

LIVING WATER CHURCH



# BASECAMP

## NOT FITTING THE MOLD

Breaking the Facade of the “Sunday Christian” to Find Authentic Brotherhood.

KEY INSIGHTS FROM JOSH'S BREAKOUT SESSION

## The Expectation



The “Mr. Rogers” stereotype.  
Meek, mild, and perfectly well-mannered.  
Khakis and a polo.  
Never ruffles any feathers.

## THE CORE CONFLICT

## The Reality



The “Warrior Heart.”  
Made in the image of a God of war.  
Built to fight shoulder-to-shoulder,  
flip the tables, and step into the mud.

# DIAGNOSING THE FACADE

## THE POSER

## THE AUTHENTIC MAN



### APPEARANCE

Dressed to the nines  
Perfect facade

Come exactly as you are



### ENVIRONMENT

Sunday morning church pew

Tuesday morning breakroom,  
shop floor, or barstool



### VIEW OF JESUS

Jesus in a box  
Polite teacher

The Jacked Warrior  
waiting on the road



### CONVERSATIONS

Surface-level  
“I’ve got it together”

Deep, nasty, dirty,  
and muddy real talk

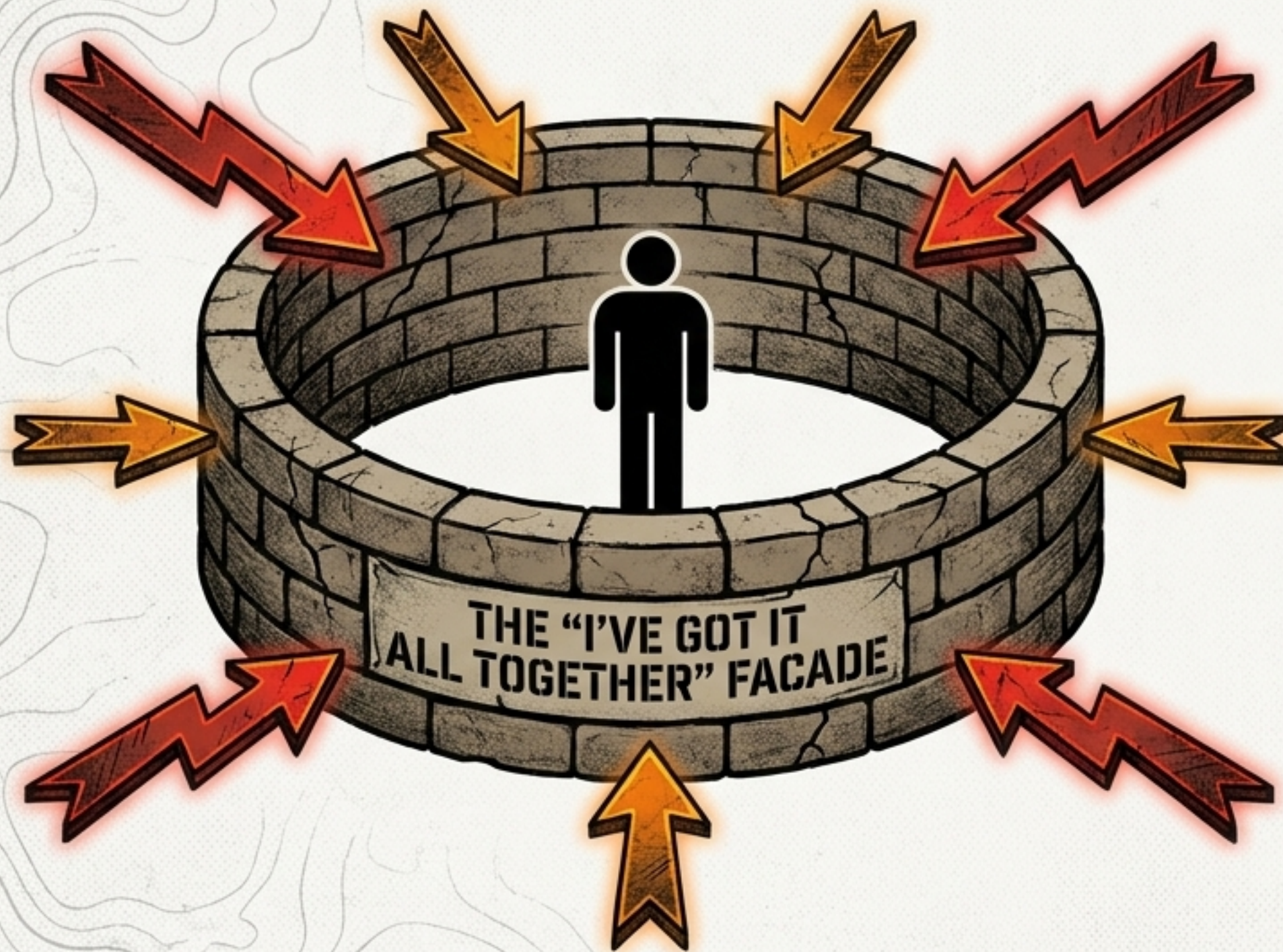


### STRUGGLES

Isolated and hidden in shame

Exposed to the light  
for healing

# THE ISOLATION TRAP



## THE LIE

If I look perfect on Sunday,  
I am winning.

## THE REALITY

Satan doesn't care if you go to church  
every Sunday, as long as you keep your  
struggles hidden.

## THE TRAP

Posing creates isolation. When you try  
to do life alone, you fail every single time.  
An isolated man is the easiest target.  
Your comfort zone will kill you.

# BAD STUFF CAN'T HIDE IN THE LIGHT



**STEP 1:** The struggle (alcoholism, anger, marriage issues) thrives in the dark.



**STEP 2:** Taking the risk to share your story exposes the wound to the light.



**STEP 3:** Shame is destroyed by shared experience. Brotherhood is forged.

# REDEFINING THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

“ He **left** the **99**  
to go find **the 1**. ”

## BREAKING THE BOX

God didn't design a mold. He doesn't just hang out with the 99 who have it all together.



## THE RESCUE MISSION

He is the warrior venturing into the wild, going after the one who is wandering, bruised, and not paying attention.

# EXPANDING THE SAFE HAVEN



The people who need truth aren't always in the pews.

When you stop posing, **YOU** become a safe haven wherever you stand.

Meet men in the trenches—with zero judgment—because you might be their only interaction with God's love in a lifetime.

# FINDING GOD IN THE WILD



## THE WOODS / THE BOAT

Sitting in a tree stand or middle of the lake, feeling His presence in the raw quiet.



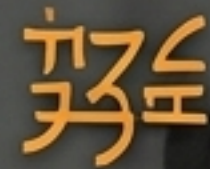
## THE GYM

4:30 AM iron and rock radio turning into a cold plunge worship reset.



## THE DINNER TABLE

Stopping the chaos for a moment of enforced peace with the family.



## THE BATHROOM MIRROR

A 13-year-old son spontaneously writing 'Jesus Saves' on the glass. The everyday kiss from God.

# THE BLUEPRINT OF A BAND OF BROTHERS



## The 2:00 AM Rule

You must have men in your life you can call at 2:00 AM on a Saturday when you are losing the fight.

## Iron Sharpens Iron

Masculinity and strength are bestowed shoulder-to-shoulder by other men.

## The Shield Wall

You cannot fight the daily barrage of the world alone. Drop the facade and interlock shields.

# CENTERING: THE DAILY FIGHT

4:00 AM  
WAKEUP



The intentional early start.

4:30 AM  
GYM



Physical push (Rock Radio)  
-> Cold Plunge mental reset  
(Worship/Crowder).

THE WORKDAY  
SANCTUARY



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Closing the office door,  
turning on SiriusXM (The  
Message), keeping centered  
amidst the shop floor chaos.

EVENING  
ANCHOR



Family dinner table,  
creating peace at the end  
of the line.

**The fight is daily. If you don't fight daily, you lose.**

# THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF REALNESS



## THE MAN & FAMILY

Breaking the mold heals your own hidden wounds and protects your kids.

## THE BROTHERHOOD

Dropping your facade gives other men permission to drop theirs, creating a safe haven.

## THE TRENCHES

Your authenticity becomes the only real encounter with Jesus someone else might ever experience.



# SET THE WORLD ON FIRE

God didn't design a mold. Get out of your comfort zone, find your brothers, and go into the trenches.