



PRAY FOR YOUR PASTORS

MINUTE WITH MIKE

Recent conversations with pastors and leaders have reminded me that these are challenging times on many levels.

From where we stand now, the original question of how to transition from live worship to some sort of virtual worship was simple. But now, things are getting more complex. Churches are working hard to offer a COVID-19 aware in-person worship experience for some portion of the flock **IN ADDITION** to maintaining a quality remote worship option.

Many churches have wrestled with risk factors that make it unwise for them to meet in person at all. And those who are meeting are challenged with diverse opinions about whether it's right or necessary to wear masks. These issues are further compounded by the reality of racial challenges in our culture.

I'm not interested in creating a forum for debate here but simply pointing out that **shepherding a family, a church or any other organization in this season is trying.**

The mission of Noble Warriors is to serve the church as it equips men to walk with Christ and lead well.

Perhaps the best way we could serve the church right now would be to remind each of you to pray for your pastor(s), by name, daily.

- ▶ Take a moment (even now) to pray for your pastor and the other church leaders by name.

Thank you for praying for our team and the ministry of Noble Warriors. We know that your warfare on our behalf is powerful.

Steal, Kill, Destroy

I recorded a podcast with Gary Freeman this week. Gary is the **Fatherhood and Family Program Manager** for **Care Net Pregnancy Centers**. Our topic was Identity: **The Noble Man Knows Who He Is**. Gary noted in his bio and on the podcast that he is pro-abundant life.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10.

We should all be champions for abundant life through Jesus. **We should also not be surprised that Satan will do all he can to corrupt every aspect of this abundant life.** He's surely at work all around us in this season.

It's always helpful to process with your family or some wise guys how we're dealing with life's burdens and blessings. **Could I encourage you to lead a discussion around John 10:10.**

How/what is Satan stealing? (joy, fellowship, comfort)

What is he killing? (enthusiasm, community, desire)

What is he destroying? (plans for the fall, opportunities, confidence)

But, don't stay there... How is Jesus continuing to bless you and your family with abundant life even in this crazy season? **Make sure you spend more time on the blessings than the burdens.**

- ▶ Pray together that God will grant us grace to turn away from Satan and toward Him.

NICKEL PRAYER DEFENSE

A simple way to remind men to pray for their pastor. Learn more at NobleWarriors.org/Nickel-Prayer-Defense



EFFICIENCY!

We're working hard to streamline processes, increase efficiency and steward resources well.

Changing our online giving platform will save money (\$120/month) and time. So, if you invest in discipling men through online giving to Noble Warriors via our old platform (PushPay), then you'll receive an email and call from us asking you set up your giving on a new platform called Aplos.

We appreciate your help in making this transition in the month of August.



FAMILY UPDATE

HANNAH is driving now! She scored 100% on her learner's permit test and is now chauffeuring us around. She is our self-declared 'best driving student'. (She's not wrong! She was clearly listening while we taught her brothers.)

BEN continues to enjoy his co-op experience working at a paper mill. When you see him, ask him how paper is made... he can go on for hours! This is such a good fit for him!

ZACH has spent some time at the beach with his MOC-6 (Men of Christ) buddies from VT. He's let his hair grow over the summer, so Hannah braided it for the beach!

TIM and CAROLINE were able to travel to Kawaii with some friends for a bit of a break before Tim was out for a lengthy FTX (Field Training Exercise).

We enjoyed a family camping trip on the New River over 4th of July weekend and celebrated **STACY'S** birthday with a picnic dinner and a sunset cruise (in kayaks, on the reservoir) with dear friends, Mike and Kelly Lucas.

PODCAST LINEUP

During the month of August on **The Noble Man Podcast**, we're going to investigate the **Five Essentials to Engage Today's Men**, outlined in the recently released **Barna Study**.



- July 30** The Noble Man Knows Who He Is **IDENTITY**
- Aug 5** The Noble Man Works for the Lord **VOCATION**
- Aug 12** The Noble Lives a Balanced Life **WELL-BEING**
- Aug 19** The Noble Man Prioritizes Relationships **RELATIONSHIPS**
- Aug 26** The Noble Man Serves in the Kingdom **CHURCH**

