

THE SECOND STEP TO AUTHENTIC MANHOOD: "UNPACKING"

I. A Summary of Why Men Struggle Today

A. Some of it has to do with _____ Society _____.

- Anyone can do anything or be anything

B. Some of it has to do with _____ Family _____.

- 1960 to now: 17% to %40 of children living fatherless

C. Some of it has to do with _____ Dad _____.

- Good news - Exodus 34:1-9 - God is gracious and forgiving, a father to the fatherless

II. Authentic Manhood Revolves Around Three Critical Issues

A. Addressing the _____ Unfinished business _____ of my past.

1. What do we mean by wound?

A wound is ... any _____ Unresolved business _____ where lack of closure adversely impacts
and shapes the _____ Direction _____ and _____ Dynamics _____ of a man's life now.

- Psalm 139:23-24
- Psalm 19:23-24

2. Unpacking the past: Five wounds men must deal with

a. The Absent Father Wound

b. The Overly Bonded with Mother Wound

c. The All Alone Wound

d. The Lack of a Manhood Vision Wound

e. The Heart Wound

- Divorce/Abuse/Anger

B. Establishing a clear and compelling manhood Vision.

C. Creating a high impact, workable Plan for my life.

Questions for Your Small Group

1. Which kind of "suitcase" do you think you carry: A small one? A medium sized one? A large one? Don't know? Explain.
2. With which of the five wounds Robert unpacked this morning could you feel an immediate identification? Why?