

## A Man & His Faithfulness

### Key Verses:

*“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” **Ezekiel 22:30***

### ❖ What is a Real Man of Faith?

#### ➤ Rejects Passivity

- *“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” **James 4:17***
- *“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.” **Revelation 3:15-16***

#### ➤ Expects the Greater Reward from God

- *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” **Colossians 3:23-24***
- *“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” **Hebrews 11:6***

#### ➤ Accepts Responsibility

- The essence of manhood is ultimately taking responsibility.
- *“For each will have to bear his own load. Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. **Galatian 6:5-10***

#### ➤ Leads Courageously

- What is courage? The action of overcoming fear while trusting God.
- *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” **Joshua 1:9***
- *“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” **2 Timothy 1:7***
- *“Spiritual leadership is moving people onto God’s agenda.” **Henry Blackaby***

### ❖ The Man of Faith Verse

*“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” **1 Corinthians 16:13-14***

#### ➤ Be Watchful

- *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.” **2 Timothy 3:1-7***
- *“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” **2 Timothy 3:14-17***
- *“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” **1 Peter 5:-8***

➤ **Stand Firm in the Faith**

- *Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.” 1 Peter 5:9*
- *“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*

➤ **Act Like Men**

- *“When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.” 1 Corinthians 13:11*

➤ **Be Strong**

- *“..be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance..” Ephesians 6:10-18*

**Real Men of Faith Have Real Purpose**

- Leaders **rise** to the occasion.
- There’s **no pill** for courage.
- Leadership is a **heart issue**.
- God didn’t make you a leader to respond to “stuff” all day. God made you to **move people**.

**15 Truths on Manhood**

1. Males are born while men are forged.
2. A man is responsible for all of his choices
3. The only constant in a man’s world is change
4. Every man is of infinite worth
5. A man has the courage to do what is necessary
6. A man is dedicated to continuous learning.
7. Manhood demands a courageous self-honesty.
8. A man shapes his world.
9. A man predicts his future by creating it.
10. A man accepts that to live is to be challenged.
11. A man never stands alone unless he’s making a stand.
12. A man knows when to humbly face his errors.
13. A man keeps on trying until he gets it right.
14. A man lives by a set of standards and principles.
15. A man submits to an authority beyond himself.

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