

PINE VALLEY Men's Ministry

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Notes from the 2011 Men's Conference

with Pete McKenzie



Man Up!

Men in our society have been marginalized to death. Our culture has relegated us to an unimportant condition where we have no voice and little power. We are encouraged by the American culture to measure ourselves and each other by our job titles and possessions.

I challenge us as men to MAN UP and change the man code to what God has to say instead of looking for validation from the world. We must stop being people pleasers and become God pleasers instead. We must search our hearts and soften ourselves to become teachable and usable for Christ.

Just as the sons of Issachar in 1 Chronicles understood their roles as Men of God, we must also seek out to understand our true identity. As Christian men, we have a Spirit of power that allows us to do in God's strength what we cannot do in our own. We have a Spirit of love that enables us to break down the barriers of prejudice with kindness and mercy. We have a Spirit of self-discipline to turn away from bawdy jokes and to turn off pornography.

That's what a Man of God looks like. Powerful, loving, and self-disciplined, but not in our own strength. No man can be all of this on his own. We must rely instead on the awesome and never failing power of God. Call on that power now to stand tall on the firm foundation of God's truth.

"One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own."

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (MSG)

Not a performance-based love.

God never changes and neither does his love for us. It is constant, enduring, and unvarying regardless of what we do or say. However, the way we experience that love is up to us. If we hide in the darkness of a cave, that does not extinguish the sun. If we refuse to accept the depth of Jesus' love because we feel unworthy, that does not change how deeply He loves us.

We can never "measure up," and we don't have to! His love is not performance-based, so no amount of work will earn it. His grace is an unmerited favor that He has bestowed on the undeserved - you and me. We love Him because He loves us, not the other way around.



FOR THE SPIRIT GOD GAVE US DOES NOT MAKE US TIMID, BUT GIVES US POWER, LOVE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE. 2TIMOTHY 1:7

"THE COMFORT ZONE"

TWO TRUTHS OF THE ROPES COURSE

As long as your hooked in with the lobster claws, you're safe. You may not feel safe but you are.

The guides are there to help you be successful by giving direction because they know which way works best.

TWO TRUTHS OF CHRISTIANITY

God is in control and He loves us. It may not feel like it at times, but He is and He does.

God has given us His Word to direct us because He knows the best way to go, the best way we can live.



Fix your thoughts on what is true
PHILIPPIANS 4:8



current camp

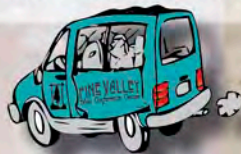
PROJECTS

Donate

Lodge Room Upgrade

Converting all shared-bath lodge rooms to private-bath quarters will cost around \$15,000 per bathroom and can be done in phases so that our guests are not displaced.

To contribute to these projects or to find out about other camp needs, go to pvbc.net or call John at 619.473.8879, ext. 117. Online donations can be made through Paypal on our website.



Vans

We have a need for new or low mileage vans to transport campers in our new Expedition Day Camp, our Base Camp, and our summer service team.

Grounds, Facilities & Equipment

As a year-round conference center, our grounds and equipment need year-round attention. We always welcome help with grounds maintenance, auto repair, carpentry, and welding.

Conferences at Pine Valley

Polar Bear Splash.....November 26
2012 Women's Conference.....March 2-4 & 9-11
Mother Daughter Weekend.....May 11-12
Base Camp for Youth Groups.....June-August
Expedition Day Camp.....June-August
2012 Men's Conference.....October 12-14

Learn more at www.pvbc.net!



3rd Annual Polar Bear Splash Saturday, November 26

Activities 10 am - 5 pm + Lunch at 12 pm

Spend the day zipping, hiking, playing,
& laughing with your family.

\$10/person or \$25/family of 5 or less

More info & overnight stay details at pvbc.net.
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BASE CAMP



Adventure Camp for Teens

Unplug your youth group for a week and see what
God can do in the silence.

Campfires + Team Building + Zip Line

Worship under the Stars

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