

Reaching Men Inside And Outside Of The Church With The Gospel!



Dear Friends,

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So, anything new or out of the ordinary happening with you?

LOL...WHAT A MONTH! I doubt any of us have ever seen anything like this time of shutdown we are all experiencing from the Coronavirus. No one saw it coming...except God.

It makes me feel better going through all of this that God wasn't surprised by what is going on and that He has everything under control. Yup, that's what I tell myself as I hyperventilate into a bag, seeing that we may need to cancel even more events...I'M KIDDING!

Seriously, though, it is comforting to know God saw this coming, and He knows what's still to come. He is still on His throne, and He will work all things together for good for those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. I know I am called by God, and He will take care of us!

I do have some great news to share with you from our ministry in March, pre-shutdown. Actually, I never got to share with you about the last weekend in February either...so let's get into it.

We held our Virginia Mantour on February 29 in Winchester, Virginia. This was our fifth year holding Conferences in the Potomac District, and we had a great Saturday with the men. We switched things up a bit, and instead of having workshops, we had three sessions all together in the Sanctuary. In his powerful word about doing 'Whatever It Takes', Pastor Ben Rainey spoke about Naaman. I never thought of the story of Naaman the leper when I thought of the theme 'Whatever It Takes', but his testimony truly does align with this theme. He had to choose to do whatever it took, even when it made no sense to him. But when he surrendered to God, he found his healing. The men really responded to Ben's message, and we had a great time around the altar.



Pastor Joe Adams and Adam Hultstrand from the Knights of the 21st Century lead the second and third sessions, and they each hit it out of the ballpark. We had an amazing time in Virginia, and we are already rebooked for 2021!

The next weekend we headed to Bensalem, PA for the Greater Philadelphia Mantour. This was just before this area became the hotspot for the virus in PA. We had a great turnout as Pastor Scott Kramer delivered a powerful challenge to stop making defeat an option.

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Heading into the conference, Scott told me he was going to play a clip from Frozen 2. I told him “fine, just make sure to hand in your man-card to me before the service” lol. I was sitting in the back of the sanctuary when Scott played that clip. I thought it was such a powerful moment when said, “Were you uncomfortable watching that clip at a men’s conference? Imagine how uncomfortable the Holy Spirit is when you watch porn.”



Men flooded the altar after this message. It was beautiful to see. We then had amazing workshops lead by Pastor Bob Novak, David Dominguez from the Philly Dream Center, and myself. It was another great event.



The next week we were scheduled to hold our Altoona Mantour. During the week, the virus panic really took over the news, but things weren’t shut down yet. After talking to our speakers, the host pastor, the sectional presbyter, and some advisors, we decided to go ahead with the conference. We ended up having our best attended Mantour in this section to date. Again, we decided not to have workshops, but to instead do three sessions together in the

sanctuary. We made sure all of the food was prepackaged, we had one offering box men could give in instead of passing the plate, and we got rid of the handshaking time. Pastor Jeff Marshall brought an amazing challenge to the men, and we had another big response at the altar.



In the second session, Brad Price shared on the need to disciple other men. He did a fabulous job with this presentation. I spoke in the final session about the need to once and for all get angry with our sin and resolve that defeat is NOT an option. It was a great conference, and I am so glad we went ahead with this Mantour.

The following week we were not so lucky. After consulting with the host pastor who felt it was not wise to proceed, we pulled the plug on the Northeast PA Mantour. I HATED having to do it, but we did what we had to do.

Being faced with this shutdown, we examined what we could do to keep reaching men during this time. We decided to do a Man-athon, a 12-night marathon on Facebook. We have been airing a different message from previous Mantours every night, and so far the response has been tremendous.

We still have two Mantours scheduled for April 18 and April 26, and we are monitoring things to see if we can go ahead with them, maybe have them outside, or if we can reschedule them.

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We are waiting closer to the events to make a final decision, but we will trust God to lead us and we will do what is best for all concerned.

One thing I do know, God is still in control. He saw this coming, and whatever the coming weeks hold, He is still God. As we wait, we are doing everything we can to reach men digitally. We are trusting God to sustain us financially, and we are SO GRATEFUL to our financial partners who are being faithful during this time.

I also appreciate your continued prayer support for me, my physical issues, and the ministry. I couldn't do it without your prayer support. Keep us in prayer, and stay safe out there.

Reaching men together,



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WE'D LOVE TO COME MINISTER AT YOUR CHURCH

**FEATURING A TIMELY MESSAGE:
WHATEVER IT TAKES: DEFEAT IS NOT AN OPTION!**



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PRAY REQUESTS:

We are so appreciative of your prayer support. Please pray for:

1. Pray for guidance and wisdom during this time of isolation on how to proceed and how to continue reaching men.
2. Pray that God supplies the finances needed for 4One Ministries. We don't know if we can take salary during this isolation time, pray that God supplies our financial needs.
3. Pray that we can go ahead with our scheduled Mantours or be able to reschedule them.
4. We have raised 50% of our monthly budget, and we still have 50% to go! Please pray that God will continue to speak to individuals and churches to partner with us on a monthly basis so we can reach our budget. Also, pray against discouragement as we keep moving forward on this missionary journey.

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I am in need of individuals and men's ministries to partner with me as a Missionary Associate on a monthly basis. I work on Mantour Conferences and the Mantour resources full time year round, and would value your financial support. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with me and with Mantour Ministries on monthly or yearly basis? You can give online at www.giving.ag.org using Account Number 2813962, or print and return the form below using account Number 2813962.

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