

Malachi 4:6 His preaching will turn the **hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers...** Otherwise I will strike the land with a curse.

God wants to restore fathers and children. The most powerful factor for men in prison?

Not social standing or race. **90% of men in prison have a father who is broken or absent.**

God's solution for violence and crime? **Restored hearts.** How does He do this? Spiritual coaching, Mentoring.

Ps 145:4 Let **each generation** tell its children of Your mighty acts,... Your mighty power...

Colossians 1:27 **Christ in you, the hope of glory...** :28 So we tell others about Christ, warning and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to **present them perfect in their relationship to Christ.** That's why I labor and struggle, according to God's power within me...

2 Tim. 2:2... what you have learned from me... **entrust to faithful men, who are able to pass it on to others...**



Jesus demonstrated His solution for our brokenness: He taught, trained, teamed, tested, transformed...

so His disciples could TRANSFER their faith to the next generations. This is the core of His Great Commission.

God transforms lives as they receive, and pass on, "Christ in you... and Christ through you..."

When men are loved and equipped, they impact their families, friends, and world. Women are equally vital.

But men in our culture need more focus. **Here are examples of God's work, answers to your prayers:**

Bruce just called, "A **young man just received Christ** in our small group. Can we begin follow up next week?"

We will begin Survival/Adventure, and then Destined, with this young man and another man.

Recently a **son, then his Dad, received Christ** with Pastor Keith. What began as counseling a troubled young person, led to the deeper issues, which led to eternal life for both. Now the growth begins...

Mike Z, "I am **getting baptized soon.** Will you **help me write my testimony?**" He'll post it on Facebook and invite many of his friends to hear it in person at Ada Bible Church. **Jim Lakin is mentoring him** with Survival/Adventure, which clarifies salvation, and Destined for Ministry, which has equipping for sharing your testimony.

As **Todd Vela** was mentored years ago, God worked through him to share Good News with many and equip others who equipped others. His **fruit opened doors for impact** in Bella Vista, Ada Bible Church, C.B.M.C., and others. As **God worked through Todd, Dan G** and others **to impact Steve J's** life during the mentoring process, **Steve shared Good News with many.** He **began to impact** and mentor others, including **Kyle, Todd's son.** **Kyle has shared the Good News with many** through his coaching and relationships. **Steve and Kyle** now are meeting with **Todd's other son, Cameron** to equip him to grow and impact others. **When Todd began** the mentoring process years ago, **he had no idea that his own sons would be impacted** by a person he mentored, **no idea how many would** hear Good News, be saved, or **be impacted by his next generations.**



Dad Todd V, Steve J, son Kyle V

As **Dan Gallagher** mentored **Kelly B** years ago, God transformed Kelly's marriage, family, work, witness and impact in others' lives. God has touched many fellow law enforcement officers, students, and others through Kelly's life. Now **Kelly's sons have committed their lives to Christ.** As **they are being mentored, they now impact others.** God is working through Dan and his wife Kris, and many of their generations of discipleship to impact families, schools, businesses, churches.



Dan G Kelly B

All of these things are more powerful in **partnership with local churches.** More about that next month.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TEAMWORK. WE ARE OFTEN REMINDED THAT WE COULD NOT DO THESE THINGS WITHOUT GOD'S WORK THROUGH YOUR PRAYING AND GIVING.

Your **strong giving in December and January helped us** to seize many opportunities. When I spoke to Pastors recently, I could encourage them and offer equipping and tools with no profit motive. They are often offered things which have a price tag. Because of your partnership, I could tell them, "You have been prayed for, and I am already paid for. We have a team that covers us in prayer and frees us to minister with no incentive except love." This helps build trust and removes a lot of barriers. (See prayer requests)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please ask God to work powerfully, here, and around the world...

+ The Great Commission, **Jesus' Blueprint** for Making Disciples, would be **central to all we do...**

+ Generously, broadly, effectively **sharing Good News** with more and more people...

+ **New Christians' growth;** testimonies, baptisms, connecting with others, joining churches

+ **Increasing impact through generations;** family and ministry 4th generations

+ **Church leaders energized and equipped,** so **more people are evangelized and mobilized**

+ Bella Vista Church, **Pastor Mark,** other leaders, Kurt, as we seek **God's best design for discipleship**



Pastor Mark

+ Crossfire Church, **Pastor Keith & Judy,** Ginger & Kurt as we prepare to coach 20+ people in Destined Mentoring March -May,

+ **Encouragement, fruit,** for **other churches** which have people equipped with the Destined Mentoring process.

+ **Pastor Kevin,** and **Pastor Scott,** desire to **explore Great Commission Equipping**

+2/14-18, Ginger and I visit friends in St. Ignace, explore equipping for their church, possible prison ministry

+2/27, 6:45pm, Kurt facilitates class at Bella Vista Church, "Facing Life's Challenges"

+3/2 Kurt meets with Pastor Scott, Leadership Council, Hope Lutheran, Great Commission Equipping

+That our own family would glorify God through all our generations...

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