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Campfire Talks Notetaker



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*“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17)*

*“When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.” (1 Corinthians 13:11)*

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)*

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*“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)*

*“Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith,” (1 Peter 5:8-9)*

*“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)*

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)*

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## CAMPFIRE TALKS OUTLINE

### We're here for 2 big reasons:

1. Learn wilderness skills - Skills result in the confidence so critical in becoming a man.
2. Campfire Talks - Help you begin to answer 4 questions. Plant seeds.  
"What does it mean to be a man?"  
"How do I become one?"  
"What's this beautiful creature called a woman all about?"  
"How do I become truly alive?"

### Other questions in every man's heart - your heart:

- Who am I?
- What am I made of?
- What am I destined for?

### God built every man for 5 things:

Dangerous  
Hero/Battle to Fight  
Warrior/Protector  
Beauty to Rescue  
Adventure to Live

### Poser/Imposter

How act? Dress? Treat others?  
Makes fun of others to bring them down to their level  
Fear of being found out/faking it (especially with a girl)  
Where come from? Adam in the Garden  
We're all posers to a certain degree. Hiding. Goes back to Adam Genesis Chpt. 3 When God found him after eating the apple. "I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

Man's greatest need: RESPECT. (Marriage On the Rock) Greatest fear is not earning respect (especially from women) Talk about a woman's greatest need soon

"Most men's lives are far from the desires of their heart. Only battles are traffic. Swords and castles of boyhood replaced with pens and cubicles. Instead of riding a horse they drive minivan."

Not putting those men down. Important to take care of family/provide. The point is that there's SOMETHING MORE.

Result? Angry men. Bored men. Sports addicts (biggest adventure they get). Why NFL is #1 sport in U.S.

"Most men killing time and it's killing them. Yearn to build a boat and sail the world. That's what God built them for. Why God gave them dreams – otherwise it's just cruel. God wants you to follow your dreams."

John Eldredge Quote: "This we must understand. Masculinity is bestowed. A boy learns who he is and what he's capable of only from a man or a group of men. He cannot learn it from other boys or the world of women. He only learns it from the world of men."



## 1. DANGEROUS

Boys and girls are different. God built us this way. God made a feminine heart and a masculine heart.

Look at the games that boys/girls play when young

Girls – dolls, babies, house.

Boys – cowboys, soldiers. Every stick is a gun, every branch a shoulder-fired missile. Aggression is part of masculine design/hardwired for it. Ride sleds down stairs. Blow up things.

Halloween costumes: Not a costume but identity. Little boys yearn to be powerful, they are dangerous, to be reckoned with.

-Why God design men that way? Life NEEDS a man to be fierce and fiercely devoted. Protect/defend.

-Difference between being a mean brute and a warrior (will talk about it).

-God designed men in his image. Greatest Warrior of all time is Jesus.

People often picture Jesus as the gentle Jesus. Petting a lamb with little children. Actually, he was the greatest warrior of all time!

Read Beautiful Outlaw

"The Passover of the Jews was near and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove them out of the temple, both the sheet and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves. Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's House a marketplace!" (John 2:13-17)

Break down:

1. Jesus got very angry
2. Made a weapon (how know how to do that?)
3. Drove cattle out, screaming. Chaos.
4. Overturned money tables, terrifying money changers
5. Jesus on a rampage!

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Want to stress that I'm NOT saying you should go around looking for a fight. Should be respectful, forgiving, and kind. Just like Jesus was most of the time. But if a fight comes to you, be CAPABLE of being dangerous, just like Jesus was.

Don't be a victim, Be watchful. Protective. Capable of defending others.

"A man is a dangerous thing. So's a scalpel. It can wound or save your life. You don't make it safe by making it dull; you put it in the hands of someone who knows what he's doing."



## 2. HERO/BATTLE TO FIGHT

"Man must have a battle to fight, a great mission to his life that involves and yet transcends even home and family. Must have a cause to which he is devoted even unto death."

Feel you don't? Your life is insignificant? Lies of the enemy. You ARE William Wallace. No one else can be who you were meant to be. You ARE the hero in your story.

Fear is a self-preservation instinct. Keeps you alive. But need to control and sometimes overcome your fear.

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the **decision** that something else is **more important** than fear." Ambrose Redmoon"

Spiritual Warfare: Could do entire talk about it. Briefly introduce it because so important.

C.S. Lewis (paraphrase): There are two equal and opposite extremes people feel about Satan. The first is that he doesn't exist. The other is to believe in them with an unhealthy interest. Both are very dangerous places to be."

- Some think he's merely a Halloween character/costume
- Others give him way too much power

Satan is real and attacking you, whether you know it or not. All through the bible. "The devil goes around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." (Peter 5).

Enemy coming after YOU. How?

- Lies/Deception
- Temptation
- Doubting yourself

Why Satan coming after you? He FEARS you! You are dangerous to him! If you really became the man God created you to be, you'd be very dangerous to him. Doesn't want you to become a powerful soldier of God.

If Satan can trick, deceive, or mislead you into not being the man God's called you to be, that's one less warrior for Christ.

- Realize:
  - Satan only has power you give him. He's NOT GOD
  - YOU have power to banish him

How to combat Satan? Word of God! Equips you for the great battle you're already. It's the battle of and for your life. Tomorrow night we'll talk about the Armor of God.

God is WITH You! "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)



### 3. WARRIOR/PROTECTOR

Mercenary vs. Warrior

A mercenary fights for pay, for his own benefit, his life's devoted to himself.

"The quality of a true warrior is that he is in service to a purpose greater than himself."

A warrior is one who shields, defends, stands between, and guards. The warrior is a PROTECTOR.

Invests in "the energy of self-disciplined, aggressive action."

Real warrior does not love war. No pleasure from bloodshed or destruction. War is horrible and it's the soldier who suffers those horrors.

Warrior possesses high moral standards and holds to high principles. Willing to LIVE by them, STAND for them, SPEND HIMSELF in them, and if necessary, DIE for them.

Spirit of a warrior is aggressive and assertive, but must be disciplined.

How know when aggression and strength crossing the line? Through careful study of God's word. If your actions are in line with what the bible says. Will tell you when to act.

Be a Tender Warrior with women and children, but be ready to turn fierce when needed.

The Armor of God:

Wearing ARMOR. Why armor important? Put on in battle or beforehand? Is preparing for battle.

Much like roman soldier, you as a Christian warrior must put on the Armor of God.

Bible metaphor from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians chapter 6. Are spiritual protection and weapons Christians use to stand against evil.

The Six Pieces of the Armor of God

- **The Belt of Truth:** Represents integrity and honesty, keeping one grounded in God's reality and word.
- **The Breastplate of Righteousness:** Symbolizes moral purity and Christ's righteousness, protecting the heart from sin and temptation.
- **The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace:** Signify being prepared and ready to stand firm and share the good news of peace with others.
- **The Shield of Faith:** Used to deflect and extinguish doubt, accusation, and temptation from the enemy.
- **The Helmet of Salvation:** Guards the mind, providing assurance and quiet confidence in the salvation already secured through Christ.
- **The Sword of the Spirit:** The only offensive weapon, representing the Word of God, which is powerful, living, and equips believers to defeat spiritual attacks.

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#### **4. BEAUTY TO RESCUE**

Our focus is on becoming a man. Part of being a man is understanding the needs and ways of a woman.

Men spend their entire lives maddeningly trying to figure women out. Jokes. Movies. But women, like men, have needs/desires:

- Wants to be wanted. Fought for.
- An adventure to share. Be strong and part of the adventure.
- Be the beauty, be delighted in.

Proof? WEDDING:(why they spend thousands \$ on a dress for 1 day). ALL NEEDS MET IN A SINGLE DAY: She's wanted by the man. Wedding is the start of an adventure, it's HER day as the beauty

What's girls' favorite movies? Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella. Why? Meet needs

Woman is God's most magnificent creation. Eve is the crown of creation. Creation story gets better and better with each passing day. More magnificent. Final day he made Eve. God's finishing touch.

Women need a tender warrior, not a really nice guy. She needs **strength** in a man.

Words extremely important to most women. She is made for and craves words from him.

WARNING: So many women are looking for a man to "make them happy." Will fail. Only GOD can fully provide what she needs, THE SAME AS YOU.

You shouldn't be looking to get validation from a woman. You both need to get what you need most from GOD, not another human being.

Listening: Men "fix things." When a girl talks about what's troubling her, sometimes she just wants you to listen. Ask her: "do you want me to help with a solution or just to listen?"

Non-negotiables: You need to create a list of the qualities you want in a woman, along with identifying other critical areas in which you two want the same thing. Do this BEFORE dating. As you get to know a girl, see how well she matches your non-negotiables.

They're called "The Non-Negotiables" because if she fails at even one, don't compromise! Problems will only arise and intensify over time. It's better for both of you to end the relationship and move on.

A mature girl will have her own list of non-negotiables for what she's looking for in a guy.



Everybody's list will be unique to them but here are some areas to consider for your list:

- Spiritual beliefs
- Kindness towards others
- Hobbies/Interests - it's ok to have some different ones but do you share some?
- Where want to live (city/urban/country/wilderness)
- Kids
  - Want them? How many?
  - How discipline them?
  - How lead/teach them spiritually?
- Position on abortion
- Finances: are spenders or savers

Read "Captivating" by Staci Eldredge

## 5. AN ADVENTURE TO LIVE

God hardwired you to crave adventure.

What must an adventure have? Dash of danger? Unknown, unpredictable, a little unsafe, outside your comfort zone? WILD? Test? Require something of us?

THIS TRIP IS AN ADVENTURE!

Most men sacrifice dreams because of fear. May fear the test but yearn to be tested, to discover we DO have what it takes.

Bottom Line: Life is not a problem to be solved but an adventure to be lived.

Ask yourself: If you had permission to do anything you really wanted to do, what would it be?

- Don't ask how (cut your desire off at knees). How is God's job

God DOES have a plan for you! "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

What's one way to figure out what that is? ASK GOD WHAT YOUR IDENTITY IS! WHAT DID HE CREATE YOU TO BE AND DO?

Only way to live this adventure is ongoing relationship with God.

God IS the greatest adventure.



### WHAT'S NEXT?

Process (time).

Surround yourself with other upright, God-loving young men. Hold each other accountable. "Iron sharpens iron"

Ask questions: what do I REALLY want to do? What makes me come alive?

Remember don't let the "how" strangle it. That's God's job with your help (determination and drive)

If God puts it on your heart, he will equip you and open doors. You just need to show up. Have courage.

Work with your mentor. Have these kinds of conversations.

Refer to this notetaker

Put God at the center of your life by reading the bible!



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John Eldredge: ‘Wild at Heart’



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