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WATERBOYZ FOR JESUS

HELPING ORDINARY MEN BECOME TRANSFORMED
INTO MIGHTY WARRIORS
FOR THE KINGDOM

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FRONT LINE DISPATCH

Isolation

Do you believe that you can make good life decisions, and live a good quality life, in isolation? If your answer is yes, I would submit to you that this is a lie of the enemy. I would also submit to you that when we make big mistakes in our lives we are doing it in isolation. We are doing it with the council of ourselves. If you want to live a life more worthy of the calling of Jesus Christ you need men around you who are helping you to see the blind spots in your life. We need men around us who will warn us about the approaching car that's gonna run us over; or tell us about the bridge that's out ahead before we drive off the cliff. We need men around us to remind us of who we are and whose we are. Think about it; when you look at pornography are you alone? While you are looking at it who's council are you listening to? I have been seeing this pattern all too often. A man stops coming to a table. I haven't seen him at church, or he attends sporadically. It's a red flag. I know there are problems. They may be relational, substance related or any number of other things. What I know is this; when I call that guy it is like throwing him a life ring in a stormy sea. He realizes he is not alone. He is not the only one

who _____ fill in the blank, and he has hope. He is able to take a breath without swallowing the murky wretched water. By showing the love of Christ he receives a fresh drink of living water.

Picture if you will a group of men engaged in an ancient battle. One of the men gets hit with an arrow from the enemy and goes down wounded. He is not dead, only wounded. Now picture his bothers in arms coming around him and forming a circle with shields facing out. He is protected from the arrows of the enemy while the men tend to his wound, gather up his sword and his shield, and set him back to his feet - wound tended to and with a new strength. This man dies if they do not come around him. This man would take arrow after piercing arrow and die a slow agonizing death in isolation. A warrior's true strength is found in the warrior next to him!

Here is my challenge this week: Who's not showing up? Connect with them, and get real! At your table, take the risk, be vulnerable and get real, you may save a man's life.



THIS IS WAR

Next week's memory verse (reciting the week of)

Week of 10/30

Proverbs 27:17

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17 points out, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Are we sharpening ourselves against the whetstone of another's wisdom and character? Howard Hendricks said, "Show me a man's closest companions and I can make a fairly accurate guess as to what sort of man he is, as well as what sort of man he is likely to become. You see, people tend to rub off on each other." What kind of people surround you? Do they lift you up or pull you down?



Listen, a noise on the mountains, like that of a great multitude! Listen, an uproar among the kingdoms, like nations massing together! The LORD Almighty is mustering an army for war.-- Isaiah 13:4

We all know what an 'ordinary man' looks like simply by looking into a mirror. But what does a 'mighty warrior' look like? His daughter would use him as the 'bar' to gauge every significant relationship in her life. His son would want to grow up to be just like him. He would overhear his wife telling her friends how much she respected and loved who he was. His co-workers would tell each other that they appreciated the way he conducted himself with grace under pressure, had integrity in all of his dealings, and made them feel valued and valuable. He would be known as a man of 'good deeds,' not because he talked about it, but because he was always doing it. He would be known in his church community as a sold-out, all-in, fully devoted follower of Jesus who had a servant heart and a willing spirit.

Lord I am committed to being a man of integrity, and will do whatever it takes to conform my character to that of Christ. Let these words be true of me. Lord I submit to your hands to be molded and shaped into the man you thought of when you thought of me.



Serving

Michael Mizer has started an outreach ministry called "The Crew" The intent of this ministry is to provide help to those in need, both churched and unchurched, with things like help moving, minor home repairs, yard clean up, car repairs etc. If you are interested in being the hands and feet of Jesus more than the 8 times a year we do a service project, sign up to be on the mailing list. As projects come in Michael will send out an email explaining the

needs and will give you the opportunity to engage. There may be projects that you and your table want to take on, or you and your family. By signing up to receive the emails you are not obligated to anything. Stand up and be counted! Send your contact information to Michael Mizer and take the first step. jammizer6@msn.com



We have been given the greatest resource of all time and all we have to do is take time to read and study it. It will change your life!!

Daily Challenge

The Daily reading plan is available on our web site. Click [Bible Reading Plan](#)

The Daily Challenge (6+1 and Beyond)

- The instant you wake up mentally and verbally dethrone yourself and enthrone Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior.
- To begin your journey - Go to that "special place" in your home where you meet with God each morning:
 - Open to today's reading
 - Read for 3 minutes
 - How will you apply what you just read to your life today?
 - Now take 2 minutes to Pray in whatever way you

do - needs, requests, intercessions

- Now Listen to what God might say to you - 1 minute.
 - Hold on for one more minute (no pun intended). Make a commitment to God to give Him one minute today to speak God into someone that He brings into your life (They may already believe; not believe at all; or not know what to believe).
- Do this everyday.