

MENS RETREAT

2024

(7<sup>TH</sup> YEAR)

# REMINDERS:

- What is said in this room... STAYS in this room.
- If you have a personal conversation with someone. It stays between you two unless it is agreed upon to share with someone else.
- There should be NO judgement from anyone.
- Please do not leave on Friday night unless you absolutely have to.
- Nothing political should be talked about in this room or in the cabin.

Why do we do this every year?

What do you hope to GAIN or TAKE AWAY from this week?

How have you been blessed this year?

In what ways has God been faithful to you this past year?

WHY  
ARE  
YOU HERE?

## Galatians 5:17

<sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

## Galatians 5:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## Ephesians 6:10-13

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

## Romans 8: 37-39

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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# BEING A DISCIPLE TAKES:

- OBEDIENCE
- FAITH
- REPENTANCE

IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE **OBEDIENT**,  
**DO NOT** MAKE HIM LORD OF YOUR LIFE

## Luke 9:59-62

<sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> And Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

# OBEDIENCE

OBEDIENCE IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE REALITY OF OUR REPENTANCE AND FAITH

OUR OBEDIENCE DOES NOT ACHIEVE SALVATION, BUT IT IS EVIDENCE OF IT

# FAITH

THE TEST OF TRUE FAITH IS THE  
PRODUCTION OF OBEDIENCE

WHEN YOU HAVE TRUE FAITH, YOU HAVE  
A DESIRE TO OBEY WHAT GOD HAS FOR  
YOU

# REPENTANCE

WE SIN EVERYDAY AND WE NEED TO ASK  
FORGIVENESS OF THOSE SINS... DAILY

WHAT ARE YOU GOING  
TO LEAVE UP HERE  
THIS WEEK?

# OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION



# SESSION 3

# DAVID

A MAN AFTER GODS OWN HEART

# Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he  
meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its  
season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the  
congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Matthew 1:6 and 16

<sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah,

<sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

# 1 Samuel 16:1

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

# 1 Samuel 17:10

<sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together.”

# 1 Samuel 17:52

<sup>52</sup> And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron.

# 1 Samuel 18:1-4

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup> And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup> And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.



## 2 Samuel 11:1

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

## 2 Samuel 11:4

So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house.

WHAT DO YOU THINK  
GOD SAW IN DAVID?

WHAT DOES GOD SEE  
IN YOU?

# Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION