:26

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your  
soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

- Matthew 22:37-40

God can show Himself as He really is only to real men. And that means not simply to  
men who are individually good, but to men who are united together in a body, loving one  
another, helping one another, showing Him to one another. For that is what God meant  
humanity to be like... Christian brotherhood is, so to speak, the technical equipment.

- C.S. Lewis

I hope to one day see the hearts of men so foundationally settled, so well-trained, so  
well-equipped, and so well-engaged that when evil dares raise its head, Beloved Sons/  
Warrior men will know what to do and will do it well.

- Michael Thompson

Our Vision: "Redemptive Communities Everywhere"

### **REDEMPTIVE COMMUNITY TENETS**

Requires a belief that the heart is good!

Can't be a substitute for God and  
for what only he can provide.

Must be small/intimate - each is intimately aware of the others story: wounds, vows,  
glory, etc

Must have a larger than self mission.

Can not be contained in a day, a time or a room.

Must acknowledge that we are in a battle.

Requires a tolerance for messiness!

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## Session 12 - Commissioning

### **Movie Clips and Trailers:** *The Great Raid, Braveheart*

Jesus promised his disciples three things—  
that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.  
- G.K. Chesterton

History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid  
- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news  
of the kingdom and doesn't take it in, it just remains on the surface,  
and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person's heart.  
This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road.  
- Matthew 13:18-19 (MSG)

When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest  
and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds  
the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it  
seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final  
condition of that person is worse than the first.  
- Matthew 12:43-45

Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world  
- 1 John 4:4

Find like-hearted kings living in the same direction. Sign treaties.  
When they're at war, you're at war.  
- Dan Allender

I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the  
neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their  
God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying  
gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm  
making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate."  
- Revelation 21: 3-5 (MSG)

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- Michael Thompson  
*The Heart of Warrior*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us Free!

- Galatians 5:1

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The story of your life is the story of the long and brutal assault on your heart by the one who knows what you could be and fears it.

- John Eldredge  
*Waking the Dead*

Journeying with God is all about discovering who He is and who He made us to be... How did we ever come to believe it was going to be easy or comfortable.

- Michael Thompson  
*The Heart of a Warrior*

To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting.

- E.E. Cummings

Solitude well practiced will break the power of busyness... God does not ordinarily compete for our attention. In Silence we come to attend.

- Dallas Willard  
*Hearing God*