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



Dear Friends,

I hope you are having an amazing week as we head towards the most important day of the year, celebrating our Savior's death and resurrection, conquering sin and hell, and providing us with the freedom we all need!

I love Easter, and I can't wait to celebrate it. But before we look forward, please let me share what God did through the Mantour Conferences in March.

March was a crazy busy month as we held 4 Mantours in a row—six in a row if you include the two from February!



We started off the month with our Central PA Mantour in Middletown, PA. What a great event! We had such a fantastic turnout. We had to bring extra chairs into the sanctuary because so many men were attending. Because of your generosity, we were excited to have the men from Restart Ministries and Baltimore Teen Challenge attend as our guests.

Our first session speaker was Pastor Tony Cruz, and, as always, Tony knocked it out of the ballpark. It was such a strong challenge to the men, and when he gave his altar call, the men just flooded the altars. You could feel the power of the Holy Spirit so strong at the altar that it was unbelievable. One young man who is new to going to church told the man who brought him later, "Something just felt different there." That was the power of God.



At this particular Mantour, we didn't have any workshops. Instead, we had three sessions back to back in the sanctuary. Our second session speaker, Pastor Brad Price, spoke about "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" and the need for men to have biblical purity. It was great to have the men presented with Biblical truth regarding sexuality.

In the third session, Pastor David Richards gave an amazing challenge to the men to develop Legendary Grit in their lives. Dave encouraged the men to establish the disciplines in their lives they need to become men of legendary grit and not to be discouraged. It was a great session, and once again, the men really responded to the call to the altar. Seeing God moving among men at the altar in this year's conferences has been great.



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The following week, we made the long trip across Pennsylvania to Hermitage, PA, for our Western PA Mantour. This was our first Western PA Mantour in several years, so we weren't sure exactly what to expect. We were so happy to see the tremendous response by the men, and we had a great attendance. It was a great group of guys who were so hungry and excited to be there.

Pastor Tom Sember made the long trip down from Buffalo, New York, to share in our first session. The men really responded to Tom, and he had a great response at the altar to his challenge to become a man of legendary faith. Tom also led the workshop on legendary purity that weekend. It's always great to see Tom when he comes to share and catch up with him after living so far apart.





Our other workshop speaker was Pastor Scott Lewis. He did a tremendous job teaching the man about the Seven Legendary Convictions all men need to adopt in their lives. I had a chance to watch the session, and it was an outstanding, thorough teaching of relevant attitudes men need to adopt to become the legendary men God created them to be. Scott knocked it out of the ballpark, and we hope to have him back as a speaker at a Mantour.

I closed the sessions down by leading the third session. I spoke on the need for men to develop legendary grit in their lives. I love the word "grit," and I love sharing how men need to build grit so they become everything that God created them to be to stand firm in this crazy world we live in. I was so blessed to see the response of the men to the message, and I loved getting to pray with them around the altar at the end.



Our host church in Hermitage went above and beyond and provided lunch for the men afterward. What a blessing! Thank you to Pastor Chris Massey for hosting this event and providing the men with this meal!



Our next stop was our East Central PA Mantour in Allentown, PA. Once again, we had an amazing lineup of speakers for this event. In session one, Pastor Don Immel, the PennDel District Superintendent, delivered a powerful challenge to the men to develop legendary faith in their lives. It was such a strong word focused on the life of Barnabas. Once again, the men flooded the altars in response to this encouraging message. Honestly, this year men have just been

responding like crazy to the messages and coming to the altar. It's been such a blessing because that's why we do what we do—to see men's lives changed around the altar. It was great having Pastor Don join us; we really appreciate his support of our Mantour Conferences.

It was great to have our two workshop speakers, who are also friends of mine, join us at this event. Duane Goodling spoke on "The Magnificent Seven: Legendary Convictions ."Pastor Scott Carver spoke about "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Biblical Purity." Both sessions had tremendous reviews from the guys afterward. I talked to many guys, and they couldn't say good enough things about how great the workshop sessions were.



We were blessed to have Pastor Phil Menditto share in our third and closing session. As always, Pastor Phil brought a strong, powerful challenge to the men, and the men responded in droves. You couldn't move around the altar, so many men went forward to accept the challenge to be part of God's gritty minority, to seek God's will for their lives, and how they can develop legendary grit in their lives. I was so happy that Pastor Phil gave the time to come and share. It's always a pleasure when I get to serve with one of my favorite men.



Our host church in East Central also went above and beyond and provided lunch for the men. Thanks to Pastor Jason Gornicz for providing this meal and hosting us again this year.

We wrapped up our pre-Easter Mantours with the Greater Philadelphia Mantour. We had our largest response in 10 years of any of our Mantour conferences at this event. We were blown away by the tremendous number of guys registered to come and be a part of what God was doing at this

conference. Every man who came was not disappointed. We had amazing speakers, and God moved tremendously.



In our first session, Pastor Tom Rees, the PennDel District Men's Director, shared about the need to develop legendary faith in our lives. Tom always does a great job, but this was the best sermon I've ever heard Tom deliver. The man responded that we had five men accept Christ into their lives at the altar, #PartyInHeaven, and the rest of the altar was packed with men seeking God. It was so full they were lined up back the aisle trying to get to the altar. It was beautiful to see, and the power of God was so strong around the altar that it brought me to tears.

During the workshop sessions, we had the battle of the Bens. Pastor Ben Grenier shared about the need for biblical purity in our lives, and Pastor Ben Rivera shared about the need to have legendary convictions. This event just happened, and I haven't had time to watch their sessions yet, but the men raved about the teaching they received in the sessions, so I know that they did a great job. I am so thankful to both of these brothers who gave their time to come and serve at this Mantour. It's always a pleasure to serve with these incredible men of God. I'm happy to have them be part of my life!





Pastor Eric Goldsborough brought the final challenge to the men, and boy, was it a great challenge. I love when I get to serve with Eric. He has such a passionate heart for God and seeing men's lives changed; his message was just amazing. Eric focused his altar call on unsaved men, challenging them to stop resisting the Holy Spirit's prompt and to take that step of faith they've been avoiding.

He had 6 men come forward to the altar to accept Christ into their hearts and begin living a life of legendary grit for God! Another party in heaven! It was so amazing to see 11 men accept Christ at this conference. It was great to see other men of God come forward and pray with each of these men who made this ultimate decision

that will affect the rest of their lives. Eric then closed the conference by praying over all the men in attendance.

And that wrapped up a very busy month of March and an even busier six weeks. We traveled 1,329 miles in March! I'll be honest with you I was terrified about doing six events in a row because of my disability. I've never done that many in a row, and I had no idea how my body would respond. It was such a great feeling of accomplishment to be driving up the turnpike after this event, knowing we made it through six weeks and that my body handled it because of the grace of God and through His power.

Now we get three weeks off the road to catch our breath before finishing our final two Mantour conferences. During this time, I really hope to get to watch all the sessions and start making session clips so we can share them with the men throughout the year. God's also been speaking to me the past few days about our 2024 theme and where He wants this ministry to go next year, so I'm excited about that. I hope this newsletter has encouraged all those who are monthly supporters to see that their monthly support is making a difference in God's kingdom. We appreciate them so much for their financial support of our ministry. We cannot do what we do without their support. So thank you to all who partner with us!

If you're not one of our monthly supporters, what are you waiting for? You are missing out on God's blessing on your life as you support what He is doing to reach man. God is moving among men, and it's our privilege to be on the front lines, reaching the men and helping them become everything God created them to be. Our heart's desire is never to be a show but to be a place men come to learn, grow, and experience God's power. You need to become a part of this. So why don't you decide today to become one of our

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One thing I know is that God is moving in people's lives, and we have seen firsthand this year a mighty move of God among men. I cannot wait to see what God does at our remaining two Mantours after Easter as we head to Scranton, PA, and then close out at Altoona, PA. If you're a man in those two areas, you do not want to miss your local Mantour... make sure you get signed up as soon as possible.

I want to thank you for giving us your time today to read this newsletter, and I hope you've been challenged and encouraged by what we share with you that God has done through the conferences. I appreciate you and all you do to support this ministry, and we also value and covet your prayers. Please continue to cover us in your prayers as we do the work God calls us to do. I hope you all have a great Easter as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior.

Reaching men together,

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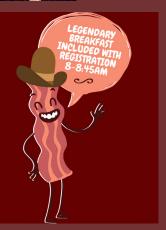
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