

**Group Vision: To grow in Godly manhood together. Sharpening each other as iron sharpens iron (Prov 27:17) through the relational concept of Paul, Timothy, & Barnabas.**

- Paul: Godly mentor that disciplined Timothy. The one that pours into the less experienced and wise.
- Timothy: Hungry mentee that sought discipleship. The one who seeks a wiser man to pour into him.
- Barnabas: Relatable friend and encourager to Paul in ministry. The Godly close friend that you can rely on.

**The Four Seasons of a Man's Life:**

- Spring – Identity
  - Age 0-20
  - This is the time that a man learns and comes to terms with his identity
    - Who am I?
    - Who am I not?
    - In this stage a man must accept who God has called him to be
  - Who does God say we are?
    - **Genesis 1:27 – So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**
    - **Philippians 3:20 – But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,**
    - **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. How does God call us to walk?**
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    - **1 Corinthians 16:13 – Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.**
    - **1 Timothy 6:11 – But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.**
- Summer – Learning and Growing
  - Age 20s
    - Twenties the first adult stage – learning and understanding how to navigate real threats and dangers
      - **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 – “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God.”**
        - This does not mean that sexual energy is a bad thing. God gave it to us and wants us to enjoy it.
      - **Genesis 1:28 – “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”**
        - This was intended as a blessing of marriage. Not to run around trying to achieve “player” status and catching things that don’t wash off with soap!
      - Porn
        - **1 Corinthians 6:18 – FLEE from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.**

- Key Questions in this stage:
      - What do I want out of life?
      - What will I do for work – professionally?
      - The mother of all questions:
        - “Around what person or conviction will organize my life?”
          - “One must identify an organizing principle that will bring the pieces of life together.” – Gordon Macdonald
- 30s
  - Begin to see growth from the learning stages of the 20s
  - Begin distinguishing yourself as an expert in your craft
    - **Proverbs 22:29 – Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.**
  - Two key questions:
    - How do I prioritize the demands made on my life?
      - **Matthew 6:33 – But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**
      - **Luke 12:34 – For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**
      - **Mark 8:36-37 – For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?**
    - And have I allowed enough time for spiritual life and authentic relationships outside of my family?
      - **Proverbs 27:17 – Iron sharpens iron as one man sharpens another**
      - **Proverbs 17:17 – "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."**
  - Learning and understanding how to master margin
    - This is the balance of creating space for things that are important in your life – the priorities. Life will continue to increase in busyness and duties – a man must prioritize his time accordingly
      - What thing must we create margin for?
  - What are some positive transitions that come with responsibility in this season?