



MINUTE WITH MARIO

As we celebrate the month of Love, it warms our hearts to see how the Lord has demonstrated His love with a special group of people on a unique mission. What an honor it is to join Mike and Stacy Young, and the Noble Warriors team. After serving in ministry the past four years with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), it was apparent our hearts began to yearn for a specific purpose. Discipleship. Discipleship of men. **Discipleship of men during a time of war.**

It is evident that an invisible war has been declared in our communities, on our country, and around the world. As we partake in conversations, digest daily news, and absorb the decisions of men and women across the country, we understand "NOW" is the time to execute the mission to which we have been called. Upon a phenomenal meeting with Mike and Stacy at a local dessert parlor, **the Lord blessed us with a partnership and a divine commitment to fight for the Kingdom of God.**

February 2018, Holly and I celebrate two years of marriage, and anticipate the birth of a little one to arrive this summer. **What better way to pave the way for those to follow than to embrace the great commission to make disciples?** We thank God for the journey Mike and Stacy accepted, marked with trust and faithfulness. Noble Warriors is strategically positioned to facilitate our calling by empowering men to walk with Christ and lead well. We're excited to join this team!



IMPACT CONTINUES AFTER CONFERENCE DAY

The 2018 conference season is fast approaching with endless opportunities to further the spiritual growth and development for the men who attend.

"It is one of the best days of the year," says Matt Newquist

Matt is no stranger to the Noble Warriors community or *Iron Sharpens Iron* (now *The Noble Man*). Noble Warriors has ministered to him since its founding in 2005 and he currently serves as the ministry's Controller. When it comes to the ISI conference, Matt has attended ISI almost every year.

The 2017 conference season would bring about a different impact than the previous ones for Matt. Leading up to the Richmond conference last April, Matt explains he had been praying for his teenage daughter.

"As a teenage and pre-teen parent, there are no lack of prayer needs. The most important one is that she would grow in her relationship with the Lord. I also pray that she would live as a follower of Christ in all areas of her life... I pray that our Christian influence on her would have long-term impact on her faith journey, especially given the secular cultural winds that we are fighting against."

With his teen on his heart, Matt had been praying weeks prior to the conference for a workshop dedicated to parenting teens. When he reviewed the list of workshops being offered, he was floored.

"When I saw the revised list of ISI workshops that included one on parenting teens, I was overwhelmed by God's providence in His answer to this specific prayer."

The day of the conference, Matt found himself in a session on **Parenting Teens**, lead by Eric Wallace of *Uniting Church and Home*, a ministry driven by the goal of unifying the message of the Gospel within the home and within the church. Sitting in the session, Matt explains the workshop was a valuable reminder for him of his role as a parent and a father.

"One of the more liberating things I was reminded of was that our identity is not based on our performance (or lack thereof), but is based on who we are in Christ. Another 'ah ha' moment in the workshop was about the idols that both parents and children have in our lives that dictate our behaviors and adversely affects our effectiveness in parenting."

The great thing about the ISI conference is that **change never stops after conference day.** Matt made the point to connect with Eric after the session to follow up.

Read the rest of the story at
noblewarriors.org/change-continues

LEADING NOBLE MEN HIGHLIGHTS



It was refreshing to hear him [Carleton McLeod] indicate that we can capture people's attention all we want with flashy extras but ultimately fruit will depend on us getting men into the Word and them getting their families into it.

The teaching by Dennis Rainey and Bryan Carter was great... The whole idea of men's discipleship vs. men's ministries was clarified... and how they encouraged the men through the Word of God.

Read more testimonies and highlights from Leading Noble Men 2018
noblewarriors.org/discipling-leaders



YOUNG ADVENTURES

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4

January provided a couple of unique opportunities for us to see our **Tim** and **Zach** in their environments!

Stacy and I traveled to New York to be part of a Navigators retreat for West Point cadets and Navigators from posts across the country. I presented a workshop on Biblical manhood but the highlights of the event were seeing **Tim** and his friends being challenged to live out their faith in the context of the Army. The added bonus was getting to hear **Tim** share a testimony in front of his peers!

Later in the month, I traveled to Blacksburg to share a message about how God intersects and interrupts our lives at a BCM (Baptist Collegiate Ministries) gathering. Again, it was great fun to be able to share, but it was most exciting to hear **Zach** share a testimony and interact with his friends!

We did fight the flu in our household... **Ben** was down for a few days but when he began to feel better he bragged... *"I beat the flu in 2 days."* He went back down quickly.

Hannah and **Ben** were both delighted to miss school so they could help with the Leading Noble Men conference. She was also generous to let me borrow some of her hair for a few photos...

