



THE OTHER 364 DAYS

MINUTE WITH MIKE

Recently, my son, Tim, spent time reading and memorizing parts of Philippians as spiritual preparation for Ranger School. So, I read, listened and prayed through Philippians frequently as I prayed for him.

One verse that captured my attention and consumed much pondering time was this... ***it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.*** Philippians 1:13

Read the full section, Philippians 1:12-18, and consider that Paul was in prison. The situation and condition were surely less than desirable. Yet, everyone around him, even his captors, clearly understood that he was a Christ follower. And not just a quiet follower of Jesus but a bold and vocal herald of the gospel. **The way he carried himself in this difficult situation inspired others to be bold in their faith!**

I find this personally convicting. I've faced more challenges than usual of late, and too often, I hear myself complaining. Sometimes (but not always) I'm reminded of Paul's example and **pray for courage to live in such a way that even my challenges and difficulties will point others to Jesus.**

Men, what would happen in your family (and mine) if Jesus was honored and proclaimed even more so in the hard moments?

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Philippians 2:14-15

➤ Pray for wisdom and courage to represent Christ well in difficulties.

Our mission is to serve churches as they equip men to walk with Christ and lead well.

Here are a few of the questions you helped answer this month...

*"We have a small team of men who want to launch a formal ministry to men at our church. Our pastor is on board but we must make a formal proposal with an organized plan. **Could you help us prepare for a meeting with our Discipleship Pastor?**"*

A brief outline of steps to launch strategic ministry to men prepared these men for an effective meeting!

*"What are your thoughts about using **33 The Series vs. The Quest for Authentic Manhood** from Men's Fraternity Classic with our men?"*

A breakfast meeting with the pastor and men's ministry leader from this church helped them chart a course for the way forward. They'll be launching a strategic men's discipleship campaign in the fall.

*"We need help connecting older men with younger men for mentoring at our church. We have interested men in both camps but can't seem to get them connected. **Could you help us with a strategy?**"*

Interested men from this church will access mentoring tools and coaching through NobleResources.org as leadership works to help willing men connect both informally and formally.

The Noble Man conferences are high-impact single day events. Men from churches across the regions join in a Kingdom gathering. But, each conference is just one day; that leaves 364 other days for less visible but arguably more significant ministry. **Conferences give us visibility, build trust and establish Noble Warriors as a valued resource for local churches.**

In each of the cases above, men who attended a Noble Man conference were inspired to capture the momentum. **Thanks for locking arms with us to serve these leaders and many more.**

Men are being equipped to walk faithfully with Jesus and lead well!

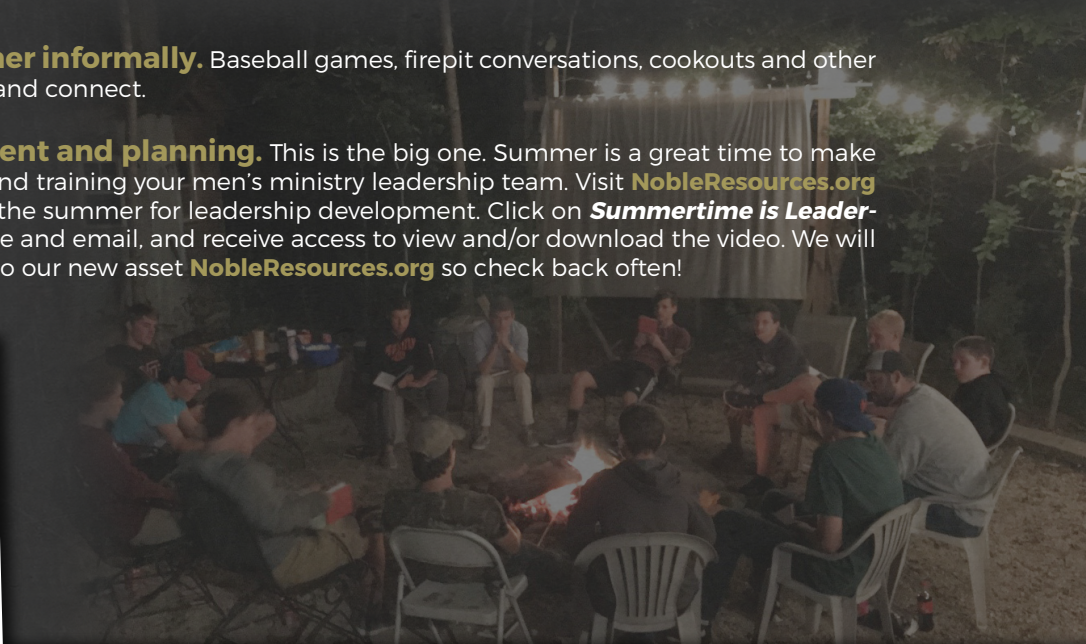
➤ Pray with us for these leaders and many others who have reached out and those who will.

NOBLE RESOURCES: SUMMERTIME!

Because it's challenging to get guys together formally during the summer, we coach churches to do two things during this season.

1. Encourage men to meet together informally. Baseball games, firepit conversations, cookouts and other gatherings help men build camaraderie and connect.

2. Invest in leadership development and planning. This is the big one. Summer is a great time to make very specific investments in developing and training your men's ministry leadership team. Visit NobleResources.org to watch a quick video about leveraging the summer for leadership development. Click on **Summertime is Leadership Development Time**, enter your name and email, and receive access to view and/or download the video. We will continue to add trainings and resources to our new asset NobleResources.org so check back often!



GRANDPA TODD!

Many of you have interacted with **Todd Christian** at our conferences and events. **Fun fact:** Todd has been a critical part of our team from the beginning! He's only missed **1** of the **47** conferences we've hosted over the years! Todd's daughter, **Mary Todd**, (who also is part of the NW team working remotely on various projects) just had a precious baby girl! **Congratulations, Grandpa!**

Generational Blessings.... **The righteous who walks in his integrity - blessed are his children after him.** Proverbs 20:7



TIM finished Ranger School! Thanks for praying with us for him. He went straight through all three phases and is Ranger qualified! He's recovering now and waiting for an Airborne slot.

ZACH was selected to be First Sargent for his VTCC Company next Fall. He's getting lots of leadership experience in both the Corps and BCM. We're not sure how he gets his academic work done.

BEN is counting the days to high school graduation and will attend NC State in the fall to participate in their Paper Science Engineering Program. He's been busy working odd jobs to help save for tuition.

HANNAH is having to step up and cut the grass these days. With two brothers gone and Ben on the way out, she's the only thing that stands between us and having to cut our grass ourselves!

STACY and I are trying to keep up!

Thanks for your faithful prayers and encouragement for our family!

FAMILY UPDATE

