



"Bruh, you got to eat the meat and spit out the bones!"

I recall hearing this first from Pastor Don Coleman, and I apply and share this bit of wisdom frequently with my kids and many others. **We must be discerning about what we see, hear, and believe.**

"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil."

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Our focus on **mentoring** in this season caused me to think about my own experience.

My dad taught me a lot as a young man, but I also learned much from other men.

As a teenager, I cut grass and did various farm work for a man who lived in our community and went to our church. I can recall many and various conversations with Mr. Benton about work ethic, stewardship, education, finance, and life.

Here's the clincher, **I also watched and listened as he led, and especially when he prayed, at our church.** I loved the way he talked with God. I'm thankful for his example and have been blessed to reconnect with him several times in the last few years. I'm still learning from him.

I also learned much from my football coach. He was very influential in my life for several years. I could rattle off the lessons I learned about hard work, intensity, grit, and human nature that I learned from him. **I still apply many of them today. But there was a difference.** I honestly don't know my coach's spiritual condition or his eternal destination. However, I will say that when he called on the Lord, he wasn't praying.

I learned much from these men. Not all was spiritual or immediately applicable. **I had to observe and discern what to keep and what to discard.**

Serving Adventurously,

Mike Young

WHY MENTORSHIP?

Why mentorship? Or we could ask, ***"Why MENTorship?"***

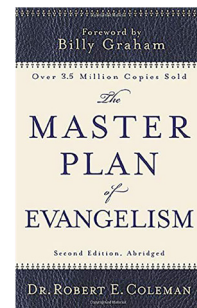
The answer - because that's what Jesus did.

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

In ***The Master Plan of Evangelism***, Robert Coleman breaks down how men were Jesus' method to reach the world. I'm an advocate for mentorship in every area, but if we are to be about the Gospel, it's also the most effective way we can begin to see lives changed for the Kingdom.

Jesus was Deliberate. He purposefully chose a few men, the ones to whom he would impart the most important message of all time. They were the ones on whom He would build the Church.

Jesus was Devoted. After he chose these men, he ate, lived, and traveled with them for the duration of his ministry. Though He came to save the masses, he devoted the bulk of his time and energy to a few. His was a living example, and they had a front row seat.



We are focusing on mentorship for the next few months because we want to equip men, leaders, and churches to create an environment of discipleship and form strategic relationships for the purpose of spiritual mentorship.

The purpose of mentorship is discipleship, and the purpose of discipleship is conforming to Christ.

Thank you for being deliberate and devoted to partnering with Noble Warriors through your prayers and financial support.

▶ Pray for the Lord to show you who you could be mentoring and investing in.

▶ Pray that churches will be discipling and mentoring men.



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We will continue to update this new webpage with resources on the topic of **Mentoring**, so check back frequently!

This came in on January 13th from Jack...

Hi Mr. Young, I'm a friend of Zach's at Tech. I was involved in the **BetterMan** group last year and I am leading Valor's **BetterMan** group this year with a couple other seniors. It's my understanding that you were able to find a donor for the workbooks for last year's **BetterMan**. (Thank you!) **Do you think it would be possible for this donor to provide them again?**

WooHoo! We love this and sent some workbooks (and a NW Hoodie) immediately!

This came in on January 25th from Jack...

We just finished up our first session of **BetterMan** for this semester and it was a huge success.... I'm confident it will be a Kingdom Building opportunity that will **bring every man in the group closer to Jesus' model for manhood.**

Friends, we sent them, \$150 in **BetterMan** workbooks and gear. If stories like this move you, would you **consider a donation to offset this cost** so we can respond to the next request? www.NobleWarriors.org/Donate

AS THE NEWEST MEMBER TO THE TEAM, I WANTED TO GIVE A LITTLE INTRODUCTION TO MY STORY.

I grew up in Texas in a Christian home. At the time my older sister was being baptized this began a series of conversations with my mother about salvation. I recognized that I was a sinner and believed that Christ's sacrifice could pay for the debt I owed. **I prayed to receive Christ and was baptized.**

From that time on, I knew God had not only saved me but had a purpose for me. **I always had an interest in missions, and over the years God grew that desire in me.** After finishing college, I applied to go with the IMB for a 2-year commitment in South America. I was placed on a team with two national partners, Javier from Peru and Robert from Argentina. Our team worked in remote communities that had the least access to Gospel witness. We used *Chronological Bible Storying* to communicate the Good News in predominantly oral communities. We saw a lot of challenges as well as much fruit, including three baptisms. **God grew my faith and understanding of Him deeply during those years.**

After returning to the US, the Lord brought me and my wife (Diana) together as I moved to North Carolina to attend seminary. Our desire has been to return to the mission field but in the Lord's timing. In 2019, God brought us a daughter (Lily) who has given us so much joy and understanding about how we relate to God as Father. In 2020 we moved to Midlothian to be closer to family and seek what God had next. **I'm excited to be a part of the Noble Warriors team and invest in the discipleship of men!**

LANDON'S STORY

