

## Special Men's Breakfast Series Wild at Heart: Becoming Men of God

### *Part One: The Adventure Begins*

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly...who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never known victory nor defeat.

- *Teddy Roosevelt*

What is the desire of your heart?

How do you define a real man?

How did your father or grandfather define a real man?

How do your children or grandchildren see the definition of manhood by your actions, words, and example?

Is it wrong to long for adventure? To desire action? To yearn to fight for honor and dignity? Explain.

The masculine heart needs a place where nothing is prefabricated, modular, nonfat, zip lock, franchised, on-line, microwavable. Where there are no deadlines, cell phones, or committee meetings. Where there is room for your soul. (Eldridge, p. 5)

Have you ever felt stifled or held back by those around you, maybe even loved ones, but you could explain why you felt stifled or like a caged lion?

Through this series we want to help men find out, from God's divine plan, who they are called to be, what they are really made of, and what they are destined to be...*This is where our journey begins!*

Society is screaming out, *Where are all the real men?* Yet it has told them that they are to be more feminine and if you choose to be a real man then you are chastised.

- We are told from our society and our churches that the problem with real men is that they don't know how to keep promises, be spiritual leaders, talk to their wives, or raise their children...but if they try real hard they can be a nice guy. (Eldridge, p. 6)
- Is this God's plan for man, to be a nice guy or is there more? He is called to be a leader, a servant, a warrior.

What is a Christian man? Actually look in the churches and you will see men bored and confused almost to complacency.

We have not invited men to know and live deep from their hearts. (Eldridge, p. 8)  
Therefore we must help them rediscover their heart as God intended for it to be.

What makes you come alive?

What stirs your heart?

God has made a masculine heart and set it within every man and offers him an invitation to come and live out the man I have planned for you to be.

God created man in his own image (Gen. 1:27)

Every man has three desires that are found deep in his heart...

- He desires a Battle to Fight...
- He desires an Adventure to Live...
- He desires a Beauty to Rescue...

The heart of a man is like deep water... (Proverbs 20:5)

Adam was created outside of the Garden, in the wilderness...

- Boys have never been at home indoors, I see this with my two year old right now. He has a rich desire to be out in nature...to explore, play, and even hunt. You can see his heart leap with joy and excitement as he spends his time outside.

Scheduled Lessons to Come for the Series

July 14 – The Journey of our True Identity Begins

July 21 – Wrestling With The Question of Manhood

July 28 – Winning the Battle for a Man's Heart

August 04 – The Adventure to Live

