



## PUT A ROCK IN THEIR SHOE

Allen Crostic grew up in a strong, Christian family but admits he had doubts during his late teen/early college years. ***"I really started to think critically about my faith... I wasn't sure what I believed or if God existed... I came out of that whole process helped tremendously by apologetics. That became a real passion of mine. I went to seminary later on and got my Masters of Arts in Apologetics."***

Allen recently taught a workshop at the Richmond Noble Man conference largely drawing from Greg Koukl's book, ***Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions***. Allen shared ways to help maneuver through those difficult conversations with Gospel intention. But he said, if guys only remember one thing from his workshop it would be this:

***"So many times, we think we need to be on the defense. That's not true... It's not your job to disprove their claim, it's their job to prove it."***

And for the guys who still feel anxious about sharing their faith, Allen gives this helpful analogy from Greg Koukl...

***"Sharing our faith is like baseball. When someone gets up to go bat their immediate goal is not to win the game. They realize that's an extended process that takes team effort. Their immediate goal is to get a hit and connect with the ball. So, my goal isn't to "lead them to the cross" every time. If that happens, great!..."***

***...But my immediate goal is to put a rock in their shoe, to give them something worth thinking about, something to poke at them in a good way because they can't ignore it."***



To read the full interview, as well as workshop testimonials visit [noblewarriors.org/ROCK](http://noblewarriors.org/ROCK)



## MINUTE WITH MIKE

**...a reason for the hope that is in you...**

***But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...***

1 Peter 3:15

I see growing interest among men in the area of apologetics. As culture becomes more hostile toward Biblical Christianity there are fewer places for cultural Christians to hide. **Sooner or later, every man will have to take a stand on the critical issues of the day.**

It may come when your son tells you about a friend who **'feels like a girl'**. It may come when your young daughter asked (like mine did when she was 5 and we were listening to Christian radio in the car...) **"Daddy, what is abortion?"** It may come when your son comes home from school and says, **"Daddy, we don't believe in evolution do we? That's what the teacher talked about today."**

The opportunities come at unexpected times... and these are the easy ones that come with folks who love you. You'll have similar moments in less friendly environments. **Every one of us needs to prepare.** We need to live in the Word. But we also need to take advantage of resources and opportunities to prepare for these moments.

**It's what men do... they anticipate and prepare for unexpected battles.** We're happy to partner with men and ministries to help men get ready for those moments.

Your partnership and prayers help Noble Warriors connect men with great resources AND encouragement to take a stand! **Thank You!**

▶ Let's pray together for more men to be equipped for the battle and to stand firm when challenged!





## VOLUNTEERS THROUGH THE YEARS

The number of generous folks who have invested in this work is overwhelming. Great moments! Much work! Many smiles... all to help men walk with Christ and lead well! This is a humbling look at the history of Noble Warriors.

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## READING WITH DAD PHOTO CONTEST!

*Tune into our social media sites for an upcoming photo challenge! We are looking for photos of Dad reading with the kids!*

# YOUNG ADVENTURES

Countdown is less than 30 days... Currently, the Firsties at USMA have fewer days remaining than the Plebes have MONTHS until graduation. **TIM'S** glad to be on this side of the equation now!

**ZACH** 'turned' this month... A 12 mile road march signified the end of the plebe experience for Zach and his class. They 'turned' to be greeted by upperclassmen as full members of the VT Corps of Cadets.

**BEN'S** playing softball on the church team and working out his summer schedule. He's waiting to hear about an extended mission to South/Southeast Asia.

**HANNAH** set a PR (Personal Record) in the shotput with a 30' 2" throw. She was able to compete in the county meet. We enjoyed a father/daughter date to paint pottery over spring break.

**STACY and I** are excited that the young couples who have been part of our class for 3 years are being 'catapulted' out to launch new classes. This is an exciting launch time for them and us. We now have some empty seats and are looking for more young couples!

