



TAKE THE RISK!

A couple of themes continue to surface as we focus on mentoring.

- Everyone knows mentoring is valuable.
- Seasoned men want to invest in young men.
- Young men are looking for wisdom.
- No one knows how to get started.

Guys, here's a bit of truth. **You'll never experience the joy of seeing God use you in the life of another man if you keep sitting on the sidelines.** It's time to get up and get in the game. The mentors who are highlighted in Pat's story somehow got over their inhibitions and made a difference in a young man's life.

You may say, **"I don't feel called."** **"I don't feel qualified."** Neither of those excuses is true. Read Titus 2. Older men are instructed to teach younger men. You have a wealth of experience, and it's time to share it with some other men. Sure, not all of it is good. But here's the awesome truth, **God will use what you learned from your mistakes to help other men get through tough situations.**

He wants to use your story to encourage other men, but you're the only one who can share it. **So, pray that God will put men in your path that you can invest in.** You'll need to listen and not lecture. Be willing to go the distance with another man and point him to the Cross! Every man I know needs to see Christ at work in the lives of other men.

Live that example for them!

Serving Adventurously,

BECOME A JOHNNY OR A BILL IN SOMEONE'S LIFE

"Mentoring is a big deal to me."

Pat Fiordelise is a friend of Noble Warriors and Pastor of Kingsland Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. His life has been shaped by men who stepped up to mentor him since he was in second grade. **Two men were so influential he wrote a tribute to them in his doctoral project - which happened to be on mentorship.**

Johnny became his children's church leader in the second grade, his middle school leader when he moved up, his youth pastor in high school, and he was the man who dropped him off at college. Not every moment of mentorship was "spiritual." Johnny convinced Pat not to give up basketball when it was tough. He was a husband and dad Pat could see in action, day in and day out. He even gave Pat his old car when he graduated.

Pastor Bill stepped into Pat's life when he had his first church internship and let him live in his family's basement while they worked together. Through Bill and his family, Pat saw the future he could have while following the Lord. He dedicated himself to that path, worked for Bill full-time that summer in his first youth pastor role, and is living the life today that Pastor Bill exemplified. Ultimately, it is a life of discipling and service modeled after Christ that Pat is duplicating through his life and ministry.

"For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you." John 13:15

Pat's life may have been different if not for these two men who were willing to invest in him. They put their egos on the line for an elementary school kid, then a college intern, to say, ***"Hey, I'm not perfect, but I've got something to offer."***

Every month we do our best to say thank you. We could not work to encourage and equip men to take the bold step to disciple someone, if it weren't for you and your support. We celebrate stories like Pat's because you are facilitating stories like his in future generations of men through your **prayers, generous giving, and taking action to become a Johnny or a Bill in another young man's life.**

▶ Thank God for the men who pointed you to Christ.

▶ Pray for a man that you can disciple.

▶ Pray with us for God to mobilize more men in your church who are willing to invest in others!

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ZACH continues to enjoy his time in pilot training in Enterprise, AL. He's working on rotary-wing instrument rating now. He is well-connected at FBC Enterprise and recently tried his hand at bull riding!

BEN is digging in deep at Providence Baptist in Raleigh and recently joined their handyman team. He spent some time in West Virginia riding ATVs with cousins and visiting family.

HANNAH finished her last basketball season on two teams. It's official, she's graduating in June and is headed to the University of Lynchburg.

OWEN turned 1 this month! It's hard to believe this little guy is already a year old. He's walking and getting into everything. **TIM AND CAROLINE** are working hard to keep up. Tim will report to Ft. Benning in August for training. We're looking forward to having them within driving distance!

STACY is helping lead a Bible study for young moms at our church, and I've started walking with three young fathers through *Point Man*. We continue to ponder, pray, and prepare for the coming empty nest!

FAMILY UPDATE

