

## THE FIRST STEP TO AUTHENTIC MANHOOD: LOOKING BACK

### I. A Brief Review

King - Take Responsibility

Warrior - Take Risk

Lover - Take Heart

Friend - Take Together

### II. Your Manhood Plan Worksheet

We all have a legacy left upon us

- 2 Timothy 1:5, Judges 2:17, 2 Kings 21:22 and 22:2

### III. Up Close and Personal

A. EVERYBODY has a story

Some blessings and some challenges...

B. My Story

C. Moments that Shaped My Life

1. Good moments

Everyday

2. Noble moments

Always serving

3. Missed moments

Youngest of 3 - I got the best!

4. Hurtful moments

5. Defining moments

Boy scouts, baptism, church

D. Leaving Home ... How?

Off to Bible College

IV. Observations Looking Back

A. My story is not Unique. As a man, I am not Alone.

B. When a boy fails to "Connect" with his Dad, strongholds, of one kind or another, often fill the void.

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

C. Many men have yet to reckon with their Past or close out the unfinished that still lives there.

D. Until a man Unpacks and deals with the themes and pain that reside there, he can never be an authentic man.

2 Samuel 12

E. You cannot become a real man without Help. There is no such thing as a "Self made man."

F. For better or worse, we are all significantly shaped by the kind of Family life we experienced.

Questions for Your Small Group

1. What personal assets did you leave home with because of your family life?
2. What major themes for your life did you leave home with? How have those themes shaped your life, both positively and negatively?
3. If you could change one thing about your upbringing, what would it be?