

DANGEROUS FREEDOM:
Setting Men Free by the Power of the Gospel
RTS Orlando Elective 2DM862
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Course Description: Why Aren't Most Men Free?

All men seek to be real men. But most men are not intentionally developed into manhood by godly men. The result? Men unconsciously write their own code of manhood and follow it rigorously. But it's a flawed code that excludes God and His great plan for His sons. Meaning well, we often end up in prisons that bar us from truly becoming men—hurting themselves and their loved ones in the process. The Good News of the Gospel of Grace is that because of Jesus, men of all ages can be set free from the chains that now bind them and develop into real men with a real Father who will invest Himself into transforming them more into the image of Jesus Christ every day of their lives. In this course you will gain a biblical and theological perspective toward such key topics as: *What Men Really Want, Men Behind Bars, Becoming Dangerously Free and Dangerous Manhood According to Jesus*. In addition this course will study how to implement and build a thriving disciple making ministry to the men of your church.

Course Instructor: Dr. Pete Alwinson

Dr. Pete Alwinson has been involved in developing men for over 30 years. Pete speaks to men around the country, teaching them to grow by God's grace into godly men. His passion is to leave no man behind on the battlefield of life, but to encourage all men to grow in Christ and in turn, reach other men. A Californian, Pete is the founding pastor of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church, PCA in Winter Springs, Florida (north of Orlando), where he has served for 23 years as Senior Pastor. He is on the Board of Key Life Network, the Bible Teaching radio ministry of Dr. Steve Brown. He is Vice-President of Men's Ministry at Key Life, and can be heard on the Questions and Answer segment with Steve each Friday. Pete also is also on the board of Man in the Mirror and a speaker with them to men's groups nationally. He is a graduate of Biola University, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Reformed Theological Seminary. Pete has been married to Caron for 30 years. They have three children, Joel (Aly), Jon and Jessie. He knows he "married up" and loves to speak to men about his successes as well as his failures as a husband and dad. Pete's style combines openness, humor, great stories and strong Bible teaching as he easily connects with men.

Course Assignments (Beyond Class Attendance & Participation)

Reading Assignments & Reports

Doctor of Ministry (credit) students are required to write a one-page report on the standard "Reading Report" format available in this course syllabus. Reading Reports should be submitted on the first day of class, all at once and be stapled (no folders). All reading reports not turned in on the first day of class are to be turned in with the course integration paper in approximately three months. Students will receive a grade reduction for late Reading Reports unless otherwise approved by the professor. Non-credit (audit) students do not submit reports.

Post-Class Integration Paper

Students are required to write a 15-20 page (double-spaced, 12 point font) course integration paper. This paper must reflect new work done by the student as a result of this course. The paper must demonstrate how the biblical and theological concepts learned in the class lectures AND course readings can be applied to the student's personal life and ministry today. The paper must also a specific plan for the student's continued growth in grace and application of the course concepts to his personal life and ministry in the future.

The integration paper is due April 29, 2011 unless special arrangements have been made with the professor prior to the end of the class work. The paper (electronic-softcopy) must also be emailed (Microsoft Word) to: jsisler@rts.edu

Course Required Reading
(2,000 Page Minimum of new reading)

Morley, Patrick. *Pastoring Men: What Works, What Doesn't, And Why It Matters Now More Than Ever*. Moody Publishers, 2009, 245 pages. ISBN: 978-0-8024-7553-4

Brown, Steve. *A Scandalous Freedom: The Radical Nature of the Gospel*. Howard Publishing, 2004, 250 pages. ISBN: 978-1582293929

Eldredge, John. *Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of A Man's Soul*. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001, 219 pages. ISBN: 978-1400202812

Crabb, Dr. Larry (with Don Hudson & Al Andrews) *The Silence of Adam: Becoming Men of Courage in a World of Chaos*. Zondervan Publishing, 1995, 192 pages. ISBN: 978-0310219392

Podles, Leon J. *The Church Impotent: The Feminization of Christianity*. Spence Publishing, 1999, 208 pages. ISBN: 978-1890626198

Murrow, David. *Why Men Hate Going To Church*. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2005, 232 pages. ISBN: 978-0785260387

Allender, Dan B. *To Be Told: Know Your Story, Shape Your Future*. WaterBrook Press, 2005, 219 pages. ISBN: 978-1578569489.

Dalbey, Gordon. *Healing The Masculine Soul: An Affirming Message for Men and The Women Who Love Them*. Word Publishing, 1988, 242 pages. ISBN: 978-0849906640

Morley, Patrick, David Delk & Brett Clemmer. *No Man Left Behind: How to Build and Sustain a Thriving Disciple-Making Ministry for Every Man in Your Church*. Moody Publishers, 2006, 199 pages. ISBN: 978-0802475497

Recommended Reading
(If you have already read all of the “Required” books)

- Weber, Stu. *Tender Warrior: God’s Intention for a Man*. Multnomah Books, 1993, 219 pages. ISBN: 978-0880705790
- Weber, Stu. *Locking Arms: Shoulder to Shoulder, Man to Man...God’s Design for Masculine Friendships*. Multnomah Books, 1995, 284 pages. ISBN: 978-0880707220
- Cooper, Rodney L. *Shoulder To Shoulder: The Journey From Isolation to Brotherhood*. Zondervan Publishing House, 1997, 188 pages. ISBN: 978-0310211877
- Cooper, Rodney L. *We Stand Together: Reconciling Men of Different Color*. Moody Press, 1995, 156 pages. ISBN: 978-0802491817
- Cooper, Rodney L. *Double Bind: Escaping The Contradictory Demands of Manhood*. Zondervan Publishing House, 1996, 180 pages. ISBN: 978-0310203247
- Dobson, James. *Bringing up Boys: Practical advice and encouragement for those shaping the next generation of men*. Tyndale Publishing House, 2001, 257 pages. ISBN: 978-0842352666
- Miller, Donald & John Macmurray. *To Own a Dragon: Reflections on Growing Up Without a Father*. NavPress, 2006, 192 pages. ISBN-10: 1576837319 (ISBN-13 not available)
- Veerman, Dave & Bruce Barton. *When Your Father Dies: How A Man Deals with the Loss of His Father*. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003, 178 pages. ISBN-10: 0-0785288309 (ISBN-13 not available)
- Pittman, Frank. *Private Lies: Infidelity and the Betrayal of Intimacy*. W.W.Norton & Company, 1989, 295 pages. ISBN-10: 0-393-30707-7 (ISBN-13 not available)
- Perkins, Bill. *When Good Men Are Tempted*. Zondervan Publishing House, 2007, 272 pages. ISBN: 978-0310274346
- Schmierer, Don with Lela Gilbert. *An Ounce of Prevention: Preventing the Homosexual Condition in Today’s Youth*. Promise Publishing, 2002, 217 pages. ISBN: 978-0-939497-61-4
- Nicolosi, Joseph, PhD, Nicolosi, Linda Ames. *A Parent’s Guide to Preventing Homosexuality*. InterVarsity Press, 2002, 241 pages. ISBN: 978-0830823796
- Pollack, William. *Real Boys: Rescuing Our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood*. Henry Holt & Company, Inc, 1998, 398 pages. ISBN: 978-0805061833.

- Pittman, Frank. *Man Enough: Fathers, Sons, and the Search for Masculinity*. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1993, 270 pages. ISBN: 978-0399518836.
- Sherman, Doug & William Hendricks. *Your Work Matters To God*. NavPress Publishers, 1987, 272 pages. ISBN: 978-0891093725.
- Grudem, Wayne. *Business For The Glory Of God: The Bible's Teaching on the Moral Goodness of Business*. Good News Publishers, 2003, 83 pages. ISBN: 978-1581345179.
- Pollard, C. William. *The Soul of The Firm*. Zondervan Publishing, 1996, 163 pages. ISBN: 978-0310234876
- Hart, Archibald D. *The Sexual Man: Masculinity Without Guilt*. Word Publishing, 1994, 208 pages. ISBN: 978-0849936845.
- Cole, Edwin Louis. *Maximized Manhood: A Guide To Family Survival*. Whitaker House Books, 1982, 205 pages. ISBN: 978-0883686553.
- Larkin, Nate. *Samson and the Pirate Monks: Calling Men to Authentic Brotherhood*. Thomas Nelson Publisher, 2006, 199 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0-8499-1459-1.
- Smalley, Gary & John Trent. *The Hidden Value Of A Man: The Incredible impact Of A Man On His Family*. Focus on the Family Publishing, 1992, 176 pages. ISBN: 978-1561792283.
- Morley, Patrick M. *The Man In The Mirror: Solving the 24 Problems Men Face*. Wolgemuth & Hyatt, Publishers. 2000, 302 pages. ISBN: 978-0310234937.
- Morley, Patrick M. *Second Wind for the Second Half: Twenty Ideas To Help You Reinvent Yourself For the Rest Of The Journey*. Zondervan Publishing, 1999, 210 pages. ISBN: 978-0310221326.
- Morley, Patrick M. *A Man's Guide To The Spiritual Disciplines: 12 Habits To Strengthen Your Walk With Christ*. Moody Publishers, 2007, 181 pages. ISBN: 978-0802475510.
- Morley, Patrick M. *The Seven Seasons of a Man's Life: Examining The Unique Challenges Men Face*. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995, 276 pages. ISBN: 978-0310217640.
- Getz, Gene A. *The Measure Of A Man*. G/L Publications, 1974, 219 pages. ISBN: 978-0830734955.
- Hardenbrook, Weldon M. *Missing From Action: Vanishing Manhood in America*. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1987, 177 pages. ISBN: 978-0840730749.
- Brown, Steve. *Born Free: How to Find Radical Freedom and Infectious Joy in an Authentic Faith*. Baker Books, 1993, 197 pages. ISBN: 978-0801010699.

- Brown, Steve. *No More Mr. Nice Guy!* Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1986, 227 pages. ISBN: 978-0840755391.
- McGee, Robert S. *The Search For Significance: We Can Build Our Self-Worth On Our Ability To Please Others, Or On The Love And Forgiveness Of Jesus Christ.* Rapha Publishing, 1990, 187 pages. ISBN: 978-0849944246.
- Pollard, William C. *Serving Two Masters?: Reflections on God and Profit.* Harper Collins Publishers, 2006, 243 pages. ISBN-10: 0-06-082376-3. (ISBN-13 not available)
- Hart, Archibald D. *Adrenalin and Stress: The Exciting New Breakthrough That Helps You Overcome Stress Damage.* Word Publishing, 1991, 199 pages. ISBN: 978-0849936906.
- Morley, Patrick. *A Man's Guide To Work: 12 Ways To Honor God On The Job.* Moody Publishers, 2010, 162 pages. ISBN: 978-0802475541.
- LaHaye, Tim. *Spirit Controlled Temperament: Strength For Every Weakness.* Tyndale House Publishers, 1988, 141 pages. ISBN 978-0842362207.
- Blankenhorn, David. *Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem.* Harper Collins Publishers, 1995, 234 pages. ISBN: 978-0060926830.
- Hicks, Robert. *UnEasy Man-Hood: The Quest for Self-Understanding.* Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991, 237 pages. ISBN: 978-0840791252.
- Dalbey, Gordon. *Fight Like A Man: Redeeming Manhood for Kingdom Warfare.* Tyndale House Publishers, 1995, 312 pages. ISBN: 978-0842318662.
- Hicks, Robert. *The Masculine Journey: Understanding The Six Stages of Manhood.* NavPress Publishing, 1993, 185 pages. ISBN: 978-0891097334.
- Biehl, Bobb. *Mentoring: Confidence in Finding a Mentor and Becoming One.* Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1996, 182 pages. ISBN: 978-0805462616.
- Hendricks, Howard & William. *As Iron Sharpens Iron: Building Character In a Mentoring Relationship.* Moody Press, 1995, 268 pages. ISBN: 978-0802456311.
- Crabb, Larry. *Men & Women: Enjoying The Difference.* Zondervan Publishing House, 1991, 213 pages. ISBN: 978-0310338307.
- Farrar, Steve. *Finishing Strong: How A Man Can Go the Distance.* Multnomah Books, Questar Publishing, 1995, 220 pages. ISBN: 978-0880707404.

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Overview—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

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