

A Call to Adventure

Adventure: a _____ for our family.

— 1 Corinthians 11:7-9 (ESV)

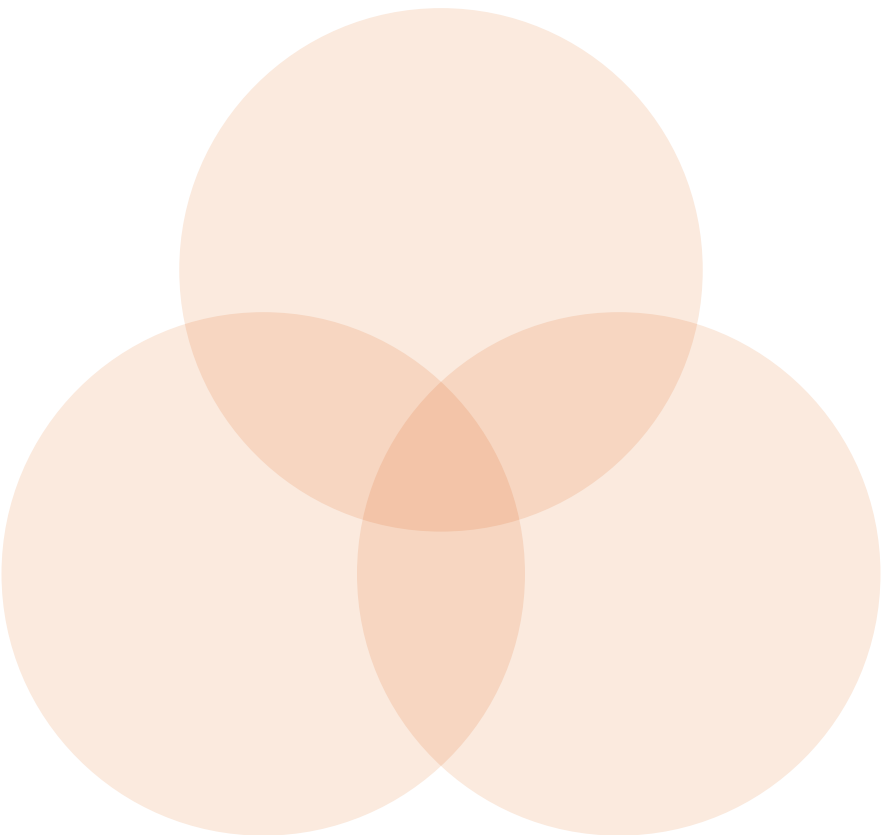
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ONE MAN’S HEART

Then one day Jonathan son of Saul said to his armor bearer, “Come on, let’s go over to the Philistine garrison that is opposite us.” But he did not let his father know . . . Jonathan said to his armor bearer, “Come on, let’s go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised men. Perhaps the LORD will intervene for us. Nothing can prevent the LORD from delivering, whether by many or by a few.” His armor bearer said to him, “Do everything that is in your heart. Do as you’re inclined. I’m with you all the way!” . . . Jonathan crawled up on his hands and feet, with his armor bearer following behind him. Jonathan struck down the Philistines, while his armor bearer came along behind him and killed them. In this initial skirmish Jonathan and his armor bearer struck down about twenty men in an area that measured half an acre.

— 1 Samuel 14 (NET)

SOME PRACTICAL QUESTIONS



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR WIFE

What kind of adventure should we be on?

- What is most important to us as a family?
- What is our contribution to make, as a couple, to God’s Kingdom?
- What are we trusting God for that only he could make happen?
- What are we willing to sacrifice for?
- What are we dreaming about?
- What do we want life to be like in five years? Ten years? Twenty years?

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

- Get together with men who are _____ of you and ask them questions.
- Get with men who are _____ from you and ask them questions.
- Find some guys to _____ with.
- Let her know you want to _____.

Discussion Questions

1. What is most important to you in life? How do you live that out?

2. If someone asked your wife what is most important to you, what would she say?

3. How would you like life to be different in ten years?

4. How can you and your wife start dreaming about the future?

5. What are some practical things you can do to start bringing more adventure into your family?

Answer Key

Session 1 - The Challenge of Masculinity

Ezer – one who comes alongside and gives _____ (strength).

- Core Sin:
 - » Man: **Passivity**
 - » Woman: **Autonomy**
- Core Responsibility:
 - » Man: **To Lead**
 - » Woman: **To Partner**

Session 2 - A Call to Oneness

- **Oneness**

Oneness: a _____ (spiritual) truth that we _____ (live) into reality.

What splits apart oneness?

- **Divorce, Immorality, Abuse, Abandonment, Neglect, Children, Escapism, Accomplishment of tasks, Tiredness, Not including your wife in your life, Criticism/Lecturing, Not adjusting to a new season, Not believing the best about each other, Allowing conflict to be “win/lose,” Unresolved conflict, Not listening or speaking**

What builds oneness?

- **Time, Getting your wife out of her environment, Listening to your wife’s opinions and thoughts, Making money “ours,” Talking about doing ministry together, Understanding what your wife thinks and values, Setting aside time for communication, Determining common interests, Thinking proactively for your family, Talking about spiritual things, Praying together, Laughing, Sex, Giving affirmation, Displaying vulnerability, Initiating conflict**

Session 3 - A Call to Uniqueness

- **Uniqueness**

Uniqueness: equal in _____ (value) but ordained with _____ (distinction).

WAYS WE ARE DIFFERENT

- **Gifts**
- **Roles & Responsibilities**

- Our culture tells us that “fairness = _____ (sameness)” –but that is not God’s idea.
- The test of your leadership in the home: Is my leadership in the home a _____ (blessing) and a _____ (covering) for her?

Her greatest felt need is to be _____ (loved).

His greatest felt need is _____ (respect).

PROBLEMS WE SEE

- **Neglect, Belittling, Controlling, Pleasing, Avoiding conflict, Not setting the emotional tone of the home, Failing to create mutual accountability, Men backing away from sex, Wife is the natural leader, Wife withdraws her admiration and respect, shows disgust or disapproval**

MOVING FORWARD

2. Sit with _____ (other men).
3. Sit with _____ (your wife).

Session 4 - A Call to Redemption

- **Redemption**

Redemption: _____ (restoring) what is _____ (broken).

A woman does not want to be married to a _____ (perfect) man.

My pride says I don’t have to _____ (forgive); the gospel says I’m an agent of _____ (redemption).

REDEMPTION MEANS:

1. I am free to _____ (lead) and free to _____ (fall).
2. I must be experiencing _____ (change).
3. I must walk in _____ (forgiveness) and redemption personally.
4. I must _____ (forgive) my wife.
5. I must call her to _____ (forgive) me.
6. Move _____ (towards her) and _____ (reconcile).

Session 5 - A Call to Intimacy

- **Intimacy**

Intimacy: Cultivating _____ (closeness) between _____ (souls).

- When men hear the word “intimacy,” they tend to think _____ (sex). When women hear the word “intimacy,” they tend to think _____ (closeness).
- Intimacy only thrives in the context of _____ (marriage).
- Counter-intuitive idea: the _____ (boundaries) of a marriage cause sex to be better and intimacy to thrive.
- Sex is both an _____ (overflow) of intimacy and a builder of intimacy.

OBSTACLES TO INTIMACY

- Not creating a safe environment where she can _____ (flourish).
- Stopping the _____ (pursuit).
- Finding gratification _____ (outside) of your marriage.

Sex is not the greatest need, _____ (intimacy) is.

WAYS TO CULTIVATE INTIMACY

- She will not trust you with her body until she trusts you with her heart, Offer verbal declarations of her beauty, Know what your wife cares about and likes, Free her from her job as a mom, Help her solve problems, Write letters, notes, poems, emails, or texts, Give consistent affection that is tied to intimacy and not sex, Give your wife the freedom to talk about her sexual experience, Learn about foreplay, Learn how to give your wife your heart, Learn how to have fun and not take yourself seriously

Session 6 - A Call to Adventure

- Adventure

Adventure: a _____ (unifying direction) for our family.

SOME PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

- What is it that I am about?
- What is most important to me?
- What do I bring to this?
- What if I only had six months to live?
- What if I had a million dollars?

Circle Diagram:

- What is God doing?
- Opportunities?
- Talents? Gifts? Desires?

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

- Get together with men who are _____ (ahead) of you and ask them questions.
- Get with men who are _____ (different) from you and ask them questions.
- Find some guys to _____ (dream) with.
- Let her know you want to _____ (move).