

It takes a man. A man like you.

God is calling us to stand in the gap. He is calling us to a great adventure with boys and young men that will make an eternal difference. Your life will not be wasted when you give your time to point young men and boys to Christ and biblical principles for godly living. How will you respond?

The boys are waiting to hear your answer; they long to have men like you share their lives with them.

Men often agree, but wonder how they can disciple a boy into what it means to be a godly man when they don't think they've arrived yet themselves, or never had anyone show them how. We're here to help you take that step.

CSB Regional Directors can provide tools to help your church facilitate a Bible-centered, highly relational, action-packed adventure for your men and boys. Your Regional Director will provide training and support for your leaders and host regional events that challenge and encourage both men and boys.



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It Takes A Man



“Every man is called to be a model for, and to lead, the next generation with honor, wisdom, and compassion.”

(Shaun Blakeney and Marcus Brotherton)¹

Men have been called by God to impact the next generation for Him. We are called to challenge their world views while sharing that which has forged our own; to help them discover Christ and grow up in Him; to envision them with what it means to be a man of character... more than that, a man after God's own heart.

We are not called to sit back and hope someone else does our job. God asks us to get off the sidelines and be part of an important cause. He wants us to engage, and in so doing to impact the lives of young men and boys for eternity. It's not just about teaching

“The men of the church will have to get deeply involved in order for boys to become men through watching and emulating them. The imprinter of manhood that every boy seeks comes from one place only: other men.”

(Rick Bundschuh)²

how men are to navigate life well using biblical principles, we are also to model the life God has called men (whether young or old) to live. We all know that boys watch their dads, favorite sports figures, musicians, and other men in their lives. These role models have a profound effect on a boy's life, deeply influencing their relational, intellectual, emotional and most importantly, spiritual world.

But the news isn't good. We as men are not doing a good job in passing the baton on to the next generation on how to live as godly men.

“We are not discipling men to be followers of Jesus Christ. Our churches are not effectively helping men understand what it takes to be a godly husband, a godly father, and a godly man.”

(Patrick Morley)³

The vision of CSB Ministries is to see godly men who serve, lead and disciple each generation. Our mission is to build godly men of today and tomorrow.

The proof is in the proverbial pudding. As men have become less and less involved in the lives of the boys in their church and community, experts tell us a crisis has developed. Articles and books are appearing one after another asking, where are all the men? Talk show hosts and forums ponder the lack of masculinity and consistently point to the lack of positive male role models.

“There is no substitute for a man mentor to guide a boy into becoming a young man. . . CSB Ministries has developed a program for churches to use that has structure and guidelines to help men be mentors for boys.”

(Ted Smith) ⁴

After some years of trying a coed program at her church, a children's ministry coordinator concluded along with other leaders who worked with her that they need a ministry where men guide boys toward maturity. She recently shared with us, “Society is

feminizing these boys and they don't know what it means to be godly men, but I'm not equipped to train these men in working with boys in the separate gender ministry we want.” This church has now invited CSB to partner with them in training men on how to effectively influence boys and by providing tools offering a fun, activity-filled venue for men and boys to experience together.

We must do what God has called us to do in influencing the young men and boys in our communities. Too much is at stake. Too many men have already lived tragic lives because no one helped them discover what it truly means to be a man, created by God for His glory. Saying we are unprepared or ill-equipped is not an excuse. We must be those who stand up and take our role seriously about impacting the next generation. We must do it for Christ, for our families, for our churches. We are called to something great. We are called to make a difference. We are called to leave a legacy young men will follow. This is our destiny.

May it not be said about you, *“I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap. . . but found none,”* (Ezekiel 22:30).

