

Men's Training Camp - Blowing Rock 2019

“If Not You...Then Who?” – Jonathan McNair

Final session

Review...

- In order to be a better man, we need to be among men...building bonds of brotherhood.
- In order to be a better man, we need to learn...
- In order to be a better man...we need to honor God...submit to God

Results for the questionnaire...helped to know the audience ...will share results

Four part session

Man as Mentor - John Strain

Be a mentor/look for a mentor

It takes a man to teach a man

Some will disappoint...

Man as Provider - Rod McNair

Man as Father - Bob Rodzaj

Man as Husband - Lenny Bower

Finally...

We need “Clarity of Conviction”

Joshua 24:15 (KJV) And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

This means we will become...

Proactive...as husbands...no matter how your wife is acting

Colossians 3:19 (KJV) Husbands, love [your] wives, and be not bitter against them.

Ephesians 5:25 (KJV) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:28 (KJV) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

With our wives...we don't get the option of “leaving the battlefield”

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Pro-active...as fathers...no matter how our children are acting

Ephesians 6:4 (KJV) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21 (KJV) Fathers, provoke not your children [to anger], lest they be discouraged.

We don't get the option of "leaving the battlefield"

For us ...the easiest option is to "withdraw". But that is not an option for the Christian man.

The Man in the Arena

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

◦ **Ephesians**

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▪ Ephesians 5:28 (KJV) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

▪ Ephesians 5:31 (KJV) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

◦ This era is an era of over-confidence! (Laodicean) We need to be rock-solid as Christians...as mentors...as providers...as husbands...and as fathers.

◦ ***"If Not You...Then Who?"***

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