

# **OPERATIONS MANUAL**

# He who rulest over men must be <u>JUST</u> ruling in the fear of God. 2 Samuel 23:3

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# HISTORY

In 1990, the Lord gave Bishop Larry Jackson a vision in which he saw himself speaking to thousands of men seated in a stadium. Even though Promise Keepers Men's ministry was at its height, and he would become one of the national Platform speakers, there was a sense that this was an event he had founded to restore men to their rightful places within the Body of Christ. So, in response to the vision, he started the Men of God movement.

Bishop Jackson became increasingly involved with Promise Keepers and disbanded the Men of God movement in the years that followed. He believed so strongly in what Coach McCartney and the Promise Keepers' ministry were accomplishing across this nation that he assumed it was the fulfillment of the vision he saw. Yet as he continued to lend his full support to this massive effort, he knew there was more.

In 1999, God prompted Bishop Jackson that the vision of almost a decade earlier was preparing to unfold. This time he named the ministry Frontliners for his burning desire to "bring men to the front lines of what God is doing." Frontliners began as a 15minute broadcast airing daily on a local Christian radio station. It is specifically designed to teach Christian men from every race, denomination, and walk of life how to deepen their relationships with God, thus improving every other area of their lives. Again, the response was overwhelmingly favorable. Soon opportunities presented themselves on television as well. After filming the Promise Keepers meeting in Charlotte, the Inspirational Network invited him to become part of their network team. They expressed interest in producing a 30-minute program, which would air weekly on the digital cable network. This program, also called Frontliners, would feature videos of Bishop Jackson ministering throughout the country. After the television and radio programs' success, Bishop decided to host the first Frontliners Men's Conference.

However, almost three weeks before the conference, Bishop Jackson traveled to Seoul, South Korea, to minister to some of the men and women stationed on the military bases near the 38th Parallel known as the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), one of the most heavily guarded borders on earth. God began to show him how some of the Church's spiritual duties parallel the military during that time.

When a U.S. Army official was escorting him to the DMZ between North and South Korea, he noticed the respective armies keeping a watchful eye on them at all times. The extraordinary discipline these soldiers displayed left a vivid impression. Moreover, there was a stark contrast between the soldiers closer to the North Korean border, "the enemy," and those stationed in the country's southernmost region, a considerable distance away from the front lines.

The soldiers on the front lines were always on the lookout for danger, a habit warranted by their circumstances. Not only were they ready for battle, but those in the barracks a few miles away were trained to report to the front lines within MINUTES of being summoned. However, the soldiers further south were more relaxed, less alert to the presence of their enemy.

As Bishop Jackson continued to observe the soldiers stationed near enemy lines, God showed him that they served as a model for what He wants the 21st century Church to resemble. He saw that the Church posture doesn't indicate that a full-fledged war against an enemy who never takes a vacation is in effect, much like the soldiers further south. Quite the contrary, the Church often seems to be enjoying peacetime. When the enemy attacks, the Church is usually not ready to immediately go into battle.

During Bishop Jackson's time in Korea, a two-star general shared that the military does not go to battle unless they have prepared a 3-prong strategy against their foes. First and foremost, they must know their enemy; secondly, they must know how to advance their cause against the enemy; and, finally, how to stop the enemy from advancing against them. Once they have established their strategy, their goal is to accomplish their mission while suffering as few casualties as possible.

After hearing this, Bishop Jackson realized that the Church must adopt the same attitude in the spiritual conflict daily. This understanding would become central to fulfilling the Frontliners' mission.

Men of God must gather intelligence about the enemy that God desires the Church to have and use. This understanding will facilitate their advancement and that of their families, their churches, and their communities.

Bishop Jackson remains dedicated to fulfilling the vision that God gave him by training men to take their place at the front lines of the battle for the generation—launching Frontliners Advancement with a plan to assemble men across the body of Christ to function as one. By establishing an elite force of 318 men in every major city in North America as ready as the men, he saw stationed at the 38th Parallel.

Father God gave the vision, and HE will bring it to pass! Amen

# **INTRODUCTION**

The Frontliners Men's Ministry provides Kingdom-minded men with a functional tool to help organize and advance men's ministry to operate with a military unit's precision. In addition, the units offer Camaraderie and accountability through teams that help increase a man's overall effectiveness.

The Bible declares that Jesus is the Lord of Host, where "Host" means army. Isaiah 47:4; As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

The men develop a military mindset through an organizational process and well-designed divisions within the local Community, Church, and para-church ministries. As a result, every man will find a place where he can serve and grow naturally and spiritually!

One of the things we have found in the Church that differs from how men grew up and functioned before joining the Church is how Christian men live as individual silos. The current structure of the Church is for man to govern themselves, their families, and all outside relationships with kingdom accuracy and precision. Most men participated on teams when they were old enough to meet the age requirement as children and young adults.

Minor league teams, cub scouts and boy scouts, middle and high school sports are all established team events for young men in their manhood development. He may join a fraternity or continue his sports career path in college, increasing his understanding of a team's importance. Sometimes he joins the military or the local lodge, and on the negative side, he joins the neighborhood gang or ends up in jail, where he joins the in-house gang.

The common thread has to do with belonging to a group or team. So often, men find their manhood identity in the group(s) they join among their peers!

Amazingly, when this man who has joined and even thrived on teams arrives at Church, he instantly earns the right to walk alone as though it is a badge of honor. This man must now understand spiritual truth and apply it in his life and family without a team's aide. The sad thing that happens is he actually tries or even thinks he can! Please don't get me wrong; some have, and others will thrive alone, but most of the men who try to live this way will struggle or fail in their attempt.

Surveying the average man's life in the Kingdom shows a man who attends services and events, but his spiritual life hasn't reached the place where he is satisfied or can teach others.

The Bible teaches that safety for our lives is in consulting a multitude of counselors. Proverbs 24:6; For by wise counsel, thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety. K.J.V.

Women will support their men walking alone without giving much thought about their need to be involved with other men because women don't necessarily need team support in the same way. Women enjoy fellowship and involvement with other women, but the need for peer-to-peer camaraderie isn't the same. She can be delighted to only be with the man in her life!

Many men need more assistance than other men to help them initiate and stay connected to the tasks at hand. Not that men are dumb or unmotivated, but they are very selective over where they want to focus their reasoning and creative abilities. When he is connected to other men and challenged, a man will tend to thrive, and many times find his passion.

The proof of this fact is experienced just by tapping into something a man finds passion doing. We have found he will talk about it non-stop. Then if the conversation shifts to Church, he has little to say. What happened?

He understands the importance of the Church, but nothing connected with the Church sparks the same level of excitement. In many cases, there are no groups, no competition, no direction, no fundamental understanding about how he fits and should function, nothing that turns on a man's emotional switch.

The leaders provide spiritual insight, tell the congregation to go out, and put into action what's taught in the services. But that is not what Jesus did! Instead, Jesus walked with and talked with the disciples and modeled how to function in the Kingdom!

Frontliners Men's Ministry help to overcome all of the reasons men lack excitement about the Kingdom by first placing them in teams and divisions with like-minded and age-appropriate relationships with men who love the Lord and the vision of the Kingdom.

#### A NEW EVANGELISM FOCUS

The Christian researcher George Barna indicates that when a man gets saved or attends Church first, he has a 93% chance of bringing his entire family to Christ. In contrast, when a woman is saved or comes to Church first, she only has a 17% chance of accomplishing the same goal of bringing the whole family to Christ.

This research is exciting and used in many men's events to emphasize the importance of men's events and involvement, but the evangelism approach hasn't changed. This information about how a man influences his family should have informed kingdom leaders of two things: changing the bait and using a pole instead of a net.

Let me explain.

Barna's research indicates that when a man is converted (caught on my baited fish pole), he has attached to his tail and fins other fish. This catch would make a fisherman's day! He grabs one fish and has two other fish connected. The man's wife and child are the other fish attached to him.

A family with two children increases the church membership by four through the man's conversion. Convert ten (10) men with the above family structure will add forty (40), new members, to the Church. Learning what men are looking for and how to pique their attention is vital for church growth. Then all that is left to do is to cast the line.

#### EXTENDED EVANGELISM

It should be clear from Barna's research and the above example that a man's immediate family will usually follow him. Still, most men also have a measure of influence over other men and women. There are friends, co-workers, and neighbors who will gladly follow them to church.

Research shows that most men will bring one to four people beyond their own family. So now the ten new men could potentially add a minimum of **50 new people** and a maximum of **80 new people**. These new members would help accomplish the church's vision and increase the church financially through their giving.

Think about what happens if ten men come to the church every quarter with or without families. The church has the potential of adding **240 new members** in one year.

Note that Barna's research has to do with winning men, not men who come from other churches. These men don't tend to bring their friends to the new Church, but their families follow. These men who transfer from one Church to another need tools and creative ways to restart their evangelistic motor. The team concept and ministry training that provides information about men and how to win men will help those transferring from other churches to get excited about reaching men again for kingdom advancement.

#### FIRE TEAMS ARE THE ANSWER

It became apparent early in establishing Frontliners that the Fire Team development is the foundation for its success. However, as churches and ministries implemented the principles and structure of the Frontliners Men's Ministry, we discovered they needed more understanding and Training in Fire Team operations.

Frontliners have three disciplines designed to increase men's involvement. The first discipline is Evangelism! 2 Timothy 4:5; But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

The Apostle Paul exalts Timothy to do the work of an Evangelist even though he was the Church's overseer. Evangelism is the lifeblood of the Kingdom, and everyone involved in reaching people receives blessings from the Lord!

The second discipline is accountability. In most churches, the men are very aware of events and programs the Church or ministry offers. However, leaders are many times baffled by the lack of involvement from the men. Church-wide, leaders have lamented that their men aren't actively involved, and the women are doing all the work.

The Fire Team design will help with accountability, and it is desperately needed for men to stay accountable. The Leaders will not have to wonder where a man is or if he will participate when the time comes. A leader's primary responsibility is to communicate with his team and help them stay connected to what is taking place in the vision. When a man is missing from Church, his assigned leader is the one who is responsible for reaching out to him along with other team members. Therefore, the back door of the Church or ministry is now closed through an effective accountability system.

The third discipline is Training. One thing that can stop everything from moving forward in a man's life is when he doesn't understand what to do or what's needed. Therefore, Training must happen early in the process to help the men's confidence to move forward! This Training will include spiritual/biblical information that aligns with the teaching in the local Church. Frontliners will provide operational and functional Training designed to help men understand the vision and advance their lives.

The acronym used for the three disciplines is E.A.T.! This is because men love to E.A.T., and we will help them do so in the Kingdom!

#### CONCLUSION

Frontliners Men's Ministry's goal is to empower the men in the Kingdom through re-establishing teams that will work together in the **local** Church and Community. This manual will help accompany the local Church's training session to win other men and stay accountable.

Many of the suggestions and structural designs may not work well for all churches or ministries; therefore, it is important to only implement the ministry vision in the areas that will advance the Church and its overall goals. The Frontliners Men's Ministry wasn't just a good idea thought through in a planning meeting. But was inspired by the Lord, and this fact is apparent if you read our history.

Now it is time to advance your life with a kingdom focus towards winning men!

# **CHAPTER 1**

# **INCREASE YOUR SPIRITUAL WALK**

**Vision:** To raise, develop and deploy "an army" of men trained to change the current culture. Men who are ready to establish God's Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven, in all the relevant spheres of life.

**Mission:** Establish an equipping ministry that empowers men to impact their cities and aggregately change our nation's atmosphere.

The bottom line of the Vision and Mission of Frontliners Men's Ministry has to do with teaching men in the Kingdom of God to advance in their walk with the Lord, equipping men through instruction and spiritual tools designed to promote their growth.

Research has proven that men must take their place to effect positive change in their spheres of influence. Increasing a man's awareness to look at all situations and opportunities to reach other men will energize their involvement in spiritual matters.

Men have sat in Church for years without understanding how they fit the Church's vision or a clear direction on using their talents to advance that vision. As a result, we find men discussing many things, but their conversations don't usually include the Church and what is happening there! A considerable portion of the men who attend Church has never been discipled! Therefore, spiritual disciplines need to oversee and lead their families as well as society is lacking. They may sit in Church, looking like they understand everything, but many men can't quote the Bible and feel inaccurate to lead in prayer.

No one will ever know this because men hide things, their fears, and inadequacies so well. So frontliners have designed information and training so that men can engage in their spiritual life process without being embarrassed or looking inaccurate.

Everything starts with understanding God's Word! When a man better understands the Word of God and can begin to discuss that Word, he will feel good about himself. His involvement in the Church will increase, and he will even start to share with his family and friends. It all has to do with confidence, and our leaders will help him get there!

#### THE WORD

God's Word and prayer must become the focal point of men in their homes, churches, workplace, communities, and even places of leisure. The Word is the Lord's weapon to defeat the enemy and increase a person's life.

Ephesians 6:17; And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

One of the things people in the military understand is how to use their weapons. Therefore, understanding Doctrine, Apologetics, and the difference between Logos and Rhema are essential skills connected to this weapon called the Word of God!

The proper use of the Word of God will allow our lives to function the way God has designed before the foundation of the world. The Bible teaches that the Word is quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. Hebrews 4:12

Because a man has come to Church or even attended bible study doesn't mean he is fully engaged in the Word of God! Only twenty percent of the people who confess they are save read their bibles daily.

Frontliners has a straightforward way to get men to engage in the Word of God daily, and it is scalable. With a system that focuses their efforts on the Proverbs for wisdom and the Psalms for courage!

Look at this passage of Scripture!

2Timothy 3:16; All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: The Word of God works! But it's been found that it works better with regular engagement! Reading the Bible one to three times a week doesn't seem to affect most people's lives. Think about the fact many Christians only read while attending service on Sunday and a mid-week service.

The research shows that many things dealt with in life decrease when a person reads the Bible four times a week. And sharing Christ and living right increase.

Many people have thought of the Word of God as a tool for preaching!



The above statics from The Center for Bible Engagement indicate that the Word of God is designed for living.

However, we have a problem in the Church when over 80% of men in the Church have a pornography addiction. This fact indicates that men aren't spending time in the Word of God daily. When introducing accountability, men will and have spent the necessary time seeking God through His Word. Then these men's lives start to increase, and they want to spend even more time because they can see results.

Ephesians 1:17; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The Apostle Paul prays for the Church at Ephesus that they know Christ Jesus through wisdom and revelation. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians can now be fulfilled through reading the Word of God. But so many believers have neglected to seek Him this way.

Frontliners intend to change this fact!

#### FASTING

In Conjunction with the Word of God, Fasting and unselfish giving are two spiritual disciplines that will increase men's lives when they increase in God's Word. But, first, consider the benefit of fasting and how it will solve many of the problems we face.

Matthew 6:16-18; Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you; They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

A study of Isaiah 58 instructs that God has established a proper way of Fasting that HE will acknowledge and bless.

Isaiah 58:6-11; Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy re-reward.

Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

When Jesus cast the demon out of the Lunatic boy, and His disciples asked the question, "Why could they not accomplish the task"? He told them that it took prayer and fasting to do what He did.

Matthew 17:21; Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

The Church doesn't consider living fasted lives because of the abundance of food. Then when we fast it so that God can hear our

voice. Isaiah chapter 58 instructs that God isn't interested in a fast that focuses its energy on fasting people.

But instead, the fast that desires to see other people set free. Then God will give to those fasting the things they need. But the order must be outward then inward focus!

There are many types of fast, and they all take discipline! This generation needs men who use this spiritual weapon to release people from the grips of sin and hell! Select a day that you will fast for someone in need!

#### GIVING

One thing misunderstood by many in the Church and even those outside of the Church is free-will giving. Even though Jesus talked about money more than HE did about love, it is through the vehicle of giving that God has chosen to bless His people and advance His Kingdom.

I agree that leaders have taken advantage of people for their selfish causes and not kingdom causes. But the principle of giving came from the Lord and not man. Therefore, men should lead their families in the area of giving.

Matthew 6:19-24 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Men should have the attitude that where they are receiving valued instruction that increases their lives that help advance the Kingdom sowing financially is necessary.

The generation has developed an attitude of seeing how much they can receive without paying for it. Not that anyone is paying for the Gospel, but this something-for-nothing Spirit has invaded the Church.

The Apostle Paul said it was a small thing to receive carnal or temporal stuff from people to who he was giving eternal truth.

Jesus said that the world would love their own. And since they aren't divided into denominations and sects, their giving goes into causes where they resonate. People in the Church should support their local Church or ministry where they are involved. That is why Frontliners developed a straightforward giving solution to help advance the movement that will not take away from the local Church and ministries. We ask each man to give twenty dollars monthly as a seed to increase our reach. Naturally, some men can do more, and some may not be able to do anything for a time. But when we have the majority of men supporting this movement, the lives of men will be touched and changed.

Cities will see the group of 318 men emerge and strive in their Community. Then if issues arise in the cities, we can marshal the 318 to support and protect.

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Luke 6:38; Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Philippians 4:19; But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:20; Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1Timothy 5:8; But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Caring for family and the things of God should always be in the front of a man's mind. Biblical Economics includes sowing and

reaping, investing, and managing the resources provided by the Lord!

#### **NEW PERSPECTIVE**

Understanding economic development previously discussed and a biblical worldview are also critical areas in which men must have continual growth.

There are too many Christians who have a worldly biblical view instead of a biblical worldview.

Focus On The Family ministry gives the following definition concerning a biblical worldview; A biblical worldview is based on God's infallible Word. When you believe the Bible is entirely accurate, then you allow it to be the foundation of everything you say and do. That means, for instance, you take seriously the mandate in Romans 13 to honor the governing authorities by researching the candidates and issues before making a decision and making voting a priority.

Therefore, the Christian will vote for the person who upholds the values the Bible teaches. The best person for the position may not represent the party you usually vote for but represent the Jesus you serve.

Biblical Worldview is to view everything from God's vantage point and not ours! Therefore, we must learn to look from Heaven down, not the earth up! This task can be accomplished by reading and studying the Word of God!

#### TAKE THE TEST

Do you have a biblical worldview?

Answer the following questions, based on claims found in the Bible and which George Barna used in his survey:

- Do absolute moral truths exist?
- Does the Bible define absolute truth?
- Did Jesus Christ live a sinless life?
- Is God the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe, and does He still rule it today?
- Is salvation a gift from God that cannot be earned?
- Is Satan real?
- Does a Christian have a responsibility to share their faith in Christ with other people?
- Is the Bible accurate in all of its teachings?

Did you answer yes to these?

Only 9 percent of "born-again" believers did. But what's more important than your yes to these questions is whether your life shows it. Granted, we are all sinners and fall short, but most of our gut reactions will reflect what we deep-down, honest-togoodness, believe to be accurate and true. https://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/whats-a-christianworldview/

Colossians 3:1-2; If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

The Christians must view everything from the vantage point of Heaven and not the earth. The earth level has limited vision because of the thing obstructing the view. Therefore, it is essential to view the way Christ views the world and eternity.

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#### WINNING THE LOST

Evangelism in the churches and the men should increase through the "Fire Teams" formation and operation outlined in the next chapter. Sad to say, Evangelism in the west has significantly decreased since the introduction of political correctness. The believer is fearful of the backlash that could come from their family, friends, employer, and even strangers for sharing the good news of the Gospel.

The wiles of hell are the systems of evil designed to hinder the believer from accomplishing the objective given by God to reconcile all men to Him through Jesus our Lord! We believe men can answer this attack of the enemy and restore a sense of security about sharing the Gospel. We also believe there are easy workarounds, and Jesus already gave us the answer. Jesus told us that He would make His disciples fishers of men! Then the Apostle instructed Timothy how to execute the instruction given by the Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to train men in Evangelism with the knowledge gained from being with him, who will also train other men. He relates this with being a good soldier who has his mind on Heavenly things.

2Timothy 2:1-4 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

#### **FrontLine Soldiers**

In the History section at the front of this manual, I gave the example of the soldiers in Seoul, Korea, and the soldiers stationed at the 38th Parallel in South Korea. The Post Exchange (P.X.) at the 38th Parallel was much smaller than the one in Seoul. There was no place to purchase a suit or have anything made in that fashion; it was all about preparation and readiness at "The Point" 38th Parallel.

Men must capture this level of focus to win more men to Jesus. We must understand the needs and deficiencies with which men are dealing. We desire to help meet these needs and by bringing men into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

# Earlier, we discussed prayer and this area is one of the main areas that will need continual prayer focus. TALKING TO GOD ABOUT MEN BEFORE TALKING TO MEN ABOUT GOD!

The team will recognize the men in their sphere of influence and make a list of 12 men to pray over! A Fire Team consists of four (4) men having 12 men each to pray for 48 men! Out of these 48 men prayed for, if only 12 of them accept the Lord, this is a great success.

In the introduction, I cited the statics that George Barna gave the Church many years ago, that 93% of the time, when a man is saved or attends Church first, he brings his entire family into the Kingdom. The men's movements enjoy talking about this stat during their men's events without designing a strategy to reach them. We believe one way to get around political correctness and the fear of sharing the Gospel is to fish with a pole! To develop relationships with men one-on-one to determine their need and meet it through Christ! Introduce them to other men of God who understand that this man needs Jesus and needs to see Him through their lifestyle.

#### MAKING DISCIPLES

Frontliners is a discipleship movement by way of Evangelism! We must focus on winning men to Jesus because men hold the key to shifting society! They must be discipled with the knowledge of the Kingdom and the urgency of the times.

1Timothy 2:1-4; I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Winning men back to the Lord is our passion because Father God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. So that we reconcile men back to Him! See 2 Corinthians 5:18-2

#### MEN AT HOME

It was never God's intention for a woman to be the head of the household and, thereby, exposed to the brunt of the enemy's attacks. Even in the beginning, God blessed "THEM" and gave "THEM" the Garden's responsibility. After the temptation and fall, God gave the man and woman specific instructions about their new duties and placed the more significant burden on the man's shoulder.

According to the Scriptures, the responsibility of leading fell to the man, both naturally and spiritually. God calls him to serve his family as the leader by exemplifying the type of character that his wife and children can follow. Using marriage as a model, Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesian Church concerning Jesus and His Church and the responsibility of both.

It is clear that both man and woman have priestly positions in the Kingdom, but Father has given the high priest position in the home to the man.

There is a need for men to learn the importance of returning to their rightful places as the "priests" of their homes and becoming the spiritual leaders that Scripture mandates as they initiate and implement the following:

- Daily prayer within the household
- Weekly family Bible study (family devotions)
- Daily Bible reading schedule for each family member
- A household mission statement
- A strategic plan for economic increase
- Leadership and support for the personal advancement of the wife and children
- Leading the family to a place of worship with active participation

Christ's love for the Church and goal to make it greater than He was while walking the earth must be the example followed. Similarly, a husband must commit himself to helping his family become more celebrated than he is in the Kingdom of God.

Many resources can help men and women accomplish the task on the above list. However, it is essential never to think that you have to do these things alone. The Fire Teams will help men discuss these matters and understand how to start in their homes. Walking this out with other men will make all the difference and help keep the consistency.

#### PASTORAL & CHURCH SUPPORT

A man on the Front lines will lead his family to the Church, which will advance the Kingdom.

A man on the Front lines is committed to his pastor and their local Church. They are willing to serve sacrificially for the sake of seeing the vision come to fruition.

A man on the Front lines prays with other men regularly! Churches, where Frontliners men's ministry is functioning, have a particular prayer time before the service where men pray. This simple plan is a great way to keep prayer and men on the front lines before the congregation.

A man on the Front lines is a man of God who assists the pastor with planning and completing Church-sponsored projects. These men understand the importance of keeping rank but stand ready to serve where needed.

Aaron and Hur performed one of Israel's most critical roles in holding up Moses' arms during battle. A man on the Front lines understands the same and will support the pastor's arms spiritually and naturally if need be!

Exodus 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy, and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

A man on the Front lines stays attentive when the pastor preaches the Word of God, setting an example for others. Having a bible and taking notes will be a non-verbal way to show support and be an example to his family and congregation. It also instructs the new men who join the Church to this discipline since most things are caught, more than taught! A man on the Front lines is a generous giver, both with their finances and their lives. In addition, they exhibit leadership through their dedicated service to their families, the local church body, and their community.

#### SELF-DISCIPLINE

A man on the Frontlines will follow.

Apostle Paul gave instructions to the Church in Thessalonica to "*Pray continually*" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

We discussed praying for the Church and the pastors, but remember God desires a personal relationship with His children. So, develop a set time to spend seeking the LORD!

A man on the Frontlines will live in victory over lust. 1 Corinthians chapter thirteen is the love chapter and will destroy the Spirit of lust in a person's life. By simply reading it three times daily, Morning, Noon, and Night before sleeping.

Food will not serve as the God of the man on the Front lines. They will observe regular fasting times to keep their bodies in submission to the Lord and His will. (Isaiah 58)

#### GET IN SHAPE

A man on the Front lines is also committed to physical exercise for self-discipline and health.

#### RESTORATION

A man on the Front lines will allow the grace of God to work through him to free those men who have become P.O.W.s, AWOL, M.I.A.'s, and even Refugees. There is no way to be in continual war and not have casualties.

The mindset of each man in the battle is to protect those around them while protecting themselves.

- **P.O.W.s** are men who are prisoners to the bondage of sin and are rendered ineffective by the enemy.
- Men who are **AWOL** are not at their assigned posts or have, for various reasons, walked away from the Church.
- **M.I.A.s** are those who were actively participating in ministry but whose current status is unknown. They are either caught behind enemy lines, in P.O.W. camps, or injured.
- The **REFUGEES** are men outside of the Church who want to be left alone who think if they don't engage the enemy, he will not bother them. Frontliners must convince these men to join the Lord's side.
- These four components of the movement will specifically target: Advancing men to their rightful place within the body of Christ by removing the veil of complacency and ignorance that stifles Kingdom advancement.

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# CHAPTER 2

# **OPERATIONS**

#### FIRE TEAMS

Military fireteams generally consist of four or fewer soldiers and are usually grouped by two or three teams into squad or section. They are one of the smallest units based on the need for tactical and flexibility in infantry operations. Effective fireteams are essential for creating an effective professional military as they serve as a primary group.

The Frontliners Fire Team is the foundation of this entire men's movement! This four-man team is designed for men to experience life together. They will hang out, enjoy meals, attend events, pray and increase in God together! The Fire Teams will provide comfort and a place where he can be a man among men.

The Fire Team must become a place of safety for the men to share the issues and successes of life, with the understanding that information will not leave the group.

The Fire Team Leader (FTL) who will be discussed later is there to help the men build trust in the team while advancing their lives. If and when a man needs help, the FireTeam Leader will help him find that help.

#### WORKING TOGETHER

The team can decide to take on community projects to meet needs recognized by team members. When the team is a part of a local church, then they can take on projects that will help church. Such as cleaning, setting up for events, yard work or visiting people in the church who need assistance. Team will get approval from church leadership before performing any task in the church.

The team can always work outside of the church with community centers, schools, mentoring and much more.

None of community projects are requirements and should be made law.

#### EVANGELISM

There are so many men hurting in our society and in many cases made to feel inferior. Some men are being attacked just because they are men. As Christian men we know they can find help and answers in a vital relationship with Christ Jesus.

Therefore, the Frontliners Fire Team has a strong emphasis on winning men to the Lord. We will ask each team member to compile a list of 6 to 12 men who have not made a commitment to follow Christ.

This is the first step to increase the Fire Team and movement. Compiling a list and pray over the list during the team meetings. It is here the team will engage in spiritual warfare through prayer, supplication, the word of God, and fasting. The enemy and the world will fight against all efforts to free the souls of men. But we will win!

2Corinthians 4:4; In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

As stated earlier, a Frontliners Fire Team consist of four men, including the leader. As other men come into the kingdom through the evangelism efforts and prayers of the team, those men join that Fire Team. This structure is the departure between the military Fire Team and the Frontliners Fire team.

Statistics indicate that when a person gets saved or joins a church organization it is important for them to meet people other than the person who introduced them to the church or organization. Through the Fire Team concept this box is checked immediately because the man already knows and is involved with the other three men.

A <u>new team</u> will form whenever the team reaches eight men. The eighth man is called the "Multiplier" because his joining allows a new team to launch.

The Squad Leader (SL) discussed in the next chapter and the current Fire Team Leader will determine which of the original team members will serve as the new Fire Team Leader (FTL). The new FTL is recognized during their next scheduled meeting.

The Fire Team Leader (FTL) must oversee regular team meetings. Individual teams and their leaders will determine the format and times for these meetings.

These meetings must not conflict with other church services or events. The Fire Team should also engage in regular group outings such as bowling, fishing, sporting events, movies, and home gatherings.

# THE EVANGELISM PLAN

The group outings provide an excellent opportunity for Fire Team members to reach out to men who are not part of their team. The men they will invite to join the outings are men on the team's list they are praying over.

The team carefully watches the men on their list to determine who may be ready to spend time with the team. Then, the invitation is extended to one or more of these men around something that the invited man enjoys doing! This gathering is just a time of fellowship Evangelism; it is not time to pull the net.

When a man joins the team outing for the second time, one of the members (other than the person who initially invited him) should ask the man to attend the church's upcoming men's meeting. Thus, exposing him to the broader group where men's issues are discussed. It is always a good thing to include food with these meetings.

If there isn't a men's meeting coming soon, once the man joins the team for their second outing, the Fire Team members will invite the man to attend a Sunday morning service. It is imperative to let him know the invitation is extended to his wife or girlfriend to feel comfortable.

The invitation should also include lunch after church paid for by the team. This fact about whose paying must be a point of emphasis!

The dinner allows the wives and girlfriends of the Fire Team members to develop a relationship with the man's wife or girlfriend. Because women are much more relational, they will typically make additional contact with her during the week.

They may also send her a card which can go a long way to having them return to the church. In addition, the Fire Team will increase their prayer efforts for the man to protect him against the enemy's distractions and enticements.

This process is necessary because she will most likely be the one who suggests that they visit the church a second time. When she does, he will remember he was the one who initiated going to the church, and therefore it isn't her leading but showing excitement about his decision.

In addition, all the other local church programs designed to touch visitors will also show the couple how much the church cares and how they can become a part of a caring, sharing congregation. When these men attend church for the first time, we suggest that the pastor publicly acknowledge them by name. We encourage the pastor to make a big "to-do" about the fact that they are guests.

It would also be an excellent idea for the men to sound off with a "hooah" after the pastor introduces and welcomes the men. Whatever is appropriate for your ministry culture, new men must see other influential male figures involved with the church.

Each Fire Team should desire to be the best and most responsible team in the movement. Each month, the teams are evaluated.

The team with the most guests that goes with the men on their outing, visit the men's meeting, and/or visit the church with spouse or date will receive points. The winning teams will be highlighted on the Frontliners website.

The next chapter will outline the duties of the Frontliners Leaders responsible for seeing these plans through!

# **CHAPTER 3**

# **OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

# FIRE TEAM LEADERS (FTL)

When Frontliners is established in the local church then the governmental leaders will assign the first men to help with oversight of fire teams. The men chosen must understand that everything they do will reflect on the church and the leadership who placed them in the positions.

Teams can also be established through the National movement of men who create their recruiting list. These men select twelve (12) Christian men who they pray for then reach out to invite to explore joining the Frontliners Advancement. The man who created the recruiting list will serve as the Fire Team Leader until the other men who join are trained.

Once training through the National office takes place for the team, then team members can select the additional leaders to serve as team leaders.

# LEADERS RESPONSIBILITY

# Fire Team Leader

Fire Team Leader must be a man of prayer.

Fire Team Leaders must spend regular time in the word of God.

He must have his home in order and have the support of his wife to serve as a FTL.

He must be a man who is able to control his tongue; knowing when to speak and when to be silent. He releases confidential information about other members only to those in leadership. He must remain focused on his task at all times.

He must be able to motivate the other men under his charge to be the best men of God they can be. This is done in humility! We are not a shepherding organization where men are controlled or lorded over. Each man has a free will, and he must exercise that will to submit freely to the things asked of him.

He must help the man who is weak in evangelism to win other men to Jesus.

He must meet regularly with his Squad Leader if there is one in place to report the progress of his team and any existing problems.

A FTL must always remember that he governs by grace and not by the law. Each member must give his leader the right to lead him.

Pastors may call a meeting with all FTLs for instructional purposes at their discretion.

Fire Team Leaders should pray for each other when they pray for their teams.

It is important for an FTL to contact a man whenever he fails to attend a meeting without prior notice. This enables the FTL to determine if the team member has a problem that needs personal attention.

We must communicate the fact that we are at war 24 hours 7 days a week. It is our responsibility to make sure the enemy doesn't get an entry into our lives!

All major issues in a team member's life and/or his family is reported immediately to the upline authorities, or church governmental authority.

The FTL must not become a counselor but remain a friend and supporter.

The Fire Team is not a government to itself. The team exists to advance the national movement and local church.

# SQUAD AND SQUAD LEADERS (SL)

A squad consists of three Fire Teams, the Fire Team Leaders and the Squad Leader, totaling a minimum of 13 men.

The Squad Leader is chosen from the ranks of the Fire Team Leaders and should be the leader with the best Fire Team. Therefore, the Fire Team Leader with the most consistent team success will be the Squad Leader. When the teams are equal, the governmental leaders will choose the Squad Leader.

# Squad Leader Responsibility

The Squad Leader (SL) must be a man of prayer, consistently interceding for the men under his charge and their families.

The Word of God must be regular part of the SL's life.

The SL must hold monthly meetings with the three FTLs under his charge. These meetings are specifically for the purpose of prayer and reporting.

Other activities include discussions about prospective FTLs and any other business coming down through the movement and leadership.

Once there is more than one Squad, then quarterly squad meetings will be held for planning activities. This meeting will be conducted by the Senior Squad Leader.

Squad Leaders will receive an attendance report from the Fire Team Leaders church attendance. This activity is easy when the men are all apart for the church or ministry, but when they aren't a text feed must be produced with the team members so they can indicate their attendance.

The goal is for each member of his squad to maintain at least a 75% attendance rate. The SL reports these numbers to his platoon leader monthly.

In small size churches one or two Squads may be all that can be formed at first. The goal of the Squad Leader is to help the Fire Team Leaders stay on track to invite and engage men in the community to help grow the church through reaching men.

Frontliners has a great opportunity to make a major difference in our communities.

# PLATOON AND PLATOON LEADERS (PL)

The Platoon Leader (PL) has three Squad Leaders under his covering. It is the Platoon Leader who should work in the community and design events for his platoon to reach men.

A Platoon Leader must have a mindset to connect with organizations in the community to keep the men informed. He will use this information to direct his Platoon to where they are needed and how to get involved. The Platoon Leader will work closely with the Leader of the Samaritan Seekers.

A platoon consists of three squads, the Squad Leaders and the Platoon Leader, totaling a minimum of 40 men including the PL. Now think about 40 men coming into a community to clean the streets or patrol an area during school hours!

The Platoon Leader will make sure the squads are praying and reading the Word. This must be one of the Squad Leader's top priorities.

All the Platoon Leaders should meet regularly if it fits the church governmental policies. All leaders including the Platoon Leader will work with the National Office and will be regularly evaluating. The PL become the face of Frontliners to the community and must represent our Lord, and the movement with integrity. The same holds true when Frontliners is implemented within the structure of a local church.

The church leadership can remove any of the men's ministry leaders if they discover they are not working for the advancement of the church and its vision. Church leadership can also remove a leader if there are moral problems in his life that warrant their attention. They can assign his position to another leader and the leader with the issue will join the MASH unit.

The Platoon Leaders are very important to the advancement of the men's ministry and should receive everything they need to help the movement and church grow.

# Platoon Leader Responsibility

The platoon leader must consistently pray for the 39 men under his charge. He should be a proven individual who knows how to defeat the enemy and spoil his plans.

The platoon leader should have the ability to counsel a man who is having issues in his life. When a counseling session is conducted by the Platoon Leader, he must submit in writing everything discussed to those in governmental leadership.

The document must be reviewed by the person counseled before it is submitted.

The Platoon Leader must meet bi-monthly with the Squad Leaders for prayer and for discussion of the overall status of the

squads. The Platoon Leader's primary focus is the spiritual growth of the men. Discussions about prospective FTLs and SLs occur in the meeting with the Platoon Leader.

Platoon outings such as picnics and cookouts in the park provide an excellent opportunity for fellowship. Even amusement parks, fishing, golf, or shopping sprees for the wives also help to build strong relationships.

These types of activities can be scheduled every six months. However, it is very important that no one feels pressured to take part in any of these events. If the platoon is healthy, a large portion of the people will participate.

The Platoon Leader must be willing to adjust anything that keeps the squads separated and distant.

Platoon Leaders will present awards to the squads who have demonstrated overall excellence over a six-month period. New leaders will be recognized at these meetings as well. The Platoon Leader will be responsible for all entertainment at this meeting.

# COMPANY AND COMPANY LEADERS (CL)

The CL's main function is to determine how to harness the men in his care to influence the culture at large. Because the FTLs, SLs, and PLs are helping the men to grow spiritually and experience vital fellowship, the CL can concentrate on ways to effectively minister to those outside of the church. A company consists of 121 men or three platoons, the Platoon Leaders, and the Company Leader. This is a great deal of responsibility!

The CL must be in close contact with the PLs and kept abreast of the status of each platoon. He must meet with the PLs regularly for prayer and for updated reports. Whenever problems arise within the platoons, the CL must be available to assist the PL when needed without this becoming his primary focus.

As a result of the CL's thorough research, the entire company will engage in community projects designed to improve the overall well-being of its residents. The governmental leaders must approve the project before presenting it to the company. Can you imagine a company of men cleaning up a city neighborhood; visiting a nursing home or prison; praying at abortion clinics, working with young children or patrolling the streets where drugs and crime are on the rise?

# **Company Leader Responsibility**

The CL must understand how to communicate the church's vision to those under his leadership, spending extended times in personal prayer. The CL must constantly guard against advancing his own ideas, no matter how good. This is all about the Lord of Hosts.

The CL also guards against competition getting out of hand, advising the leaders accordingly. This is all about the movement advancing and the churches vision under the Lordship of Christ. The CL has a regional focus and will oversee the war room for the region. The CL understands the times, and consistently develops a strategy to prepare the Company of men for advancement. The CL will attend meetings with governmental leaders serving in his region.

The CL works with and prays for the three SLs under his covering. They will meet every three months but should stay in constant communications until the quarterly meeting.

These men are serious about protecting Christ and His kingdom purposes.

When starting a Frontliners chapter in the local church, these men could be part of the Caleb Generation; that is, seasoned and serious soldiers of the Lord!

The governmental leaders of the church can remove the Company Leader if they find that he is not working for the advancement of the church and its vision. They can also remove Company Leaders if there are moral problems in their lives that warrant special attention.

# **BATTALION AND BATTALION LEADER (BL)**

The Battalion Leader has a national focus. He will keep the men informed about the things that can interfere with their overall advancement. He will attend local, regional and national meetings to better understand what kingdom concerns are. When there is a Battalion Leader in place the men's ministry has advanced significantly. A battalion consists of three companies, their leaders and the Battalion Leader: <u>totaling 364 men</u>.

The BL reviews national government policies and posed laws.

The leaders serving under the Battalion Leader will meet with and receive briefings monthly about the things taking place in the nation. They will convey this information to their men during their meeting time.

Battalion Leader will be one of the speakers at the ceremonies when a man is moving from one position to another.

The special-forces leader reports to the Battalion Leader.

The governmental leaders of the church must be very secure in the character and loyalty of the Company and Battalion Leaders.

The governmental leaders of the church can remove the Battalion Leader if they find that he is not working for the advancement of the church and its vision. Church leaders can also remove Battalion Leaders if there are moral problems in their lives that warrant special attention.

### **SPECIAL FORCES (SF)**

Each of the Special Forces will have a leader who will report to the Battalion Leader.

**Caleb Generation** 

Joshua Generation

**The Young Warriors** 

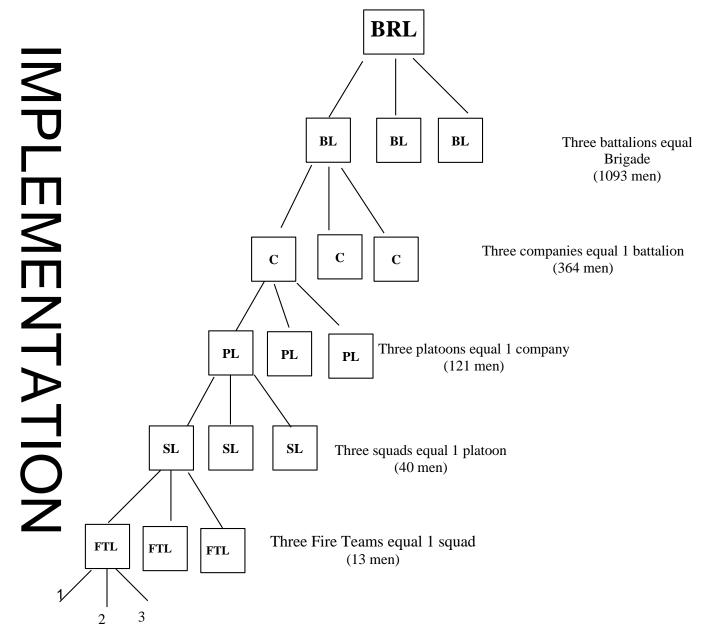
The S.E.A.L.S

#### The C.O.M.M.A.N.D.O.S

#### The Samaritan Seekers

#### The Mash Unit

The Special Forces strengthen the local movement by supplying men a way to get involved beyond their fire team operations. First, they can connect with men in their age groups for fellowship and things in common.



Each FireTeam consists of 4 men

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# CHAPTER 4

# **STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION**

The Frontliners Ministry consists of several operational components designed to advance the Kingdom of God, and, thereby, secure the victory that our Lord won over the enemy. A man will be best suited in one of the following categories:

### FIRE TEAMS

These are not just accountability groups, but four-man teams made up of men who have taken responsibility for their spiritual development. Their purpose is to advance the plans and purposes God has for the Frontliners Movement and their local church. Their assignment is to reclaim territory the Church has relinquished to the enemy. The responsibilities of the Fire Teams are as follows:

- > Pray for their pastor and his or her family
- ► Pray for the Advancement of the Frontliners Movement
- > Pray for the boarder church and the vision of the church
- ≻ Pray for men to join the Movement
- $\succ$  Win men to the Lord & bring them to church
- Have regular times of fellowship with team members These are times when men who aren't saved are invited to fellowship with the Fire Teams
- ≻ Pray for team members & their families

- ➤ Team members will be at the altar before each service praying for the presence of God and against the wiles of the enemy.
- ► Daily reading of Proverbs and the Psalms
- Reading new material which will help with spiritual growth monthly
- ► Increase in financial giving to their local church & ministries of choice
- ➤ The wife of each team member will submit a quarterly report to the team leader on the improvements or the lack thereof that she has observed in her husband.

We encourage men to write a list of Christian men to first pray for then invite to join the movement. This list should have a minimum of 6 men and maximum of 12 men.

Remember the slogan, <u>We talk to God about men before</u> <u>talking with men about God!</u> Even though this list consists of Christian men who have accepted the Lord many things distract men away from totally serving our Lord. They don't want to fit anything else into their busy lives so that must be addressed in prayer before inviting them to participate.

After 15 to 30 days of prayer, call the men using the Frontliners contact script to invite them to an online meeting where the vision, mission, and need for their involvement is outlined. The men from the list who decide to participate will join that group. Next level training will take place with these men to help them understand all that we are doing and what is required of them.

### **Fire Team Selection In A Church**

There are no set rules regarding how to form Fire Teams. Men can choose their own team members; leaders can assign men to teams or men can pull names from a hat. The method should be organized and should also be approved by the governmental leaders of the church.

The governmental leaders of the church choose all Fire Team leaders when the ministry is started. Each team member should complete a team member form, with that information being stored in a computer database. This database must be regularly updated as new information becomes available, e.g., the addition of new members, officer advancements and members who are MIAs. The Fire Team leaders will provide written reports to their commanding officers at their regularly scheduled meetings.

### **Supporting Arms Ministry (Aaron & Hur Prayer Ministry)**

As a Frontliner, men will provide continual prayer covering for the pastor and his/her family. The implementation of this ministry is vital to the advancement of the pastor's vision for the church. **NOTE: These men are chosen by the Pastor consisting of leaders and team members. Frontliners must understand that confidentiality is an absolute requirement for any person participating in this ministry. Any Frontliner who fails to adhere to this rule will be asked to resign from his position.** 

Periodically schedule times for the pastor to meet with all Frontliners to share his/her appreciation, praise reports and prayer requests. If the church has more than one pastor, this team will cover the additional pastors as well. Assign a second or third group of Frontliners leaders to the additional pastor(s). The group praying for the senior pastor could also be responsible for praying for the assistant pastor(s) and his/her family. All the pastors should be covered by these teams.

# **Altar Prayer**

Frontliners are expected to be at the altar or at the front of their sanctuary praying for the presence of the Lord in their worship service at least fifteen (15) minutes before the service begins. To do this, they must be at church before prayer time begins. If prayer begins at 10:45 a.m. and they arrive at 10:45 a.m., they are late! Frontliners (like the military) must arrive before the battle begins to win. Fire Team leaders should be there waiting for their team members. If praying at the Altar isn't something that can happen due to the church service structure, then a classroom will work just find.

Being late could cost someone his spiritual life. If a team member(s) is late, focus your prayer time on them and their family. If they miss church, make a follow-up call after the service. Continue to pray for them until you contact them. Remember, we are engaged in a spiritual war so act like it!

As Jonathan took his armor bearer with him to defeat the Philistine garrison in 1 Samuel 14, it is imperative that Frontliners take their armor bearers (i.e., their sons) with them to the altars to teach them how to war against the enemy. If they do not have a son, they should train another young man in the church whose father is not present.

# SEALS

SEALS are men who are <u>Seeking Everlasting Answers for Life</u> <u>Secretly</u> through bombarding heaven with prayer.

Frontliner SEALS are those men who have been called to be "intercessory prayer soldiers." They provide intercession for those in need at any given time. Navy Seals are effective because of their willingness to go into the most hazardous situations, behind enemy lines, and execute their mission with precision. We could have used Army special forces, the USAF's Pararescue teams or Delta Force to make the point of how this team should operate.

These kinds of operations in the natural realm have enabled our military to remain the only "superpower" in the world. The Frontliners SEALS teams are willing to combat the most difficult strongholds by approaching the Throne of Grace via intercession and by imposing the will of God, through prayer, over the principalities, rulers, and authorities.

These teams will have a direct line of communication open with their pastors to be ready to engage in battle immediately. Like the literal frontline soldiers who face each other on the North and South Korean borders, these men will not only face down the enemy, but also destroy his efforts through prayer.

These men must be dependable and submit to training. They must keep their emotions in check and be able to keep their mouths closed about prayer assignments. SEALS will continue praying and fasting until they see the desired result. They get their prayer assignments from leadership and do not move out on their own. The SEALS will receive the intel from the war room in their region to take before the Lord in prayer. There also will be a national call weekly to keep the SEALS in every region informed about national and international concerns.

# Young Warriors (Age 16-29)

The hardest working Frontliners are the YW. These men of God are "**RED HOT**" for Jesus. The YW consists of men who have more time to devote to the Lord and other areas of ministry than most because they are not married. Their dedication should provoke the married MEN to jealousy because of what they are able to accomplish during their free time. They will be the most active members of the men's ministry.

These men are to schedule regular times of fellowship with men of the Caleb Generation to glean wisdom from those who have been in the trenches for a longer time.

All the single men in the church are YW. Church leaders can place them in teams of 6 if they desire or they can stay in the larger group setting. The singles ministry of the church should increase instantly with the implementation of the YW. Trust these men and there will never be a lack of zeal in your church again.

### Joshua Generation (Age 30- 59)

These are the middle-aged men who in many cases have young children and in the middle of their career path. When looking at the landscape of the church these men are the ones most-likely missing. The Joshua Generation focus their prayer attention on the men of this age without neglecting the young warriors and Caleb.

The skills and abilities found in this group can help the overall region to advance, many things that they find working in their region will work for other regions therefore those things must be reported to the national leaders.

These men are available to run ministries and church auxiliaries as well as serve the leadership as a "Joshua" figure. Many of the YW will be trained by these men to engage in intense times of prayer; others will become COMMANDOS, able to go for several weeks at a time to serve another pastor in a local church as needed.

# Caleb Generation (Age 60+)

These are the seasoned men that have been in the battle for many years. They have been faithful warriors and, like Caleb (Joshua 14), are still as strong and vigorous as ever. Now, because of their faithfulness to the Lord, they can request their mountain in prayer! God is faithful!

As a member of the Caleb Generation, they have an obligation to share wisdom with the younger, less seasoned Young Warriors. They have been in the trenches, waging war against the adversary for years. They must teach the younger soldiers not to make foolish mistakes that would hinder Kingdom advancement. Schedule times of fellowship for members of the Caleb Generation to share with the other men of all ages so that they can help them in natural matters.

This group may be difficult to motivate initially because the Church has overlooked them for some time. Their lives can also be very busy. However, they can do it. Have a special meeting with these men and ask them how they would like to help the church or ministry. Help them to do something, more than just give money. We need their experience and wisdom!

### Samaritan Seekers

*Samaritan Seekers* are full of Jesus' compassion (Hooah!). They are willing to go behind enemy lines to get the wounded and hurting, ministering to men in places that many deem unworthy of their attention. These men minister in prisons, local jails, homeless shelters, youth centers, Big Brothers programs, or to someone in their own neighborhood.

Much like the Jews despised Samaritans, some in the "Church" despise many of these groups mentioned. However, a Samaritan Seeker is willing to minister to "one of the least of these," for which our Father will receive glory. By doing so, frontline Samaritan Seekers extend an opportunity to the "whosoevers," as mentioned in John 3:16, to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, believe and receive everlasting life. The Samaritan Seekers captain will coordinate all efforts involving the Seekers with the approval of the church or the up-line leadership.

# COMMANDOS

Frontline COMMANDOS mission is entitled Men Winning Men (MWM). "COMMANDOS" is an acronym for <u>Christian</u> **Operational Mighty Men Anointed to Negate the Devices Of Satan**. These men take no prisoners, but rescue men taken captive by the enemy by bringing them to an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and fellowship with a local church body.

Isaiah 49:24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

Isaiah 49:25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

At a moment's notice, churches can dispatch COMMANDOS to other local churches for a period of three (3) weeks for the sole purpose of winning men back to that particular church. Along with the SEAL Teams they can be sent to hot spot where evil is taking place to engage people.

They understand wartime strategy as well as the times in which we live; they know how to help the church advance as well as how to negate enemy advancement.

#### M.A.S.H Unit (Men Assigned to Strengthen and Heal)

Everyone knows that when going into war there is a medic apart of the unit. They are also aware that there is a place to take those wounded to receive care. That place is the MASH Unit.

In the 1960's the long running television show entitled "Mash" used humor while also attempting to show the serious side of war and the need for a mash unit.

The war the church is engaged in never stops. All day every day we must stay alert to not let our guard down opening ourselves up to hell's attacks.

Many men have become casualties of these continuous war because they became careless and thought there must be a demilitarized zone (DMZ).

In this war there is no DMZ! It for this reason we established a MASH Unit!

The MASH Unit must consist of those believers who have training in counseling and mediation.

The men who have fallen or find themselves in need of help before falling will be placed on leave from the Fire Team until his sessions end.

Our total desire is to restore those who need restoration! We must do all of this in meekness without judging!

Men must feel safe to share their lives and issues of life without worry that the information will be shared.

There are ministries and organizations established outside of the Frontliners Movement that can and will be used to help with some or all the MASH Unit Ministry. The National Office will be responsible for vetting these ministries/organizations.

# CHAPTER 5

# **MEN'S TRAINING INSTITUTE (MTI)**

The Master Plan for Men includes selected study guides that bridge the gap between "knowing and doing" in a man's life. By completing a well-designed program to facilitate spiritual growth, they become equipped to fulfill their call and responsibilities as godly men. To accomplish this, the Men's Ministry has forged several partnerships with men's organizations to provide holistic training.

Communication with the governmental leadership of the local body is critical to the success of the men's ministry and their involvement/support of the local church. Training includes the following:

- Frontliners and Church Leadership (Church Growth and Development)
   It is the primary goal of MTI to activate men to serve their local churches.
  - ≻ Frontliners provides training for church leaders in the following areas:
    - ■How to prepare men for leadership in their families and churches
    - ■How to set up economic and professional development programs for men

- How to teach men to think like warriors instead of just members
- ■How to teach men to keep rank and wait for advancement
- ■How to develop prayer groups that appeal to men

#### ► Advancing Frontliners into the city

- Introduction meeting with the leaders of the church's women's ministry to ask for their support and prayer When we have the support of the women, then the men will have the grace to seek God and to develop without the women feeling left out. A leader from the Frontliners national office should conduct this meeting, which is for women only.
- ■Introduction meetings with pastors, including a presentation of Frontliners
- ■How to work with the pastor and church leaders to develop a plan to advance their men's ministry
- How to meet with men's ministry leaders/elders This meeting is for finding easy ways to implement the Frontliners curriculum into the existing men's ministry.

### ≻ Spiritual Growth (The Word)

The men read their Bibles daily. They will develop a lifestyle of quiet time with the Lord. The men are encouraged to include a chapter of Proverbs every day. My book entitled "Wisdom and Courage" will help accomplish this assignment.

There are thirty-one (31) chapters in the book of Proverbs and as many days in most months. They can read the chapter of Proverbs that coincides with the day of the month (i.e., Chapter 1 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Chapter 2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.). This will allow Frontliners all over America to be on one accord as we gain wisdom from these "wise sayings" of the Lord.

In addition to reading the book of Proverbs daily, Frontliners read five (5) chapters from the book of Psalms as well. Much the same as the example above, men will read the five (5) chapters that correspond with the day of the month in increments of thirty. In other words, on the first day of the month, he reads Psalm 1, 31, 61, 91 and 121; on day two (2), he would read chapters 2, 32, 62, 92 and 122; and at the end the month, read Psalm 30, 60, 90, 120 and 150.

Men can be of service to the local church in evangelism. Frontliners will assist the local leadership in their effort to awaken the "sleeping giants" in their communities.

Front liners will also provide the local leadership with free access to all the resources we have available so they can participate.

- Personal Development and Family
  - ➤Biblical understanding through personalized Bible study
  - Spiritual sensitivity (i.e., how to know God and not just know about God)
  - ≻How to judge yourself without destroying your effectiveness
  - ≻ How to lead your family into the presence of God
  - ≻ How to edify your wife to be greater than you
  - $\succ$  How to love a wife who has given up
  - ≻ How to train your children
  - How to win a rebellious child back to the Lord and your family
  - ≻ How to rule over money and advance the Kingdom
- World (Outreach) A.I.M. (Always Influencing Men)
  - Winning the workplace one man at a time Learn how to develop groups of men to win the lost in the marketplace.
  - Becoming a lighthouse in your community
     Praying for the families in your community to develop
     relationships that will lead them to the Lord
  - Preparing prayer warfare through updates about city and state problems
  - How to heal the wounded, men who once served our King faithfully; giving them time to become useful again

- Visiting prisons and boys' homes so they can see real men who love Jesus
- Taking prayer journeys to nearby troubled cities to pray in the highest governmental building SEALS do this often
- ➤ Taking short term mission trips to build churches and win souls around the world
- ➤ Providing help in areas of this country and around the world when natural disasters, such as floods, earthquakes, storms, and fires strike.

Training consultants will be available to work with churches and ministries as needed. The church can send an individual to be trained by a Frontliners representative in the use of our materials and information.

Frontliners is a servant ministry, with men assigned to pray for the success of other men's events. Frontliners understands that it is only one branch of the army of our God. The Lord of Hosts has placed us on the front line, and we will not let Him down! (HOOAH!!!)

It is our desire to see the local church filled with men who wholeheartedly serve the leadership as well as the vision they have been given. In an effort to facilitate this process, Front liners is committed to providing the following:

 Training for men's ministry leaders to transfer the vision from the leadership to the membership. This helps men view themselves as a vital part of the vision.

- Resources designed to breathe fresh life into members who are standing on the sidelines instead of participating.
- A mandate to the men in the church to work to protect the pastor and his or her family.
- Teaching for female senior pastors to minister to the men in their congregations.
- Semiannual leadership summits for pastors and men's ministry leaders designed to keep churches on the cutting edge of men's ministry development.
- Enthusiasm for young men to play a vital part in the local church. This will help the youth department as well.
- Tools that will teach men to fulfill their responsibilities, restoring biblical order to the home.
- Promote church growth through the evangelistic efforts of each division of the Frontliners ministry.
  - ➤ As these men win other men to Christ, they bring new members to the local body. These churches have the potential of increasing their male membership by 5% during the first year, 10% in the second year, and as much as 25% by the end of the third year.
  - ➤ In most cases, when men come to church, they will lead other family members and friends there as well. Generally, the overall growth of the church will increase

when men get excited about the church and their involvement.

- ➤ There are statistics that support the fact that when men come to the church first, 93% of the time they influence their families to accompany them. At the same time, the numbers reflecting the influence of a woman, or a young person are significantly lower; that is, a woman will typically be successful in influencing other family members to attend church with her 17% of the time and youth, only 1.7% of the time.
- ➤ We believe the secret to sustained increase lies within the men who, when restored to their rightful places, become passionate about the vision of the local church.
- Introduction to other men's ministries with whom Frontliners is in relationship
- A quarterly leadership newsletter
- Citywide satellite conferences for men, which will take place Super Bowl Sunday during the pre-game show and halftime. This will increase local church involvement.