



REAL MOMENTUM

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Following God & Leading Men

Romans 4:19 – 25, And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴ but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

2 Timothy 2:2, And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

During Timothy's many years of close association with Paul

Timothy was to take the Truth he had learned from Paul and teach it to other faithful men—
men with proven spiritual character and giftedness,
who would in turn pass on those truths to another generation.

From Paul to Timothy to faithful men to others encompasses 4 generations of godly leaders. That process of spiritual reproduction, which began in the early church, is to continue until the Lord returns.

Commit –

Faithful – dependable, loyal, trustworthy, responsible

Teach others –

1. The Personal Experience

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses

Jeff Kisiah - 40 Years of Ministry -

Spiritual engagement without biblical community = **scholarship**

Biblical community without spiritual engagement = **fellowship**

The written Word balanced with the living Word = **discipleship**

Discipleship is one man caring enough about another man to help him build a relationship with God, his family, and the church, while building a worldview that's biblical, and a lifestyle that brings glory to almighty God.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

Affectionately longing –

Impart to you – share, contribute

But also our own lives –

2. The Intentional Expectation

commit these to faithful men

- **Good relationships both comfort and stretch.**
- **In these type relationships, the heat rises and the sparks fly.**
- **We're not after behavior modification but biblical transformation.**

Three ways you can help or be helped...

1. Be available.

We are all busy.

Don't buy into the lie that young men don't want your help

2. Be purposeful.

Consider – think through ways where life works for you—with Christ, at work, home, financially, in ministry, wherever.

Handling pressure and balancing the pace of life
Working with people
Building and keeping friendships with other men
Investing in your marriage
Resolving conflict
Facing unexpected crises or tragedy
Managing finances
Developing a real relationship with God
Reading, understanding, and applying the Scriptures
Raising your children
Growing through failure

3. Be real.

Don't fake it.

Men don't have time for games or jokes.

The struggle and the battle is real—and you need to be real before you will ever be able to help a man or be helped by a man.

On either side of the table – you both need to decide what kind of man you want to be.

3. The Transformational Execution

who will be able to teach others also.

Who will be able to teach others, also?

Equip – train, arm, furnish, give

1. Men are hungry for discipleship/relationship/fellowship/coaching/brotherhood no matter where they are on the planet.

2. Most men will respond when they are challenged to the core of who they are as a man, but they need help.

3. We are losing the next generation of men.

TROUBLE SPOTS:

1. The Dad Wound

atheistic/abusive/apathetic/alcoholic/absent

2. Unprocessed Trauma

loss of a job
divorce
wayward child

3. Lack of a Manhood Vision

guessing at manhood

it's hard to be what you cannot define

most men don't know — there is this overwhelming fog — and they make it up

where there is no vision the people perish — the people run wild

4. Addictive Habits (alcohol//drugs//porn)

5. No Close Friends

Isolation is dangerous!

6. Spiritually Stuck

No growth, power

4. Men don't need another conference, event, or program... men need God AND men need other men.

Dennis Rainey, *Stepping Up, A Call to Courageous Manhood*,

"We need another man to speak into our lives, cheering us on, imparting their courage to persevere, summoning us to keep stepping up."

5. A man's legacy involves believing in and empowering younger men.

1. Start where you are. 2. Use what you have. 3. Do what you can.