

#### Dear Friends.

I hope you all had a fabulous Resurrection Sunday! I love Easter and celebrating the greatest day in history, Jesus conquering sin and death forever so we can be free and reunited with God!

Easter is also a time when life slows down for a few weeks for us after weeks of traveling for Mantours. I know every Pastor who reads that line hates me because it is their busiest week of the year. But for us, it's slow and a chance to catch up before the final push of conferences.

The beginning of our Mantours has been absolutely mind-blowing! I told you last month about our North East PA Mantour and how amazing it went. Since then, we have held two more conferences, and each was epic!

The first of the two was our South West PA Mantour. This was our first Mantour in South West PA since 2017! I wasn't really sure what to expect as far as attendance, so I was extremely happy and surprised when we had such a big turnout. Over 130 men from 15 different churches attended!

We had a great lineup of speakers at this event. Pastor Jeff Marshall led it off in Session One. As always, he did an amazing job, as evidenced by the number of men who responded at the altar. Jeff's session one was a great kick-off to this amazing event.



Session 2 was led by Pastor Kurt Jenkins, who spoke about the things we do as Spirit-filled men of God. This was the first time we had Pastor Kurt speak at a Mantour, and I'm sure it will not be the last, as he did an amazing job and was such a great pastor to work with throughout this event.

In Session 3, we also had a first-time speaker at a Mantour with Jason Lamer. Just like with Pastor Kurt, Jason did an amazing job, and I'm



sure he'll be returning at a future Mantour. I love how he ended his session by bringing every man up front and giving him a piece of coal to signify the point that he made throughout his sermon. It was very practical and hands-on, and it really made an impact on the men.

The South West PA Mantour wasn't without its drama. It poured the day of that Mantour, and on the way into the church, I hit a big puddle and splashed water everywhere. I



didn't think anything of it until after the conference was over, and we packed up, and I started to drive home. As soon as I started the car up, every light on the dash lit up with error messages, brake errors, steering errors, and navigation errors. Pretty much anything you can imagine was an error message. In a panic, I called a friend of my dad, who's a mechanic, and asked him what to do. Can I drive this car home?

After I explained to him everything that was on the dash and how the car was reacting, he suggested I drive it home and see how it handled, and he would come look at it the next day. The next day, he did come, and he put a reader on the engine, and he said that every message showed an error, but it showed nothing wrong and that everything was functioning. However, because the errors were still there, I had to take it to the dealer. I made an appointment to go to the dealer on Tuesday of that week, and then when I went to start the car up on Tuesday, all the error messages were gone. The car was fine, and it has worked ever since. How weird is that?!?

Now that the van issues were behind us, we prepped for the Central PA Mantour. This was the largest-attended Mantour Conference we ever had! 211 men from 29 churches attended! My friend and Mantour board member Joey Cullen, who is super competitive and always wants the Mantour he hosts in the Philly area to be the biggest, really has his work cut out for him to win this year!





In session one, Pastor

Scott Kramer brought the word. Scott is always one of our most popular speakers at our conferences, and as always, he did not disappoint. He gave a great challenge to the men that day, and the men really responded. We had 12 men accept Christ at the altar during Scott's session. Praise God! There was a party in Heaven that morning. This is why we do what we do... to see men's lives changed!

God wasn't done moving yet. We

were so blessed to have Greg Hubbard speak in our second Session. This was the first time we had Greg speak at a Mantour (Mainly because I was too intimidated to ask one of my ministry heroes to speak), and I enjoyed having him share with the men. Greg brought a tremendous challenge to the man on the need to be Spirit-filled men of God. He had a great explanation and challenge of what it



means to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and why it's so important. During his altar call, we had 10 men be filled with the Spirit, as evidenced by speaking in tongues. God really moved once again in this session.



I spoke in the closing session. I shared with the men why we do what we do as men of God and gave them three reasons to remember when the enemy attacks them to stop following God wholeheartedly. The men really responded, and I loved being able to pray over them all at the end.

Seeing men at the altar is why I'm so thankful for your monthly partnership. As we always say, Mantour Conferences happen because of you. Every man who is saved, every man who

makes a new commitment, and every life that is changed is because of your investment in Mantour Ministries. We are so thankful for you! I can't wait to share more testimonies with you as the "It's Who We Are" Tour continues through April and May.

Speaking of the tour continuing, we'd appreciate your prayers as we head off to the remaining four Mantour Conferences in 2024! I can't wait to see what God has in store!

If we have yet to visit your area, I can't wait to see you and the men from your church at your local Mantour Conference. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help you promote your event. Remember, youth under 18 are just \$5, and you can save money if you purchase a block of 20 tickets. One more thing: if you know of a rehab center or halfway house in your area that would benefit from the Mantour Conference, please let us know so we can invite them to come as our guests. We do the best we can to connect, but no one knows the area like those who live in it.

I am so grateful to every one of our monthly partners who financially support this ministry. I couldn't do this work without you! Thank you for believing in us and this ministry. Your giving is making a big difference! I am happy to say we had 10 new partners join the team since the last newsletter, and we have now raised 71% of our budget!

If you aren't a monthly partner, you are missing out on a blessing! God is active in this ministry, and He values your investment. So do I. You can help us become FULLY FUNDED as we work to become fully funded by the end of 2024.

Make a faith promise at https://usmissions.ag.org/ FaithPromise; my Account number is: James Holden, #2813962.





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I cannot do it without your help, and we must raise the remaining 29% of our budget by December 31, 2024. Make your Faith Promise today!

Thank you for taking the time to read this message, and we will see you soon at your local Mantour Conference! Your friend,

Jamie Holden

Founder/Director, Mantour Ministries,

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#### Please Pray For:

- 1. Strength and healing for me as I travel to the Mantour Conferences. It's been a tough year, and sadly, my disability has grown worse. I can't walk much at all, and standing has become difficult. BUT IT ISN'T GOING TO STOP ME! I believe in God for complete healing, and until then, I covet your prayers for strength to do what God has called me to do.
- 2. For men to be reached at our remaining four conferences, for lives to be saved, men to be filled with the Spirit, and chains to be broken as men experience freedom.
- 3. Please pray for Adessa and Jamie's health—no one needs to be sick on the road.
- 4. Please pray for Duane Goodling, who will travel with us to most Mantour Events this year.
- 5. Please pray for safety in travel and that all vehicles function correctly. (We don't need any more warning lights on the dash! lol)
- 6. Please pray that God will continue to help us raise our full missionary budget (we have to be at 100% by the end of 2024).



Potomac February 17, 2024 Springfield Assembly Springfield, WV North East PA March 2, 2024 Harvest Church Trucksville, PA South West PA March 9, 2024 New Hope Assembly Elizabeth, PA Central PA March 16, 2024 Christian Life Assembly Camp Hill, PA

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April 13, 2024
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