

Group Vision: Grow in Godly manhood together sharpening each other as iron sharpens iron (Prov 27:17) through the relational concept of Paul, Timothy, & Barnabas.

- Paul: Godly mentor that disciplined Timothy. The one that pours into the less experienced and wise.
- Timothy: Hungry mentee that sought discipleship. The one who seeks a wiser man to pour into him.
- Barnabas: Relatable friend and encourager to Paul in ministry. The Godly close friend that you can rely on.

Recap of Last Lesson:

- King Face: Leading with integrity. Providing direction for others and loving what is right. This quality in a man is one that does not come as natural. Strong convictions, courageous moral choices, servant spirit, righteous leadership. Creates harmony through leading in love.
- Warrior Face: Courageous leadership through protecting, providing, persevering, and taking initiative for purpose greater than himself. A man of action and those actions flow out of submission to God.

The Four Faces of Manhood continued:

- Lover Face:
 - Reflects relational energy
 - Characterized by:
 - Tenderness
 - Sensitivity
 - Beneficial care for others
 - Emotional openness
 - Physical affection
 - & Verbal Communication
 - Ephesians 5:25 – “Husbands, love your wives, as Jesus loved the church and gave himself up for her.”
 - This man loves out of sacrificial love (Godly love) to others vs. a condemning love (finger pointing – never good enough love
 - Read 1 Corinthians 13 and point out real love’s characteristics
 - This kind of love draws others in to want to grow in relationship as well as sparks an internal desire to change instead of the condemning, finger pointing love that forces someone to change externally that never works
 - **Question:** Have you ever had someone try to change you by force (even with good intentions) vs loving you where you are and leading you in love – or have you ever done this to someone?
 - This kind of character in a man allows him to be vulnerable. Allows a man to share his hurt, pain, and disappointment.
 - This character trait allows you to reach people on a deeper level because connects you with others because we ALL struggle in some way through our daily lives. By opening this door, you open the channels of communication with others.
- Friend Face (This is the Barnabas Role)
 - Relational capacity of a man to connect with other men
 - Characterized by: (Discuss these traits – are you a friend like this? What does your friend group look like?)
 - Loyalty
 - Accountability
 - Encouragement
 - Challenge

- Fun
- Discuss these verses how the bible says Godly friends are important in our life
 - Proverbs 17:17 – “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”
 - Proverbs 27:17 – “Iron sharpens iron as one man sharpens another.”
- Men NEED Buddies
 - It requires something we are already short on: time – The best way to build lasting relationships is to give people your time. This gets increasingly difficult as you grow because your responsibilities grow with your age.
 - We must invest in others in order to get that reciprocated effort that we need to progress in our walk. Easier said than done.
- Other-centered, not self centered
 - What does this mean? How does this tie into the sacrificial love we spoke about earlier?