



Battle Briefing March 2021

Many young men can sing along with the once-popular U2 hit, ***"I still haven't found what I'm looking for."*** This month, I've talked with a broad spectrum of men in casual conversations, meetings, and specifically on **The Noble Man Podcast** about this question, ***"What are men looking for?"***

The answers are as many and various as the men I ask, but here's a theme... **Most men are looking for someone to walk and process life with them.** Younger men are looking for wisdom from experienced guys. Seasoned men would love to share what they know with younger men, often because they don't want others to fall into the same traps.

I want to encourage you, regardless of where you are on the age/experience continuum, to reach out to someone who is at a different stage of life and learn together, from each other.

Paul finished his life well, but you'll recall that he didn't start so well. This month I was reminded that he lived with purpose to encourage others and invest in their lives, especially younger guys like Timothy and Titus.

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things, Philippians 4:9a

...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

Of course, Jesus is the ultimate model for us to follow, but it helps when we can observe and emulate others to follow him well. Paul also said...

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1

Men, who are you following? Who's following you?

Serving Adventurously,

Mike Young



The Noble Man Conference Roanoke 2020

YOUR SUPPORT BUILDS BRIDGES

Thank you for the role you play in bridging the generational divide and impacting multiple generations for Christ!

If you listened to **The Noble Man Podcast Episode 45**, you heard a young man named Jonathan who is thriving in discipleship through **Valor**, Cru's ministry for ROTC. He shares a powerful testimony on how discipleship changed him, and because of the change manifested in his life, it influenced his father, and it is continuing to impact his future family.

*"Because of the men that have been in my life, they have influenced me in such a great way that I've been able to influence my dad . . . to see his heart change in such a drastic and positive way has been awesome. He loves his children so much, and he loves his wife so much, and now he's going to church. **To see the change in his life because of the change in my life has been so impactful, and honestly, it starts with the men who have influenced me.**"*

Discipleship changes men, which changes the family, the church, and the Kingdom.

Don Hines, Valor's Team Leader at Virginia Tech, is passionate about reaching military families for Christ. ***"The military might be their occupation, but their vocation is from God. They are commissioned into the military, but they are commissioned by God."*** With your support, Noble Warriors has been able to donate incredible resources such as **33 The Series** and **BetterMan®** by Robert Lewis to this team.

- ▶ Pray for Valor and the Cru ministry and for these young men to faithfully grow in their walk with the Lord and become the next generation of disciples.
- ▶ Pray that NW can continue to provide resources to groups like these to help equip generations of disciples for Christ.
- ▶ Prayer for the 11 VT Cadets currently experiencing BetterMan that this will be multiplied 50 participants next semester.



Don Hines

Jonathan Royster

SPRING TAILGATE TOUR



We aren't hosting Noble Man Conferences this spring. **But we are planning a Noble Man Tailgate Tour!** Our plan right now is to host **8 tailgate events over three weekends in April.** Check out NobleWarriors.org/Tailgate for photos of four tailgates we had last fall.

Food with the men of your church. Kingdom worship. Manly challenge to walk with Jesus and lead well! Yes, there will be a t-shirt!

Dates and locations will be out soon.

▶ Pray for clarity and direction as our team works to secure 8 host churches!

WANTED: DATA MINERS!

We're looking for some volunteers to help us mine for data. My grandfather and several relatives were coal miners in WV. No worries, you don't have to go underground or get dirty to be an NW Data Miner.

We're simply looking for...

- Some research help from folks who are detail oriented.
- Work from home on your computer.
- We have some tools and a process.
- We'll assign you a geographical area and let you know what we're looking for.

Please let us know if you're interested at office@NobleWarriors.org or 804.447.1720 x2.

FAMILY UPDATE

ZACH is honestly ready to move on. Like most university students, he's simply tolerating the online classes but he's digging in with ministry. His **BetterMan** group is going well, and he's working with leadership to help sustain momentum in the coming years.

BEN is making the most of online classes from the house where he rents a room. Good news is there's space for him to work on his latest project - a Yamaha 660 ATV that wouldn't start or run.

HANNAH is finishing up her basketball season and doing a bit more babysitting. She's beginning to consider options for finishing up high school and moving on to next steps.

TIM AND CAROLINE are counting down the days as they prepare for the arrival of Baby Young. Tim had 10 days of training on the Big Island but he's back at home as they wait...

STACY is still working on her grandmother name. Who knew that was such a big deal?

We were all able to visit Ben in Raleigh for his 20th birthday this month. No more teenage boys in the Young home!

