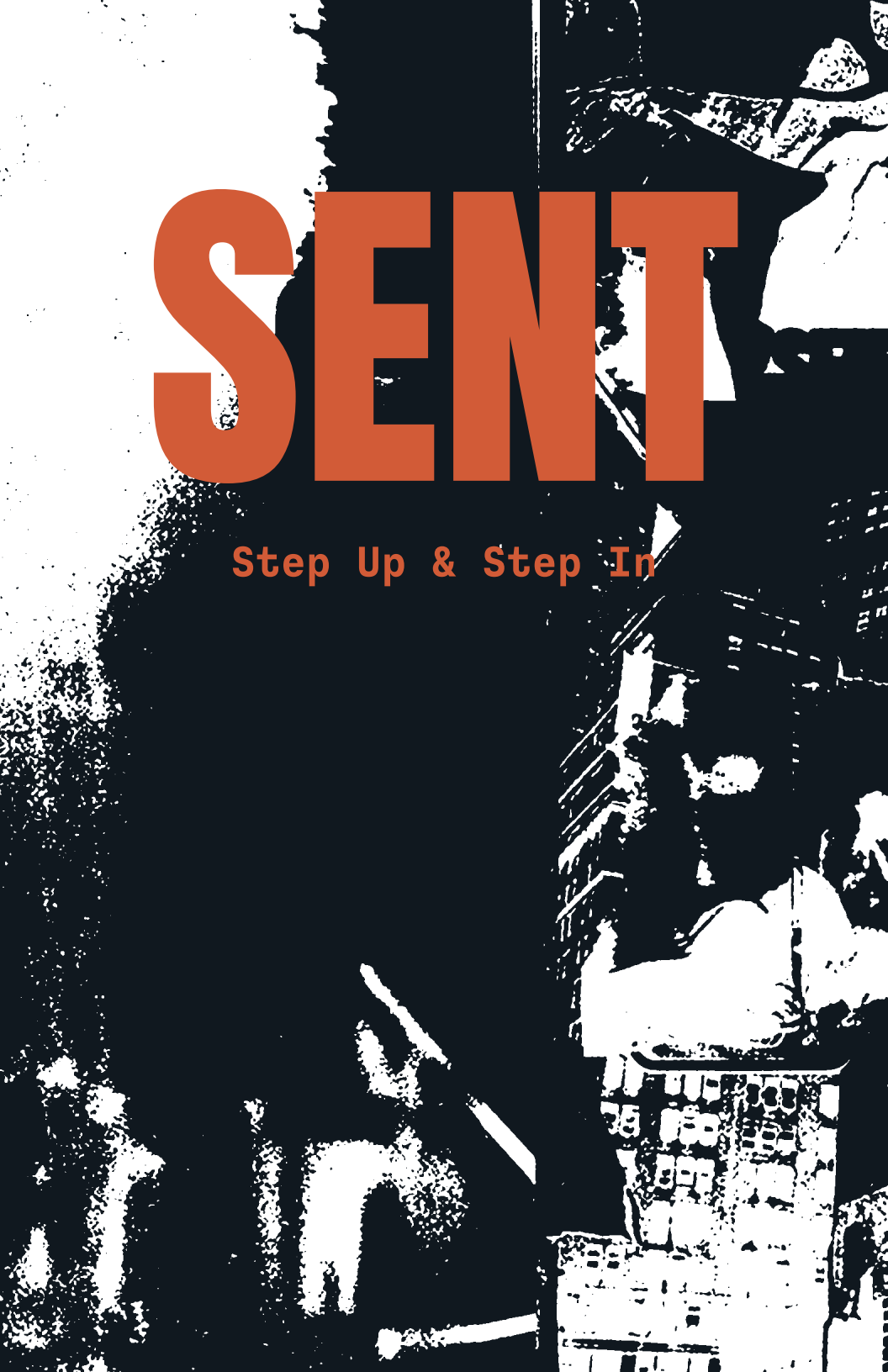


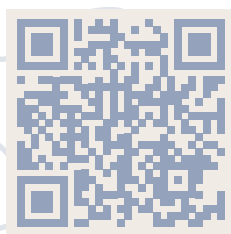


SENT

Step Up & Step In

COURAGEOUS STUDY GUIDE

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SOAR Instructions

Before you begin, read the entire section of Scripture you will be studying so you can see the context in its entirety. This will help you navigate the literary context of this chapter. Next, complete the SOAR page, making sure you do this before reviewing any teachings or commentaries. If you are new to the SOAR method, the instructions are on the following page.

S Scripture

In this section, fill in the verse or passage that grabbed your attention.

O Observation

What does God seem to be revealing through the Scripture? Answer the who, what, where and why questions. If you would like to go deeper, look up the Hebrew or Greek meaning and cross-reference different Scriptures with a familiar topic.

A Application

How do you begin to apply this Scripture to your life today? How can you live differently in light of what God has spoken to you?

R Reflection

Take a moment to be still and let God show you how to walk out this Scripture. Write a prayer asking God for wisdom and guidance.

PRAY Instructions

The PRAY method offers a simple framework to guide your daily time with God, helping you pray with intention and balance.

Prayer is a gift we are given to talk with God and interact with Him often! God wants to connect with you, and because of Jesus, you have access to Him. He is personally present, and when you pray, you are declaring He is your source. Your faith in Him will grow through your conversations with Him.

Whether individually or in a group, prayer is essential for spiritual growth and community. Praying with others strengthens your sense of community, provides accountability and amplifies faith and worship. Prayer helps you experience the fullness of God's presence, assurance and peace.

P Pause

Pause to thank God for who He is and for the blessings in your life.

R REPENT

Reflect on your mistakes, confess your shortcomings and ask for forgiveness.

A ASK

Present your requests to God, including needs for yourself and intercession for others.

Y YIELD

Surrender your own will, inviting God's plans and presence to guide your day.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Scripture for Weekly Challenge

This reading plan is designed to accompany the “SENT: Step Up & Step In” men’s small group study, equipping men to reject complacency and actively live on mission for Jesus Christ in their homes, workplaces, church and communities. Each week focuses on a key spiritual challenge and practical call to action, helping men grow in biblical conviction, courage, discipleship, servant leadership and perseverance.

Intro Week: Step Up & Step In

Day 1: Micah 6:8

Day 2: Ephesians 4:1-6

Day 3: Hebrews 12:1-2

Day 4: Proverbs 19:21

Day 5: 2 Timothy 1:7-9

Day 6: Ephesians 2:10

WEEK 1: Sent Into Real Life

Day 1: Acts 1:1-8

Day 2: 1 Corinthians 7:17

Day 3: Colossians 3:23-24

Day 4: Romans 10:14-15

Day 5: Matthew 5:13-15

Day 6: Acts 6:1-7

WEEK 2: Open Your Eyes

Day 1: Romans 12:1-2

Day 2: Matthew 16:23-27

Day 3: Luke 10:38-42

Day 4: Colossians 2:6-11

Day 5: Colossians 3:1-2

Day 6: Romans 8:5

WEEK 3: Courage to Step In

Day 1: Matthew 25:14-30

Day 2: James 4:13-17

Day 3: Galatians 6:7-10

Day 4: Matthew 25:31-40

Day 5: Acts 20:22-24

Day 6: Joshua 1:1-9

WEEK 4:

Travel Light

Day 1: Philippians 4:6-7

Day 2: 1 Peter 5:6-7

Day 3: Psalm 55:22

Day 4: Isaiah 26:3-4

Day 5: Ephesians 5:15-17

Day 6: Matthew 24:42-44

WEEK 5:

Enter the Room

Day 1: Exodus 17:8-13

Day 2: 1 Peter 2:17

Day 3: Romans 12:9-13

Day 4: James 2:14-17

Day 5: John 13:12-17, 34-35

Day 6: Hebrews 13:16

WEEK 6:

Stay Long Enough

Day 1: James 1:2-4

Day 2: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Day 3: Hebrews 10:19-25

Day 4: 2 Peter 1:3-8

Day 5: James 1:12

Day 6: Isaiah 40:28-29

WEEK 7:

Help Where It Hurts

Day 1: Matthew 25:31-40

Day 2: Hebrews 13:1-2

Day 3: Luke 10:30-37

Day 4: 1 Peter 4:10-11

Day 5: Nehemiah 1:1-11

Day 6: 1 John 3:17-18

WEEK 8:

Don't Take It Personally

Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 2: Acts 13:44-52

Day 3: Proverbs 24:16

Day 4: Matthew 19:16-22

Day 5: Psalm 37:23-24

Day 6: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

WEEK 9:

This Doesn't End Here

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Day 2: Romans 10:14-15

Day 3: Mark 5:15-20

Day 4: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Day 5: Colossians 1:28-29

Day 6: Acts 20:24

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INTRODUCTION WEEK

STEP UP & STEP IN

Overview:

Most men never intend to drift through life feeling disconnected from who they were created to become. Yet somewhere between work, responsibility, marriage, family and the pressure to keep everything together, it becomes easy to settle into routine instead of living with intention. Days blur together, ambition turns into exhaustion and purpose slowly gives way to survival.

For some men, that realization comes after years of following Jesus while still feeling spiritually stuck. For others, it happens at the beginning of faith, when success, comfort and achievement no longer satisfy the way they once did. Regardless of where you find yourself, there is often a quiet awareness beneath the surface that life was meant for greater meaning, deeper purpose and lasting impact.

This series begins in Luke 10, when Jesus sends 72 ordinary men into the world around them with purpose and responsibility. These men were not chosen because of status, influence or extraordinary ability. They were ordinary men entrusted with an extraordinary calling. Jesus sent them into towns, homes and communities to carry His presence into everyday life. That same invitation still stands.

Purpose does not begin with personal ambition or achievement. It begins with receiving God's assignment through obedience. Jesus is not searching for men who have every answer figured out. He is looking for men willing to trust Him enough to take the next faithful step.

Over the course of this series, this journey will challenge you to recognize the opportunities and needs already around you while confronting the fears, comforts and distractions that often keep men from meaningful action. Along the way, one truth will become clear: God is far more concerned with who you are becoming than the image you project or the accomplishments you pursue.

Jesus has never called men to sit on the sidelines of their own lives. He calls them to step up, step in and live right where they already are.

Notes:

Questions:

1. What is one area of life where comfort, fear or distraction has made it difficult to fully engage the people around you?
2. Describe a season in life when you felt like you were simply surviving instead of living with intention.
3. As you begin this journey together, share one thing you hope God changes, strengthens or grows in your life over the course of this series.
4. What is one relationship, responsibility or opportunity in your life right now that deserves more intentional attention and presence from you?

Intro Week SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Micah 6:8, Ephesians 4:1-6, Hebrews 12:1-2, Proverbs 19:21, 2 Timothy 1:7-9, Ephesians 2:10

S - Scripture

O - Observation

A - Application

R - Reflection

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WEEK 1

SENT INTO REAL LIFE

Overview:

Many men spend their lives waiting for a reason to show up. We often think meaning will come with the next job, promotion or stage of life. We tell ourselves that once life settles down or once we get things together we'll finally live with purpose.

In Luke 10:1, Jesus challenges this way of thinking. He sends 72 ordinary men into everyday places. He does not send them onto stages or in front of big crowds, but into towns, neighborhoods, and people's homes. In the same way, Jesus sends regular men like us into real life. He didn't just save you from something; He also sent you into something.

This matters because many men miss the places where God has already put them. We often overlook the mission field right in front of us: our office, our neighborhood, the gym, the job site, the little league field and even the dinner table. The truth is, we can miss the influence God has given us when we think our purpose is somewhere far away. But Jesus is saying, "Start where your feet already are."

Men, God has placed you in places where people need His hope, encouragement, and truth. The real question isn't if you have influence, but if you notice it. Our purpose isn't somewhere else; it's already woven into the places where we live and work. You don't need to have all the answers. You just need to be willing to go where Jesus calls you. For most of us, that's right where we are now.

Notes:

Questions:

1. Share about a person who influenced your faith or life in a meaningful way, and describe the kind of impact their consistency, presence or conversations had on you personally.
2. In Mark 5, Jesus tells the healed man to go home and tell his story. Which part of your story has God used most to shape or grow you, and what makes opening up about it difficult at times?
3. Talk about one environment where you spend much of your time each week, whether work, the gym, your neighborhood, your kids' activities or elsewhere. Describe the kinds of people you regularly interact with there.
4. Describe a moment when someone showed up for you through encouragement, honesty, prayer or simply being present, and explain the difference it made into your life or on your perspective.
5. As you think about next week, what is one intentional step you could take to move beyond simply showing up in your everyday environments and begin investing more meaningfully into the people God has placed around you?

Week 1 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Acts 1:1-8, 1 Corinthians 7:17, Colossians 3:23-24, Romans 10:14-15,
Matthew 5:13-15, Acts 6:1-7

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WEEK 2

OPEN YOUR EYES

Overview:

In basic training, members of the armed forces quickly learn two key commands: “attention” and “at ease.” These commands go beyond just how you stand; they show whether you are ready. Standing at attention means you are alert, focused, and prepared. Being at ease means you are relaxed and less aware. Before a soldier can do their job, they need to know which posture is needed at that moment.

In Luke 10:2, Jesus tells His disciples to pay attention. Before sending them into towns, neighborhoods and homes, He wants them to feel the urgency of their mission. Jesus says, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

Jesus wanted His disciples to notice something they may have missed. People all around them were looking for hope, direction, healing and truth. The need was always there. The problem was not how big the harvest was, but that there were not enough people willing to help.

We still face this same challenge today. As men living in the world, it is easy to overlook what is right in front of us because life moves so quickly. Many of us are busy providing for our families, working hard, paying bills and trying to keep everything together. With all this pressure, we can lose sight of the people and opportunities God has already put in our lives.

For some men, this means working so hard for success that they stop noticing their marriage drifting or their kids needing attention. For others, it means going to work every day without seeing that a coworker is struggling with anxiety, addiction or hopelessness. Many men are not turning away from God on purpose. They have just become comfortable living at ease.

But Jesus asks men to take a different approach. He wants us to live with attention, fully involved with the people and opportunities in front of us. The harvest is still plentiful. Are we paying attention?

Notes:

Questions:

1. Are there relationships in your life right now that need more of your attention, presence or effort than they're getting?
2. Share a time when someone noticed you during a tough period, rather than overlooking you. How did that affect you?
3. Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Why do you think it's hard for many men to slow down and notice the needs and opportunities around them?
4. What is one practical thing you could do this week to be more attentive at home, work or in daily life instead of rushing through and feeling disconnected?

Week 2 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:23-27, Luke 10:38-42, Colossians 2:6-11,
Colossians 3:1-2, Romans 8:5

S - Scripture

O - Observation

A - Application

R - Reflection

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WEEK 3

COURAGE TO STEP IN

Overview:

A key lesson from Navy SEAL training is when pressure is high, people do not just rise to the occasion. Instead, they fall back on their training. Pressure reveals what is really going on inside us. The same idea applies to daily life. Challenges show our true character. They reveal what we trust in and if we are ready for tough moments. When pressure comes in marriage, family, work, money or leadership, how we respond shows if we have prepared ourselves to face it or if we retreat into comfort.

Jesus talks about this when He sends out the 72 in Luke 10:3, saying, “Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.” He makes it clear that living a meaningful life comes with a cost. The men He sent would face resistance, discomfort, uncertainty and pressure. In the same way, following Jesus today always means making sacrifices. Doing what is right often costs us time, energy, convenience and comfort.

For many men, the biggest challenge is not a lack of skill but a fear of discomfort. This is where most of us hesitate. We tell ourselves that someone else will have the hard talk with a coworker, reach out to a friend who is struggling or take the lead at home. We say it is not the right time, work is too busy or life is overwhelming. Over time, comfort slowly becomes the place where our sense of purpose and meaning fades away.

Jesus calls men to something bigger. He asks us to move toward the need, not away from it. The difference between a meaningful life and a wasted one often comes down to whether or not we are willing to step up when it matters. Every challenge asks us the same thing: Will we hide in comfort, or will we step forward with courage and face what is in front of us?

Notes:

Questions:

1. Share a time when you felt pressure and it revealed something deeper inside you, like fear, anger, insecurity, faith or wanting to distance yourself from others.
2. Is there a part of your life where staying comfortable has stopped you from stepping up, having a tough conversation or taking care of something important?
3. Talk about a man who showed up for you during a hard time instead of staying away, and explain how he made a difference in your life.
4. Jesus sent the 72 out “like lambs among wolves.” Think of a situation in your life right now where you need courage, but comfort is making you want to stay on the sidelines instead.
5. Looking at your life right now, what is one relationship, responsibility or situation where being brave could make a real difference for you or someone else?

Week 3 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Matthew 25:14-30, James 4:13-17, Galatians 6:7-10, Matthew 25:31-40,
Acts 20:22-24, Joshua 1:1-9

S - Scripture

O - Observation

A - Application

R - Reflection

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WEEK 4

TRAVEL LIGHT

Overview:

One of the biggest challenges men face isn't failure, weakness or even opposition. It's apathy. Over time, apathy can take away a man's passion, sense of urgency and purpose, leaving him feeling disconnected, distracted, and numb. What begins as simple exhaustion or being too busy can quietly become indifference to the things that matter most.

When Jesus was teaching the 72 in Luke 10:4, He gave a command that might seem odd: "Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road." At first, this instruction can sound harsh or unnecessary. But Jesus knew these men needed to learn early on that distractions can pull them away from their mission. Jesus was showing them the importance of traveling light and staying focused. Their mission was too important to let unnecessary burdens, split priorities or constant distractions get in the way.

This struggle is still real today. Most men aren't lacking purpose; they're just overwhelmed. Money worries, long hours at work, constant notifications, chasing comfort and trying to keep everything together can slowly push out what matters most. Even good things can become distractions if they take us away from the purpose God has for us.

For some men, distraction means working 50 or 60 hours a week and slowly drifting away from their families. For others, it's depending so much on themselves that they stop relying on God or letting others in. Sometimes, comfort itself becomes the distraction, convincing a man to settle for less than what he was made for.

Jesus calls men to live in a new way. Living with meaning takes focus, purpose and the courage to let go of anything that keeps us from being present where it matters. Every man should ask himself what distractions have slowly pulled him away from the people and responsibilities that matter most.

Notes :

Questions:

1. What is the thing that is distracting you right now?
2. When was the last time when life felt slower, simpler or more connected for you, and share what was different about the way you approached relationships, family or faith during that time.
3. Can you recall a season when you realized you were emotionally, spiritually or relationally disconnected? Share some of the pressures, habits or distractions that may have slowly led you there.
4. Jesus challenged the 72 to travel light and stay focused on the mission in front of them. Looking at your life right now, which distractions, comforts or priorities may be keeping you from fully showing up for the people God has already placed around you?

Week 4 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:6-7, Psalm 55:22, Isaiah 26:3-4, Ephesians 5:15-17
Matthew 24:42-44

S - Scripture

O - Observation

A - Application

R - Reflection

SENT: STEP UP & STEP IN

WEEK 5

ENTER THE ROOM

Overview:

One of the greatest distractions men face today is the smartphone. What was designed to simplify life has quietly become one of the biggest obstacles to living with focus and presence. Every swipe, notification and message pulls our attention, making it easy to become mentally absent even when we are physically in the room. Over time, constant distraction can leave men emotionally disconnected from their families, friends and the people who matter most to them.

In Luke 10:5-6, Jesus tells His followers to bring peace when they enter a home. Before speaking, teaching or helping, they were called to set the tone of the room. Jesus understood that the way a man enters a space affects the people inside it. That truth still matters today. Every man carries something into the environments he walks into. We can bring stress, frustration and distraction, or we can bring steadiness, focus and peace. The problem is that many men are physically present but mentally elsewhere, distracted by work, pressure, notifications and everything waiting for them later.

Jesus calls men to live differently. Instead of rushing through life distracted, we are called to slow down, pay attention, and become fully engaged with the people in front of us. Sometimes that simply means putting the phone down, making eye contact and listening well.

Peace is not weakness; it is strength that is steady, disciplined and under control. A man who brings peace into a room creates stability, presence and trust in the moments that matter most. While people may forget the exact words we said, they rarely forget how we made them feel, which is why the way we enter a room and engage the people around us matters so deeply.

Notes:

Questions:

1. Talk about a moment when you were able to keep your attention on a project or person in a difficult season of life. What impact did that type of attentiveness have on your life?
2. What environments are you often physically present but mentally distracted? Share how that affects the people closest to you.
3. Jesus instructed His followers to bring peace into the homes they entered. When people experience you at home, work or around your friends, describe the kind of presence you think they feel from you most often.
4. Share one practical change you could make this week to become more present, attentive and engaged with the people God has already placed in front of you.

Week 5 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Exodus 17:8-13, 1 Peter 2:17, Romans 12:9-13, James 2:14-17,
John 13:12-17, 34-35, Hebrews 13:16

S - Scripture

O - Observation

A - Application

R - Reflection

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WEEK 6

STAY LONG ENOUGH

Overview:

Most men know how to start strong, full of motivation and intensity, but the real challenge is staying committed for the long haul. True and lasting impact is built not by how you begin, but by your willingness to stay. In Luke 10:7, Jesus gives a simple but profound instruction: “Do not move around from house to house. Stay in one place.” More than teaching hospitality, Jesus was calling His followers to value consistency, commitment and the power of staying.

Many men are drawn to quick results and immediate impact. Yet meaningful change is slow and steady. Strong marriages are built over years of small, daily investments. Trust with your children grows when you consistently show up and remain present. Lasting friendships are formed through reliability and time. Even spiritual growth comes from daily faithfulness, not occasional bursts of energy.

Staying committed is difficult, especially when life feels repetitive or hard. Our culture promotes chasing the next big thing, but Jesus emphasizes that lasting impact comes from staying faithful where you are. The main lesson is to remain rooted, even when it is not easy. True staying power is built on four qualities: contentment, conviction, courage and consistency. Contentment helps us resist the pull to always look for something new, allowing us to focus on what matters now. Conviction grounds us, reminding us of our purpose. Courage gives us the strength to endure hardship and setbacks.

Consistency, practiced daily, is what builds trust and lasting influence. Galatians 6:9 reminds us, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Too many men quit too soon and miss the fruit of their faithfulness.

A man who is “sent” builds his life not on moments of intensity, but on steady obedience and faithfulness. The men who make the greatest impact are not always those who start the strongest, but those who stay: the ones who endure and remain committed every day. In the end, it is staying power, firmly rooted in daily faithfulness, that truly sets a man apart and leaves a lasting legacy.

Notes :

Questions:

1. Why do you think men are wired to want quick wins, and how has that impacted areas like your faith, marriage or work?
2. Contentment, conviction, courage and consistency all shape staying power. Which one feels strongest in your life right now, and which one feels weakest?
3. Where in your life are you currently tempted to quit, check out or disengage (marriage, parenting, job, faith)? What would “staying” look like this week in a practical way?
4. Looking at this current season, share one habit, relationship or responsibility you feel challenged to remain faithful to.

Week 6 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

James 1:2-4, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Hebrews 10:19-25, 2 Peter 1:3-8,
James 1:12, Isaiah 40:28-29

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WEEK 7

HELP WHERE IT HURTS

Overview:

Every one of us carries wounds, whether from broken relationships, addiction, betrayal, failure or choices we wish we could take back. Too often, instead of bringing these hurts into the light, we bury them under work, busyness or isolation, hoping they will fade away. But God calls us to something greater: to face our pain together, trusting that He meets us right where we are.

The truth is, pain that is hidden never stays hidden. It finds its way to the surface, sometimes as anger, addiction, anxiety or distance from those we love. But here is the hope: The very places we want to avoid are often where Jesus wants to do His deepest, most transforming work in us.

In Luke 10:9, Jesus tells the 72, “Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” He wanted them to see that healing was not just about removing pain or fixing problems. It was meant to point people to restoration, hope, and God’s presence in their hurt.

Jesus never wastes our pain. The wounds and scars we carry can become the very places where God brings healing. Men who have walked the road to freedom are the ones best equipped to help others find it, because they know what it means to struggle, to fall and to be restored by God’s grace.

This is why Jesus calls us, as men, to move toward pain instead of running from it. Real impact happens when we are willing to step into the mess with compassion, honesty and hope. Whether it is a struggling marriage, a hurting coworker, a son searching for direction or a friend battling addiction, healing often begins when we choose to show up and be present, trusting that God will use us as instruments of His restoration.

This week, your challenge is to ask God to open your eyes to a place of pain around you that you have been avoiding. Take one step, however small, to respond with compassion and care. As we do this together, we become the kind of men who bring the presence and hope of Jesus into every situation.

Notes:

Questions:

1. Where do you see pain or brokenness around you that you've been tempted to "cross the road" and avoid? What would it look like for you to move toward that situation with compassion instead of distance?
2. The Good Samaritan gave his time, energy, attention and resources to help someone hurting. In 2026, what keeps men distracted or disconnected from people who need healing and support most? How can we resist becoming emotionally numb, too busy or self-focused?
3. Jesus said, "Heal the sick ... and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" How can we practically bring both healing and hope into our marriages, families, workplaces, friendships or communities this week?
4. Share about a wound, struggle or difficult season that God has used to shape your character, faith or perspective.

Week 7 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Matthew 25:31-40, Hebrews 13:1-2, Luke 10:30-37, 1 Peter 4:10-11,
Nehemiah 1:1-11, 1 John 3:17-18

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SENT: STEP UP & STEP IN

WEEK 8

**DON'T
TAKE IT
PERSONALLY**

Overview:

Every one of us knows the sting of rejection. Whether it is being passed over for a promotion, watching a relationship unravel, pouring into someone who will not receive it or feeling like your effort goes unseen, rejection has a way of making us question who we are. Too often, we would rather shrink back from risk than step forward into the unknown, simply because we fear what might happen if we fail.

That mindset often follows us into our faith as well. Many men quietly assume that if God calls them to something, then the result should automatically work out. We expect obedience to lead to success, acceptance, or visible results. But in Luke 10:10-12, Jesus prepares the 72 for a different reality. He tells them there will be towns that reject them, people who refuse to listen and moments where their efforts appear unsuccessful. Yet even in rejection, Jesus still calls them to remain faithful to the mission He gave them. That truth is difficult for many men because rejection feels personal. Whether it is trying to lead your family well, helping a struggling friend, sharing your faith or doing the right thing at work, there will be moments when your effort is ignored, resisted or misunderstood. Over time, disappointment can make men hesitant to step forward again because failure feels easier to avoid than rejection.

Yet Jesus never promised that every step of obedience would produce immediate success. His primary goal is not to make us successful by the world's standards. His goal is to shape us into men who look more like Him through faithfulness, perseverance and obedience. A meaningful life is not built on constant success or visible results. It is built through steady faithfulness over time.

God is not asking you to control the outcome or to guarantee others' responses. He is asking you to remain faithful to what He has placed in front of you, even when the results feel uncertain or unseen.

Notes:

Questions:

1. What are some ways you keep showing up and moving forward when things don't turn out the way you'd like them to?
2. Sometimes being faithful is more important than seeing quick results. Can you share a time when you kept showing up, even though it felt like you weren't making much progress?
3. Jesus let the 72 know they might face rejection before sending them out. Why do you think rejection can feel so personal for men?
4. Think about your life right now. Is there an area where you feel God is asking you to stay faithful, even if you're not sure how things will turn out?

Week 8 SOAR

MONTH:
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SOAR Through the Scriptures:

Proverbs 3:5-6, Acts 13:44-52, Proverbs 24:16, Matthew 19:16-22,

Psalms 37:23-24, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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WEEK 9

THIS DOESN'T END HERE

Overview:

We all know what it's like to succeed and start thinking it's because of our own abilities. After a big win, it's easy to believe our leadership or talent is what's driving things forward. But if we want to lead like Jesus, we need to celebrate progress while staying grounded and humble as God works in our lives.

That's why Jesus, in His wisdom, redirected the 72 when they returned excited about what they had seen. The disciples were amazed by the miracles and the authority they experienced, but Jesus knew how easily pride could sneak in. He reminded them, and us, that our real joy isn't in what we do for Him, but in the solid truth that we belong to Him. In Luke 10:20, Jesus states, "However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." The disciples were beginning to experience the power of God working through their obedience, but Jesus wanted them to understand that their identity could never be built on performance, results or visible success. If they were not careful, they would slowly begin to define themselves by what they accomplished rather than remaining rooted in the presence and power of Jesus.

It's easy for us as men to let our identity get tied to performance, productivity and what others notice. Work, leadership, ministry and influence can all become ways we measure our value if we're not careful. The real danger isn't always obvious pride. Sometimes, it's just forgetting that our worth has always come from God, who calls us His own.

Men who live with purpose aren't just looking for big moments of impact. We're called to build a life marked by faithfulness, humility and steady investment in others. What God starts in us, He wants to multiply through us.

The goal isn't just one powerful moment, but to become men who keep pouring into others so the mission of Jesus goes on after we're gone.

So the question for each of us isn't just whether we had a moment of impact. The real question is, who are we investing in so that the mission of Jesus continues with the next generation?

Notes:

Questions:

1. Who was the last guy in your life who intentionally invested in your life?
Explain the lasting impact he had on you.
2. Share about a season when success, achievement or recognition began affecting your identity more than you realized.
3. Talk about someone in your life right now who may need encouragement, guidance, accountability or investment from you.
4. Jesus reminded the 72 that their identity was rooted in belonging to Him, not in performance. When was the last time you were living for approval and not from identity?
5. This study ends with multiplication, not maintenance. Looking ahead, what could intentional investment into another man practically look like in your current season of life?

Week 9 SOAR

MONTH:
DAY:
YEAR:

SOAR Through the Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Romans 10:14-15, Mark 5:15-20, 2 Timothy 2:1-2,
Colossians 1:28-29, Acts 20:24

S - Scripture

O - Observation

A - Application

R - Reflection

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