



REAL MOMENTUM

*a movement of men  
transforming families &  
churches to the ends of the earth*

**MANHOOD TODAY – Keith Boggs**

**Colossians 1:24-2:10**

**Christ in you the hope of glory, [1:28] Him we...**

**Preach** – proclaim throughout, declare

**Warning** – keep nothing back (Acts 20:20) – admonish, instruct, exhort

**Teaching** – teach, instruct

**Present** – stand near, be at, be in front of, stand by, help

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**To this end I also Labor** – toil, be tired, grow weary

**Striving** – struggle, fight, contend for a prize

**According to His working that Works** – be at work, cause to function, bring about

**In me Mightily** – ability, power, supernatural power, strength

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**MANHOOD TODAY - The Spoil** – lest anyone cheat you

**MANHOOD TODAY - The Secularization** – through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world

**MANHOOD TODAY - The Sadness** – and not according to Christ

**Psalm 12:1**

Help LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear among the sons of men.

**Ceases** – stops, come to an end

**Disappear** – vanish

**Psalm 144:3-5,**

Lord, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?

Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

<sup>4</sup> Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow.

<sup>5</sup> Bow down Your heavens, O Lord, and come down;

## 1. Some realities in this room tonight...

### A. As men, we have a lot in common.

**Genesis 2:7**, And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (KJV soul).

**You've been made by God and you've been made for God and until you surrender and buy into you'll never be the man God called you to be.**

### B. I really think that we all want to be better men.

- Some of us feel good about where we are right now, but also want to keep growing.

God/Family/Church

- Some of us have important manhood questions –

**“What do I need to know that I don't?”**

God/Family (marriage/parenting) /Church

**“What should be my top priorities?”**

focus, energy, influence, etc.

**“How do I live without regrets?”**

- Some of us need practical help – with our marriages, our kids, work, habits, friends, and spiritual life.

...**Your wife** is distant... maybe you want a wife

...**Children are distant**, disconnected, even distracted

...**Feel disconnected** from the church – not even sure if they want you, much less need you

...**Am I really making a difference**: community/work

- Some of us are struggling and need a new direction.

...Need a Word from God

...Need a friend to walk with you through this season

...Courage to face what you're facing

## 2. So How Are Men Doing Today?

**Proverbs 20:6**, Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, but who can find a faithful man?

**Own Goodness – There are many men that proclaim**

**How loyal they are**

**How committed they are**

**How supportive they are**

**I call this posturing... and every one of us do it...**

**Posture –**

- how one holds their body when standing or sitting
- behavior that is intended to impress or mislead.

We adopt a position and make “a show” of it... even if it does not reflect your true beliefs.  
 It's a holier than thou behavior...  
 It's also very hypocritical...

**God thunders back... Who can find a faithful man!?**

**[1] Some men have found a manhood that works.**

**A MANHOOD that truly works is life-giving.**

**1 Corinthians 15:45**, And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” (Gen 2:7)  
 The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

**“Life-giving” is the word the Bible uses to describe the manhood of Jesus.**

Gives	Takes
Helpful	Critical
Quickens	Quenches
Anointed	Abusive
Passionate	Pathetic
Certain	Complacent
Transformational	Toxic

- People are encouraged by it.
- Women and wives feel safe and valued around it.
- Families thrive with it.
- Sons are drawn to it.
- Daughters delight in it.
- The workplace and community benefit because of it.

**When men win, everybody wins!**

**[2] Some men live in a manhood “fog”.**

**[3] Some men live in a manhood “struggle”.**

- They settle for less in life, but don't know it's less.
- They create problems ... lots of them!
- They guess at their masculinity and hope it works.

**3. Four Challenges Men Face Today**

**[1] The loss of a common manhood vision.**

Without vision, we live in “no-man's land.”

**Proverbs 29:18,**

Without revelation people **run wild**, but one who follows divine instruction will be happy.

Without vision, we are left to “make up” manhood for ourselves.

**Proverbs 12:15,**

The way of a fool is **right in his own eyes**, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

***If you don't own your manhood, Satan is sure to see that someone or something else will.***

**[2] The rise of a “weightless” manhood.**

- It is created by the emotionally and/or physically **absent** dad. This loss of dad is significant...

**A boy will be what a boy can see.**

- Dad's presence gives a son emotional stability: love and affirmation.
- Dad's instruction gives a son directional stability: moral convictions and practical skills.

**Proverbs 17:6, The glory (WEIGHT) of sons is their fathers.**

**[Tackling Dummy]**

- “Weightless” manhood unleashes a host of problems.
- It is an epidemic in America today.
- **In 1960, only 5% of boys in America were fatherless; today it's 41%.**

- Paul Taylor, *The Next America*, Pew Foundation, Public Affairs, 2014, p.114

**The 3rd Challenge Men Face Going Forward...**

**[3] A radically changed, rapidly changing social landscape.**

- The last 50+ years have been socially breathtaking:

...**Roles** for men and women have increasingly merged.

...**The definition of marriage** was changed for the first time in over 4,000 years.

...**Some 44% of millennials** now consider marriage “obsolete”.

[Pew Research \(March 9, 2011\) For Millennials, Parenthood Trumps Marriage](#)

...**Cohabitation has exploded.** For the first time in American history, there are more unmarried adults than married. [Pew Research \(June 27, 2011\) Prevalence and Growth of Cohabitation](#)

...**A majority of children (61%)** born to mothers under 30, are born outside marriage.

[For Women Under 30, Most Births Occur Outside of Marriage – NY Times \(Feb. 17, 2012\)](#)

...**There are now multiple** gender categories, not just male and female.

...**Sexual standards** have dramatically changed.

...**Women now outnumber men** in college by over 30% and earn more advanced degrees.

...**Women now make up the majority** of enrollees in law and medical schools.  
...There are now 7 million working age men in the United States who don't work.

[Men Without Work American Enterprise Institute \(January 30, 2018\)](#)

...**More women are managers** in the workplace than men.

...**Single women buy their own homes** today at twice the rate of single men.

[Make It \(May 11, 2018\) CNBC](#)

...**Depression rates have increased** tenfold among men since 1960.

...**Women shoulder most of the responsibility** for the health and vitality of the Christian faith in the United States **Barna.com**, "What Women Think of Faith, Leadership, and Their Role in the Church," part 1 of 4, Research Releases in Culture and Media, August 13, 2012

#### **[4] The lies men believe about themselves.**

As men, we often make the mistake of processing (thinking through) our lives alone.

- I should know what to do.
- I'm the only one who struggles with this.
- It's too late to do anything about this.
- I can do this and no one will ever know.
- If I tell you the truth about myself, you will reject me.

**A MANHOOD THAT WILL WORK FOR YOU/ME (FOR US) IN THE MODERN WORLD... will require that YOU/ME/WE**

**Reject Passivity  
Expect God to Move  
Accept Responsibility  
Lead Courageously**

#### **Some Guiding Principles over these next few months...**

**[1] Seek to increase your understanding about Biblical Manhood by connecting to God and connecting to other men.**

**[2] Ask God to use His Word each week as it is taught and receive helpful insight and support from those around your table.**

**[3] Make new friends, become a part of the brotherhood.**

**[4] As a man, seek to grow and mature in your relationship with God, your family, and the church to the ends of the earth.**

There must be ownership and obedience!

Teach on Biblical manhood topics  
Round-table discussions

**What your MANHOOD looks outside the Magnolia Room is entirely up to you!**

**But listen to me... My prayer is that you will be challenged to be a Man of God... the Man of God for your family** (whatever that looks like) **and the Man of God for our church** (whatever that looks like).

**ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?**

HEY!

You were chosen by God... Your gender was intelligently designed by The Wonderful Counselor, The Prince of Peace, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father... He didn't make a mistake... **SHOW YOURSELF A MAN**

You've been Chosen for this Time

Day

Family

Church

Condition

Country

**Be the man God made you to be...**

Be a man who No Longer...

...**hides** from the past  
...**feels** worthless  
...**holds** back  
...**allows** for immorality  
...**is a weak** leader  
...**goes** through the motions  
...**leaves** Jesus behind  
...**compromises** integrity  
...**accepts mediocre marriage**  
...**accepts passive fathering**  
...**goes** alone  
...**punches** the clock  
...**does** business as usual  
...**stands** on the sideline

MANHOOD TODAY Requires:

- humility
- honesty
- accountability

**Be Watchful,**

**Stand firm in the faith**

**Act Like Men**

**Be Strong**

**Let all that you do be done in love.**

**TABLE QUESTIONS...**

**Your Table Discussion Questions**

1. Why did you come tonight? What are you hoping will happen because you came?
2. Which one of the lies have you been believing? Why?