

Overview of Last Lesson:

Authentic Manhood: Jesus is the example

Jesus gave us the perfect example and benchmark (aiming point; standard) for how to be a man (As we look at how we can

1. Rejects Passivity
 - a. Jesus rejected passivity – he was **BOLD**
 - b. The first Adam was just there – Jesus stepped up and lead
2. Accepts Responsibility
 - a. Jesus fully accepted the responsibilities that we are given as man
 - i. Obeyed God’s will
 1. “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.” John 4:34 (Jesus speaking)
 2. His desire and heart was to lay down his free will and follow God the Father’s will
 - ii. Pursued the work God had for him
 1. Jesus said -- “I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.” What an awesome thing to be able to say: “God, I have done what it is you intended and created me to do.”
 - iii. Protected the woman God gave him
 1. Jesus’ woman (bride) is the church – the kingdom of believers – everyone who believes in Jesus as savior and follows him as Lord.
3. Leads Courageously
 - a. Courage is stepping up in love in the face of fear
4. Invests Eternally
 - a. Our purpose is called to live eternally
 - b. Jesus saves people by using people
 - c. People are the only eternal things on this earth. Everything passes away but our souls

The Four Faces of Manhood: King & Warrior (First Two)

- **King Face: “Leading with Integrity”**
 - The essence of King Face is providing direction for others and loving what is right. This face doesn’t come easy in a man’s life and has to be cultivated over time.
 - The King Face is willing to step out to lead and stand for what is right – even when it may cost him
 - Characterized by:
 - Strong convictions
 - Courageous moral choices
 - A servant spirit
 - Righteous leadership

- Nathan confronted King David about his secret adultery with Bathsheba and told him he was wrong. He could have been banished from the kingdom or even executed, but he stood up for what is right and spoke truth in love. When confronted, David admitted to what he had done was wrong and was appreciative of his friend's tough love.
 - How did Nathan show his King Face here?
- King Face creates harmony
 - Not a tyrant or bully
 - Leads in love putting others before himself
- **Warrior Face: "Takes Life Head On"**
 - This face reflects courageous energy through:
 - Initiative for purpose greater than himself
 - Protection
 - Provision
 - Perseverance
 - Man of action and his actions flow out of his submission to God
 - 1 Corinthians 9: Do you not know that in a race all the runners run but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."
 - It's the face that steps up ready to fight!
 - Warrior, not a destroyer
 - Not abusive, harsh, or harmful to himself or others
 - Extremely important in today's culture. Too many men are passive and not willing to step up and fight for what is right in love – standing firm and strong while also being compassionate.

Q – How can we step up as men with our King Face? In which ways can we get this wrong if we aren't rooted in love?

Q – How can we step up as men with our Warrior Face? In which ways can we get this wrong if we aren't rooted in love?

Q- A man of God is well-rounded in his character traits and recognizes his faults when he falls short. This is a man that is prepared to battle the enemy in any environment. What does this mean?