



FROM MOURNING TO MENTOR

"What's In Your Hand?"

When Moses offered excuses, God took them away.

"What is that in your hand?" God asked.

"A staff," Moses replied.

You know the story. God told him to throw down the staff, and it became a serpent. Then He told him to grab the serpent by the tail, and it became his staff again.

I've heard men say, **"God can't use me to disciple other men. I have no qualifications."**

I believe God tires of our excuses. He's probably saying, **"What's in your hand? What do you have? What have I given you to leverage for the Kingdom?"**

Take stock of your experiences - even failures. **Consider all that you have and commit to using it as you invest in the lives of others.**

Moses had a shepherd's staff. David had a hunter's sling. Peter had a fisherman's net. Paul had a tent-maker's needle. **Each used what they had to lead and invest in others.** Follow their example and use the wisdom you've gained from years of life, marriage, work, and walking in faith.

A pastor once encouraged me, **"Not a day of your life has been wasted as He prepared you for this assignment."**

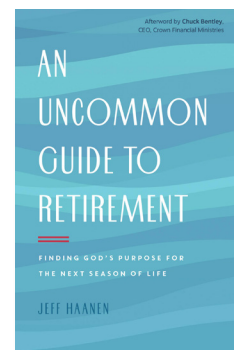
That's true of you as well.

Serving Adventurously,

We're always excited when we hear a story of a partner taking action and making a difference, and Hank Graeser is one of those partners. He calls himself a **"re-covering engineer,"** but most importantly, he's a follower of Jesus. The most formative experience in his life with Jesus was the death of his son Bryan to cancer in 1998. We'll be sharing more on the family's story in the future, but **Jesus, the Good Shepherd, led him through that dark valley to lay down his engineering job and enter what he calls a "second vocation."**

Hank retired in 2006 and is the senior member of "Segue," a group at his church for men who are at or approaching retirement.

A segue is **"a transition from one role, state, or condition to another."** Hank wanted to enforce the idea of that word in retirement - taking action, moving out of one vocation and into a second calling. After reading a chapter on mentoring in **An Uncommon Guide to Retirement: Finding God's Purpose for the Next Season of Life**, he called Mike to speak with the group about their capacity and opportunity to become influential mentors in church and beyond.



Men in this group have learned a lot from long years at work, walking with the Lord, and just living life. They have a lot of value to offer younger men. **Hank has been intentional about intergenerational discipleship for years and wants to see that same experience multiplied churchwide.** He wants discipleship to be woven into the DNA of the church and to be **"just what we do."**

And serving churches as they equip men to walk with Christ and lead well is just what Noble Warriors does. We continue to emphasize discipleship because that is how it begins. It starts with one man, like Hank, and it leads to another man, or a small group, or a church. But first, it has to start.

Hank's biggest tip to begin a mentorship relationship is, "Now is the time. Don't wait."

"What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9

Thank you for practicing these things. Thank you for serving with Noble Warriors. **Your partnership is making an impact on men who are willing to begin where they are to disciple others.**

▶ Pray for Noble Warriors as we endeavor to encourage and train men to mentor and disciple others.

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*“Mike,
It was great meeting YOU! Your ministry over the years has helped me in my walk with Christ to know my position as a man. That’s being attacked more and more these days, as you well know...Thanks for doing what the Lord has called you to do. God bless you and your ministry.”*

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- FROM A PASTOR ON FEBRUARY 18

I AM EXCITED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AS THE NEWEST, AND YOUNGEST, MEMBER OF THE NOBLE WARRIORS TEAM!

I grew up in the rural corner of New Jersey, the oldest of six in a strong Christian family. I was baptized when I was 12, however through middle and high school I considered myself nominal at best. **It was not until college that I began to take responsibility for my faith and salvation.**

I had the opportunity remain in my ways or repent, obey, and begin to follow him sincerely. This led to a process of changing my major, devoting my gifts to him, and eventually meeting my amazing wife! **While painful, hard, and overwhelming, this season of life solidified my faith and gave me a passion to see disciples made in Jesus' name.**

Through that process, the Lord moved my heart toward full-time ministry, specifically for international missions. My wife, Amanda, and I have begun the process of going with the IMB. **During this period of waiting and application, I am excited and blessed with the opportunity to join the work of Noble Warriors and see men raised up to impact their families, friends, communities, and churches with the Gospel.**

I am eager and expectant to see God do amazing things in churches and their men throughout the state of Virginia and humbled to have a place in that work!

KADEN'S STORY

