No More Excuses

August 19, 2023

Read Chapter 12 – *No More Playing the Lone Ranger*

1. Why do men tend to pursue results rather than relationships?
2. Why do men in general find it difficult to have and maintain relationships?
3. Why is it easier to be the Lone Ranger?
4. What does the author mean by “an overdose of male independence?”
5. How do we as husbands and fathers curtail the cultural mindset of having little relationship within our own families?
6. What is the correlation between a lack of relationship building and an unwillingness to admit we are wrong?
7. Why are men leery of deep relationships?
8. How do we begin the journey of creating meaningful relationships with our spouse, within our family, and with other men?
9. Read and discuss Genesis 2:18. What did God say about Adam and why do we need relationships?

Where did this notion of relational independence in man come from?

How should Philippians 2:3-4 shape our relationships?

1. How do verses like I Corinthians 12:12-27 and Hebrews 10:24-25 shape our understanding of relationships?

How would you define a true friendship? What do we learn from II Corinthians 7:6-7; Galatians 6:1-2; II Timothy 1:16; and Philemon 7 about the benefit of friendships? What other benefits to friendship can be added?

What is the significance of Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; and 27:6, 17?

1. What are the three kinds of friends we need and why?
2. What can we learn from the relationship between Johnathan and David? Consider the impact of their friendship from I Samuel 18:3-4.
3. Discuss the steps Dr. Evans suggests in building healthy, strong relationships.

What others might you add?

1. How has God spoken to you during this particular lesson?

Next month – *No More Ownership –* September 16, 2023