



# RUN TO THE BATTLE LINE

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**WHEN THE PHILISTINE AROSE AND CAME AND DREW NEAR TO MEET DAVID, DAVID RAN QUICKLY TOWARD THE BATTLE LINE TO MEET THE PHILISTINE.**

**1 SAMUEL 17:48**

My teenage daughter, Hannah, jokingly mocks me from time to time by saying in her best Mike Young voice, "Well, the real issue is that men have not been disciplined well. This is a men's ministry issue." We laugh together about my predictability. (She also ribs me about the fact that I wear hiking boots and jeans almost every day as well... but I digress.)

**I just can't help it. I believe the issues we face today in our families, churches, and communities would change if more men walked faithfully with Jesus.**

**WHAT IF A MAN TOOK SERIOUSLY THE MANDATE TO...**

- ▶ **DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY**
- ▶ **FORGIVE OTHERS AS CHRIST HAS FORGIVEN US**
- ▶ **LOVE HIS WIFE AS HE LOVES HIS OWN BODY**
- ▶ **BRING HIS CHILDREN UP IN THE FEAR AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD**
- ▶ **LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL HIS HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH AND LOVE OTHERS AS HIMSELF**
- ▶ **SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**Just imagine! Don't you see it? Or... don't you want to see it?**

**WHEN A MAN SUBMITS HIMSELF TO CHRIST, EVERYTHING CHANGES.**

But we all know it's rare for freshly saved men (or anybody) to mature in Christ without guidance and encouragement. Men need to be sharpened by other men. **Not only do they need it, but many men want this.** They want to know how to live, love and lead in a healthy way.

**That's where you and I get to step into the equation and make a difference.** No, we can't disciple every man. But God has a plan to accomplish this task... the local church. And together we can **engage, equip and encourage** local church leaders to invest strategically in men; exalting Christ as the model for manhood. One church at a time...One. Man. At. A. Time.

**ARE YOU READY TO RUN TO THE BATTLE LINE WITH US?**

**Serving Adventurously,**

**GOD IS AT WORK AMONG US. TURN THE PAGE TO READ A FEW STORIES AND FLIP TO THE BACK PAGE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN RUN TO THE #BATTLELINE!**





## WHAT IF A PASTOR IS THE CHAMPION FOR MEN?

**Fred Gray**, Senior Pastor of Southside Baptist in Suffolk, Virginia, has a desire to train servant leaders; those who will then train others to lead and serve. **This pastor understands the need to start with the men of his church!**

Fred's desire is to see *'godly men who will be godly husbands and fathers who are then ready to serve and lead in the church'*. His prayer is *'for God to raise up pastors, lay pastors, teachers and missionaries'*. They are already seeing the fruit of Salvation and wives are noticing a difference in their husbands.

**PASTOR FRED IS RUNNING TO THE BATTLE LINE TO BUILD LEADERS.**

## WHAT IF A PASTOR GOES WHERE HIS MEN ARE?



**Greg Beechaum**, pastor at Little Zion in Powhatan, Virginia, saw an opportunity to be with a group of men in his church that were already gathering regularly. **So, he joined the Men's Chorus!**

Through the Chorus, men are growing closer and are teaching and mentoring the younger guys. About 2 years ago a Chorus was started just for Young Men.

According to Greg... **"It has been a great experience to go to rehearsals and have various engagements with the guys. It has been a blessing to see the growth and tightness of the group. We pray for each other and for the church."**

Greg has implemented several great resources, such as **33 The Series** and **The Manger Build**, which he says, *"have been a blessing, so we don't have to reinvent the wheel."* They have also had the opportunity to coach, disciple and support men who were released from incarceration.



**PASTOR GREG IS RUNNING TO THE BATTLE LINE WITH HIS MEN.**



TEXT MESSAGE FROM BILL TO MIKE

*Hey Mike, I had a great meeting this morning with a pastor in Ashland. I can fill you in on details later, but he's planning to gather a group of men's leaders from the churches in Ashland to discuss men's discipleship. He's looking for our resources and encouragement to make this happen.*

## WHAT IF A BUSINESS MAN COMMITS TO HELPING CHURCHES DISCIPLE MEN?

Having success at work but failure at home caused **Bill Ward** to seek something new. At 45 years old, everything changed when Bill finally understood what Jesus did for him on the cross and another man began to invest in him.

Now Bill's life goal is to finish well for God's glory! He believes that when men set aside the distractions of this world and focus on the cross, their families, churches, workplaces, & communities will be stronger.

Bill is currently leading a pilot for Noble Warriors called the **Centurion** Project. The goal is to reach every church in Virginia by the year 2025 offering encouragement, coaching & resources for effective men's discipleship.

When asked 'how does your work with Noble Warriors compare to your professional work?'

**"No comparison! My NW role puts me in places and contexts I could never have dreamed of a few years ago. Speaking with pastors, men's leaders and the "every man" about the life-changing greatness of our Lord and Savior. This is so much fun!"**

**BILL IS RUNNING TO THE BATTLE LINE TO ENGAGE CHURCHES.**



Over 90 men meet weekly for The Quest for Authentic Manhood study.

## WHAT IF A LAY LEADER IS GIVEN ONE JOB... TO MAKE MEN READY?

**Nathan Carr** has a passion for men's ministry both on campus and off campus. So, when his pastor, Fred Gray, asked leaders to identify what they were most passionate about and charged them to run with it and knock it out of the park, that is exactly what Nathan did.

When asked to describe his mission, Nathan says **"We want to disciple our men. Create some lifelong relationships... Groups of 2, 3, 4 who are willing to do life together. Develop those types of relationships where guys are holding each other accountable, seeking advice, and lifting each other up in prayer."**

Nathan and his group call themselves **MenReady**. They break every meeting with **"MenReady! Great practice, now it's game time!"**

They also have a strong outdoor ministry and they try to do something off campus about once a quarter. **Recently about 50 guys gathered around a campfire** where they retired a flag, worshipped, and challenged each other. About 16 stayed overnight with their kids.

According to Nathan, Noble Warriors has been a great resource and source of encouragement, providing **"insights, perspective and curriculum recommendations, etc."**



## WHAT IF YOU RUN TO THE BATTLE LINE WITH US?

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**NATHAN IS RUNNING TO THE BATTLE LINE TO MAKE MORE MEN READY.**





# RUN TO THE LINE...

**Stacy and I ran to the battle line in 2005.** We responded to a clear call to go all in... launching Noble Warriors to help churches disciple men. (*God has been gracious in many ways throughout the journey but Stacy's unwavering partnership in this adventure is one of the great blessings!*) **Over the years, many of you have joined us at the battle line as well.** You've prayed for us or the ministry, participated in events, partnered with us financially or told others about the impact of Noble Warriors.

## LITERALLY, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED!

- ▶ **THOUSANDS OF MEN** have learned and now practice biblical manhood because of Men's Fraternity and 33 groups we helped launch.
- ▶ **NEARLY 20,000 MEN** have participated in over 40 conferences.
- ▶ **THOUSANDS OF MANGERS** have been built in over 30 states by men who are keeping Christ in front of Christmas for their families.
- ▶ **OTHER MINISTRIES** across the country have been encouraged and blessed by our participation in national networks, like NCMM.

**In the next five years, our goal is to connect with every church in the state of Virginia** with an offer to help them disciple their men toward Biblical manhood. We believe there are over 12,000 churches in VA. This is a bold, audacious, God-sized goal. The goal is every church. **The strategy is Noble Warriors Centurions across the state!** (*Can you imagine men like Bill Ward, serving and coaching the Fred Grays, Greg Beechaums, and Nathan Carrs throughout Virginia?*)

**WOULD YOU RUN TO THIS BATTLE LINE WITH US?**

Your **PRAYERS, PARTICIPATION** and **PARTNERSHIP** fuel the work.

Our team is praying for **\$100,000** in giving to launch the initiative.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO RUN LIKE DAVID TO THE BATTLE LINE!**

Use the enclosed envelope or go online to join us in the **BATTLE** for **MEN, MARRIAGES** and **FAMILIES!**

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## FAMILY UPDATE

**Stacy and I** continue to invest in young couples at our church through the Catapult Ministry. We're adjusting to just having one at home and delight in calls from the boys to check in.

**TIM** met a girl, graduated from ranger school, moved to his post in Hawaii, got married and... wow! That's enough. 2LT Tim Young and Caroline (Breedon) Young are connecting with a local church and enjoying their first year of marriage in Hawaii!

**ZACH** spent a month in Hungary over the Summer with Army ROTC and currently serves as the First Sergeant for India Co. in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. He's actively involved in both BCM (Baptist Campus Ministries) and the Valor Ministry!

**BEN** graduated from high school and, as the Sr. Class President, lead the processional and welcomed the crowd. He's now a freshman at NC State studying Paper Science and Chemical Engineering. He's plugged in with InterVarsity and a local church men's group.

**HANNAH** is all alone at home with her ancient parents. She's now a high school freshman playing field hockey and basketball. She's also plugged into HS student ministry at our church and serves in the childcare ministry. She traveled to Bangladesh last summer on a mission trip with Mike.