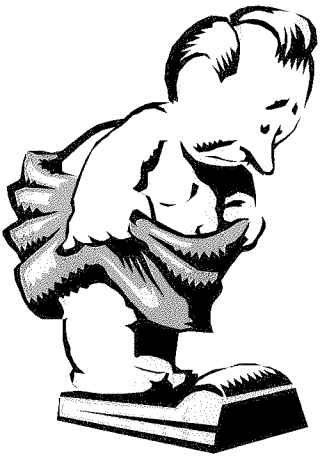


Reflecting on our Journey as Men



COME & meet with Men from across Forest Lake and beyond as we consider our Male Journey through the insight of Rob Jones, founder & current C.E.O. of *Men Transforming Men* (www.mtmaustralia.org.au and over page).

Rob will guide us in the understanding of our early years, the impact of our ego and the point in time when we reach a crossroad and must choose either Godly wisdom or embitterment.

Join with us in making a difference to your life journey and to pass on a manly legacy to your Son/s. This is a night not to miss!

Bring a Friend and /or your Son to this all male event!

When: Saturday 4 September 2010
- 6:30pm Dinner & 7:30pm Presentation

Where: Forest Lake State Primary School Hall,
Kauri Place, F. L.



What to bring: \$5 per person for a light dinner
- plus additional for a donation to support the ministry of MTM
-Pad & Pen



If coming for the dinner please RSVP: Your contact at your Church or Greg G. (0417 730 719 / gregg@refundhomeloans.com.au) or Greg B. (0428 748 011 / gurns@spiritus.org.au)



Our Challenge

From research and personal experience we know that the key issues facing men today include:

Connection

Many men are feeling increasingly disconnected these days... disconnected from themselves, from their families and friends... from everything that is dear to them in life. Disintegration of the traditional family unit leading to more marriage breakdowns, skyrocketing suicide rates in men, rising drug and alcohol addiction, workaholism, drivenness – all point to one thing; our men are in crisis. Many men feel lost, alone, confused, and unable to cope with the demands of life.

Identity

Many men are unsure of their roles in life and in relationships. Many are struggling with determining their life direction, and are encouraged to base their self confidence in the self image they get from their job. Many men are not sure what is expected of them whether it be at work, at home with their family, or with other male friends.

Relationships

In our busy world men are now expected to play a number of roles quite different from those of their fathers. The changing expectations of relationships provides both challenges and opportunities for greater intimacy with partners, closer relationships with our children, and the formation of true friendships.

Fatherhood

The role of fathers is dramatically different from a generation or two ago and the old role models of manhood don't seem to

fit today. Many men feel disconnected from their children, particularly their sons, and are looking for a way to develop a stronger bond with their children but often don't know where to begin.

For men, our relationship with our father is a crucial element of our identity and significantly determines how we in turn father our children. Many young men today are growing up with no father figure or significant male role model to provide positive support and guidance. Boys raised in fatherless homes are significantly more at risk of dropping out of school, abusing chemicals, and ending up in prison.

Spirituality

What is male spirituality? Many men are disillusioned with traditional religion and are looking for a spirituality that connects them with something greater. Many men are seeking the internal driver that adds meaning to their lives and assists them in answering the fundamental questions of 'what does a man do with his pain?' and 'what does a man do with his power?'

Midlife transition

Most of us have heard of the midlife crisis. For men midlife can be a time of considerable challenge, pain and confusion. The rules of early life somehow don't seem to fit or prepare us for the second half of our lives. What feels like a scary place of insecurity and confusion can also be an opportunity for positive change in a man's life, provided he approaches it with wisdom and faith.

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