



Battle Briefing May 2021

The Tailgate Tour has been awesome! I always want more guys involved, but I've been reminded over and over again that God is working not only in the midst of these events but also around the edges. **We've started keeping track of Collateral Blessings.**

For context, **collateral damage** is a military term to classify any death, injury, or other damage inflicted that is an incidental result of an operation.

We're using the term **Collateral Blessings** to identify the cool things that God is doing before, after, and all around the tailgates! **Your investments of prayer and resources created opportunities for God to move before and beyond the events! Here are a few...**

Church Connections - Hosting the Tailgates has created opportunities to reach out to many new churches and create interest and awareness in areas where we've previously done little or no ministry.

Speaker Connections - It has been a great blessing to be able to invite pastors and ministry leaders from across the state to share a message with other men at a Tailgate.

Because of our Tailgate Emails - A guy who used to live in Richmond but is now in Las Vegas, NV asked for help with reaching men at his new church.

Another ministry leader at a local university contacted me to talk about strategies to minister to young men on campus.

Your support makes the events possible but is also multiplied in all the Collateral Blessings!

▶ Pray that the men would continue to find ways to gather together. **"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."** Hebrews 10:24-25

▶ Pray for our team as we pursue next steps in following up with new relationships.

Serving Adventurously,

Mike Young



TAILGATE TALES

What a whirlwind! We were able to gather with men at seven tailgate events in three weekends at churches across the central Virginia region. Many men were blessed as our keynote speakers poured out powerful messages like...

Stan Grant talked about David, **a man after God's own heart**, with an overview of his victories and failures.

Josh Franklin preached from Philippians 1 and reminded us of **"the fellowship of the gospel."** We need other men in our lives.

Don Coleman talked about **Jesus as our model of manhood**. In John 19:5, Pilate said, *"Behold the man!"*

Greg Beechaum talked about the **prodigal father welcoming home a wayward son**.

Joe Tanner shared **Jesus' "Follow me!" commands** and challenged men to engage fully.

Ed Gomes challenged men through the example of Joseph to **let God use them where they are**.

Daniel Palmer taught that Haman wanted to be recognized as nobility but was not a **noble man**.

Gary Freeman reminded men that **Adam failed to step** in when Satan tempted and lied to Eve.

Josh Turner reminded men that Jesus healed the demon-possessed man - **no one is out of his reach**.

There was a message for every man with ears to hear!



TAILGATE TALES *CONTINUED*

Some churches had the largest gathering of men that they have ever had at a Noble Warriors event.

Many brought friends, family, and neighbors who have not been attending church.

One man brought his father and his son with him - 3 generations worshipping together!

A group from Grove Church in Richmond set the tailgate food bar high with street tacos, bacon-wrapped shrimp and scallops, and homemade onion rings - made to order. **But more importantly than that, they've been inspired to form more tailgate groups on their own and take them to the streets of their own neighborhoods in their own city.**

Folks, that's what it's all about. It's not about one event, **it's about continually gathering with men to spur one another on in love and good works.** Men aren't just hungry for food, they're hungry for fellowship.

"Everyone who was there left fired up and ready to spread the Gospel message and address the issues that are facing the world today," says our brother Eric Hammond, who attended the Mechanicsville Tailgate. He summed up the heart of it. ***"This is exactly what men need... a time of fellowship, worship, and challenges to become the men of God that we have been called to be... we need to be able to hold each other up, stand in unison together and brave the challenges before us!"***

Thank you for standing in unison with Noble Warriors when we faced the challenge of pivoting to a new plan. It wouldn't be possible without your prayers and support.

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ZACH finished up BetterMan with his guys and enjoyed a BYOS (Bring Your Own Steak) night at pastor Jeff Noble's house. We're excited to see these young men take what they've learned to the corners of the world!

BEN is finishing up classes for the semester and is preparing for a chemical engineering internship in West Virginia for the summer. He's also purchased another truck. Be on the lookout for the whole story later.

HANNAH started a new job at Old Navy. If you're on her gift list, expect clearance merchandise purchased with an employee discount... I can't wait for Father's Day! She's also reading *Lady in Waiting* and studying the book of Ruth with two friends. They're looking for their Boaz rather than a Bozo!

OWEN is settling into some routines and letting **TIM AND CAROLINE** get a bit more rest. **STACY** visited to enjoy some baby time! We simply can't get enough of this little guy! He's already made his first trip to church with mommy and daddy!

FAMILY UPDATE

