

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME  
**COURAGEOUS**

**MEN'S FRATERNITY - THE RESOLUTION SERIES**

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# THE RESOLUTION

I DO solemnly resolve before God to take full responsibility for myself,  
my wife, and my children.

I WILL love them, protect them, serve them, and teach them the Word of God  
as the spiritual leader of my home.

I WILL be faithful to my wife, to love and honor her, and be willing to lay down  
my life for her as Jesus Christ did for me.

I WILL bless my children and teach them to love God with all of their hearts,  
all of their minds, and all of their strength.

I WILL train them to honor authority and live responsibly.

I WILL confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy.

I WILL pray for others and treat them with kindness, respect and compassion.

I WILL work diligently to provide for the needs of my family.

I WILL forgive those who have wronged me and  
reconcile with those I have wronged.

I WILL learn from my mistakes, repent of my sins, and walk with integrity  
as a man answerable to God.

I WILL seek to honor God, be faithful to His church, obey His Word,  
and do His will.

I WILL courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill this  
resolution for the rest of my life and for His glory.

*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

Joshua 24:15

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## MEN OF RESOLUTION

### Ephesians 5:14-16

<sup>14</sup>for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

### Malachi 4:6

<sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

### Cultural Observations and Statistics:

- Men lack direction and vision for life, faith, marriage, and family
- Men are often emotionally disconnected from their wives, children and the church
- Men are to be a daily physical representation of God to their friends, family and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, a respectable **Authority**, and a close **Friend**
- **Stats:** See handout...

### Questions:

1. Why do we “wing it” in life, faith, marriage and family?
2. What do we need to do differently to be more intentional in these areas?
3. What do we need to remove from our life to stop winging it?
4. How and when will we make the necessary changes?

### Memory Verse:

<sup>12</sup>Be strong and let us show ourselves courageous for our people and the cities of our God. The LORD will do what is good in his sight.” 2 Samuel 10:12



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## MEN OF VISION

**WE NEED MEN WHO HAVE A LIFELONG VISION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION!**

### **Psalms 78:2-4**

<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

<sup>3</sup>what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.

<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

### **Matthew 28:19-20**

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### **Godly Vision:**

- Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.
- Vision for the next generation begins with our vision of Jesus Christ (baby in a manger, teacher and profit, sacrificial lamb, or Lord of the Universe)?
- Vision for the next generation requires that we become a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Vision for the next generation commands that we make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Vision for the next generation asks that we cast vision for the next generation.

### **Questions:**

1. How did Nathan cast vision for his daughter?
2. What do we need to do to strengthen our walk as a disciple?
3. How can we be more intentional about making disciples?
4. Who (in my life) should I be casting vision for?

### **Memory Verse:**

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor. 5:17)



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## BECOMING A CHAIN BREAKER

Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.

### 2 Chronicles 30:7, 9

<sup>7</sup>Do not be like your fathers and brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he made them an object of horror, as you see.

<sup>9</sup>If you return to the LORD, then your brothers and your children will be shown compassion by their captors and will come back to this land, for the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.”

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

### 3 Kinds of Chains Present in All of Our Lives:

- Chains that come from our **nature** – our inbred sinful nature
- Chains that come from **choices** – sins we commit ourselves and the bondage that follows
- Chains that come from **nurture** – hurtful examples, lies, and worldly traditions we follow

### 6 Step Process to Breaking Chains:

**Repent → Forgive → Seek Truth → Start Fresh → Pray → Dedicate**

### Questions:

1. What choices that are holding you in chains that you need to repent of?
2. What chains from worldly nurture do you need to repent of?
3. How have you experienced the “new creation” that our Lord promised in 2 Corinthians 5:17?
4. In the memory verse below; what is the connection between being set free and holding to the teaching of Jesus Christ?

### Memory Verse:

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)



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## RESOLVING TO BE RESPONSIBLE

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*I resolve to take responsibility for myself and my family*

### 1 Corinthians 13:11

<sup>11</sup>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 childish ways behind me.

### Psalms 128:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways.

<sup>2</sup>You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

<sup>4</sup>Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

### What the Bible teaches about manhood:

- A man is an adult male – age 20 (Leviticus 27:3)
- A man accepts his masculinity (1 Corinthians 16:13)
- A man speaks and acts with maturity (1 Corinthians 13:11)
- A man embraces responsibility (Genesis 1:26; 2:15)
- A man functions independently (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 12:46-50)
- A man leads his family faithfully (Genesis 2:24; 1 Timothy 3:4-5)
- A man recognizes his accountability (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)
- A man is an image bearer of God (Genesis 1:26; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9)

### Questions:

1. Why are males delaying the growing up process (“Peter Pan Syndrome”) in our country today?
2. What is our responsibility (as Christian men) to reverse the “Peter Pan” trend?
3. What does it look like today to “put childish ways behind me”?
4. Read Psalms 128:1-4. How is this truth counter to our culture’s thinking?

### Memory Verse:

<sup>13</sup>Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)



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## RESOLVE TO LEAD

Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.

*I resolve to love them, protect them, serve them and teach them the Word of God as the spiritual leader of my home.*

### Joshua 24:15

<sup>15</sup>But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**"

### 4 Resources Available for Men to Lead in the Home:

1. He gave them God-ordained AUTHORITY to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving them (Joshua 1:2-3)
2. He gave them God's WORD to meditate upon day and night to make his way prosperous and his every endeavor a success. (Joshua 1:8)
3. He gave them God's PRESENCE as a reliable companion, guide and shield. The Lord your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9)
4. He gave them God's PEOPLE to support and encourage him. (Joshua 1:16-18)

### Leadership Truths:

1. In order to lead, you must first know how to be led.
2. In order to lead, you must be strong and courageous.
3. In order to lead, you must be willing to serve.
4. In order to lead, you must have an equipping (discipleship) mindset.

### Questions:

1. Why do men want to follow a "strong and courageous" leader?
2. What is the difference between a "servant" leader and a "self-serving" leader?
3. Why is it so important to take responsibility to equip those under your authority?
4. Strong leaders never play "the blame game". Why not?

### Memory Verse:

<sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)



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## RESOLVE TO BLESS OTHERS

Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.

*I resolve to bless my children and others; to model love and teach them to love God with all of their hearts, their minds, and their strength.*

**What is the Blessing?** (Genesis 27 Isaac gives Jacob his blessing)

- To know that I am included in the family/group
- To have been chosen for something special
- Child specific – every child is different
- Protection – you have their back

**Ways that we hold back blessings to others/the next generation:**

Absence; anger, unjust discipline, harsh criticism, lack of compassion, favoritism, hypocrisy, hurting their mother, misunderstanding, unrealistic expectations

**Ways to bless others/the next generation:**

1. Appropriate meaningful touch ⇒ the person will feel love
2. Spoken message ⇒ the person will hear love
3. Affirmed ⇒ the person will know they are worthy
4. Vision casting ⇒ the person will believe they have a special future

**Questions:**

1. What can happen to a man who does not receive his father's blessing (Genesis 27:41)?
2. How can a man overcome not receiving his father's blessing (Genesis 33:1-9)?
3. Who in your life has blessed you? How did he bless you?
4. Who is God calling you to bless?

**Memory Verse:**

Give me your heart my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways (Proverbs 23:26)



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## RESOLVE TO LIVE WITH HONOR

Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.

*I resolve to honor authority, live responsibly, and train the next generation to do likewise.*

### 1 Timothy 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

### A Life of Honor:

1. The Fear of the Lord – Read the promises: Proverbs 8:13-14, 17-19; Psalm 34:9
2. Respect Authority – Read the commands: Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-4;
3. Exercise Discipline – Train yourself to be godly: 1 Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 12:11
4. Take Responsibility – We are responsible for our actions; we own the consequences!

### Questions:

1. Read Proverbs 8:13-19 and Psalms 34:9; what are the promises for those who fear the LORD?
2. Read Romans 13:1-7, Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Timothy 2:1-4; how are we to show respect to those in authority?
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:7-8 and Hebrews 12:11; what are the benefits for training and discipline?

### Memory Verse:

<sup>13</sup>Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup>For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)



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## RESOLVE TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.

*I resolve to confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy.*

**Confronting Evil** (the battle ground is the heart and mind):

1. Forbid it from **capturing** our hearts and minds; eyes and ears
2. **Flee** from it; hands, legs and feet
3. Forbid it from **entering** our homes; TV, internet, etc.

**Pursuing Justice and Loving Mercy:**

1. **To act justly** – deal fairly and honestly with others; to confront evil in our own lives and in society, to intervene on behalf of the weak, vulnerable, mistreated, and oppressed.
2. **To love mercy** – to discern the physical and spiritual needs of others, to represent the hands and heart of Christ to people in need of help, compassion, and deliverance of evil.
3. **To walk humbly with God** – to live a surrendered life in Christ; devoted to Him and His Word; exercising our faith in a way that honors Him and His lordship.

**Spiritual Weapons (Ephesians 6:10-20):**

1. Belt of Truth (integrity that holds to the Word of God)
2. Breastplate of Righteousness (heart for Jesus)
3. Shoes of the Gospel (firm foundation of peace through salvation in Christ)
4. Shield of Faith (strength to stand up against the temptations of the enemy)
5. Helmet of Salvation (the mind of Christ)
6. Sword of the Spirit (word of God)
7. Prayer (the energy support)

**Questions:**

1. What does confronting evil mean to you personally?
2. How do I need the Holy Spirit to work in my life to be more merciful?
3. What spiritual weapons am I under-utilizing in my life?

**Memory Verse:**

<sup>8</sup>He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)



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## RESOLVE TO LOVE WELL

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*I resolve to love my wife and love others well.*

### LOVING YOUR WIFE:

#### Hebrews 13:4

<sup>4</sup>Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

1. Love her in a way she feels loved.
2. Honor and cherish her
3. Be faithful to her

### LOVING OTHERS:

#### Colossians 3:12

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1. Kindness
2. Respect
3. Compassion
4. Prayer

### Questions:

1. What is my wife's love language? Do I love her the way she feels loved?
2. Do others feel loved by me (kindness, respect, compassion)? Why or why not?
3. Who needs my prayers?

### Memory Verse:

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

<sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

<sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."



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## RESOLVE TO RECONCILE

Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.

*I resolve to forgive those who have wronged me, and reconcile with those I have wronged.*

Matthew 5:23-24

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

**Men at war with God will be at war with themselves and thus at war with others**



For a man to reconcile effectively, he must make peace with God, himself and others.

It is a process: **Peace with God ▶ Peace with Himself ▶ Peace with Others**

### Questions:

1. How might I resolve to be a man who develops a lifestyle of forgives?
2. What will it take for me to reconcile with those who have wronged me?
3. What area of you life causes you the most conflict? Being at peace with God? Peace with yourself? Peace with others?

### Memory Verse:

<sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:18)



MEN OF GRACE

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## RESOLVE TO LIVE WITH INTEGRITY

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*I will learn from my mistakes, repent of my sins, and walk with integrity  
as a man answerable to God.*

### Learn From My Mistakes (a change of mind-set):

A wise man fails forward; *if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him...James 1:5*

A foolish man fails backward; *As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool repeats his folly...Proverbs 26:11*

### Repent of My Sins (a change of heart):

While we all are good at sinning; we must become even better at repenting!

Repent = turn away from sin and turn back to God

Conviction ▶ Confession ▶ Cleansing ▶ Communion

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness...  
1 John 1:9*

### Walk with Integrity:

Integrity means wholeness, completeness, blameless (the opposite of hypocrisy); however it does not mean we are sinless. A man who walks with integrity speaks truth, and lives the truth!

### Questions:

1. What would happen if we (followers of Jesus) became known for our integrity rather than our hypocrisy? How might this help solve the character crisis in America?
2. What mistakes have you made that have taught you the best lessons?
3. What is the difference between repentance, remorse, and regret? Why is repentance required by God?

### Memory Verse:

There is no one on earth like him, he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and resists evil. Job 1:8



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## RESOLVE TO BE FOUND FAITHFUL

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*I will seek to honor God, be faithful to His Church, obey His word,  
and seek to do His will.*

### Jeremiah 9:23-24

<sup>23</sup>This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength, or the rich man boast of his riches, <sup>24</sup>but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, That I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.

#### **HUMILITY - I WILL SEEK TO HONOR GOD; NOT MYSELF:**

Pride and humility cannot co-exist

Our lives are designed by our creator to honor God; not ourselves

#### **THE HERD - FAITHFUL TO HIS CHURCH:**

To be connected to Christ, you must stay connected to His church

A man must have brothers in his life for growth and accountability

#### **OBEDIENCE - OBEY HIS WORD TO DO HIS WILL**

God's will never contradicts His Word - we must know His Word to do His Will!

### Questions:

1. Read Jeremiah 9:23-24. Why do we as men tend to take the glory in the things listed? Why is it important to honor God and NOT ourselves?
2. Discuss the 4 keys of why it's so important for us as Men to be plugged into a "herd?" (Discuss how the HERD video speaks into why we need other Men in our spiritual walk and life's battle)
3. How has God's word impacted you personally and why, obeying it is so essential in living life in victory vs falling prey to "the victim?"
4. How does a man discover, "the will of God"? Describe in your own words.

### Memory Verse:

Create in my a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10



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## RESOLVE TO LEAVE A LEGACY

Men are to be a daily representation of God to their friends, family, and the next generation: loving **Provider**, strong **Protector**, truthful **Leader**, respectable **Authority**, and close **Friend**.

*I will courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill this resolution for the rest of my life, and for His glory.*

### Ephesians 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

#### WE COMMIT TO LIVE THE RESOLUTION

What we model is what will be caught by our families, and the next generation

Our life may be the first Bible someone ever reads

#### WE COMMIT TO DEPENDENCE ON OUR LORD

Surrender to His Lordship

Walk in His Spirit

#### WE COMMIT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER WELL

We will **Love** our families and our brothers well

We will absolutely **NOT** retreat into isolation

#### Questions:

1. What is the difference between belief and following Jesus; agreement and surrender?
2. What is the difference(s) between walking in the Spirit, and walking in the flesh?
3. What causes a man to retreat into isolation when feeling under pressure?

#### Memory Verse:

<sup>28</sup>We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. <sup>29</sup>To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:28-29

