

WHEN WE BECOME MEN

AN EPIC JOURNEY TO BIBLICAL MANHOOD

EPISODE 1

"The measure of a man is in the
measure of **love** in the man."



THE WORLD'S DEFINITION OF MANHOOD

The Wallet, The Woman, and the Wide World of Sports.

THE BIBLE PLACES GREAT VALUE ON MANHOOD

"Brace yourself like a **MAN**." -Job 38:3

"Mighty **MAN** of valor." -Judges 6:12

"Play the **MAN**." -1 Kings 2:2

"Act like **MEN**." -1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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KEY SCRIPTURE

When I was a *child*,
I spoke like a *child*,
I thought like a *child*,
I reasoned like a *child*.
When I became a **MAN**,
I gave up *childish* ways.
- 1 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV)

BIBLICAL IMMATURITY (CHILD) IS DEFINED AS A LOVELESS MAN.

Without Love:

Courage becomes **reckless**,
Achievement becomes **pride**,
Strength becomes **arrogance**,
Leadership becomes **control**.

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"A lazy man is not one who does nothing, but one who does *only what* he wants, *when* he wants."

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KEY SCRIPTURE

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, ***act like men***, be strong. Let all that you do ***be done in love***." -1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (ESV)

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"Maturity has little to do with age but all to do with the *receiving* and *reflecting* of God's love."

Individual or Team Question

What was your definition of manhood growing up?



At the heart of **When We Become Men** is how God's love is **revealed, received, released, and reflected**. As you continue your journey to biblical manhood, use this image as your reminder for encountering God's love.

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EPISODE 2

“Christian maturity has little to do with age,
but all to do with the receiving and
reflecting of God's love.”



KEY SCRIPTURE

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**" -1 John 4:7-8 (ESV)*

FAITH FACT

God is Love. Love is God.
Love is not only what God does, but who God is.

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Love is patient. Jesus is patient. Jesus is kind, caring more about us than Himself. Jesus is not rude, but is gracious. He does not control, nor demands His own way. He is never irritable or touchy. Jesus does not hold grudges nor is resentful of others. He sees our sin, but rejoices in the truth of His Word. Jesus bears our silly, by believing, hoping, and enduring all things. *Jesus never fails.*
-1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (Paraphrased)

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"The bravest moments of a man's life are the ones he chooses to trust God when all else screams not to."

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KEY SCRIPTURE

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." -1 Peter 2:21 (NIV)

FAITH FACTS

Jesus empowers us to love. Jesus set an example in how a man is to love. Jesus was the fulfillment of God's purpose and design for manhood.

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"Christian maturity has little to do with age, but all to do with the *receiving* and *reflecting* of God's love."

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Individual or Team Question

Has your personal understanding of biblical manhood evolved compared to how you may have viewed it previously? In what ways?

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EPISODE 3

“A man will only know the power of God to the degree he knows the *love of God.*”



"Your love is better than life" -King David, Psalm 63:3

KEY SCRIPTURE

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in *steadfast love* and keeping *steadfast love* for thousands.” - *Exodus 34:5-7a (ESV)*



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KEY SCRIPTURE

“Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting *covenant* with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David. My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,’ says the Lord. ‘And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.” - *Isaiah 55:3,8 (NLT)*

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CHESED (*kheh'-sed*) | Describing the Indescribable - God's Love

C.ovenant Love
H.umble Love
E.nduring Love
S.teadfast Love
E.xplosive Love
D.ivine Love

“There may be no more significant Old Testament description of how God relates to His people than the Hebrew word *chesed*.”

-R.C. Sproul

ENGLISH WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE **CHESED**

- Steadfast Love
- Enduring Love
- Lovingkindness
- Covenant Love
- Loyal Love
- Divine Love

C.H.E.S.E.D. | **Covenant Love**

“**Covenant** is an agreement more binding than any contract yet more loving than any human emotion. It is a stunning blend of law and love, of duty and delight.” - Scott Caesar, Men's Pastor

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Individual or Team Question

What does the phrase “God's got to love you” make you think and feel?

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EPISODE 4

“God’s passion to love you is greater than your desire to be loved.”



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C.H.E.S.E.D. | Humble Love

Humility draws the gaze of God. It attracts.
Jesus was a magnet to men. Jesus is **humble**.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and **humble** in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
-Matthew 11:29-30 (NIV)

C.H.E.S.E.D. | Enduring Love

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love **endures** forever.
Your “**chesed**” **endures** forever” - Psalm 136:1

C.H.E.S.E.D. | Steadfast Love

“The **steadfast love** of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” -Lamentations 3:22-23

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"God's desire to bless you is **greater** than your desire to be blessed."

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C.H.E.S.E.D. | Explosive Love

2 Timothy 1:7

1 John 4:18

Ephesians 3:16

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C.H.E.S.E.D. | Divine Love

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." -*Isaiah 55:8 (NLT)*

"Real love is not our love to God, but His love to us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven." -*1 John 4:10 (CEV)*

Individual or Team Question

Which one description of God's love spoke the most to you?

(Choose one letter from C.H.E.S.E.D.)

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EPISODE 5

“A man experiences God's love in direct proportion to his willingness to *receive* it.”



REVEALED BY GOD

God's love is revealed through His Son, The Cross, and His Word.

RECEIVED BY FAITH

God's love is received by faith: Agreement and belief in truth.

RELEASED BY SPIRIT

God's love is released into the bloodstream of your soul.

REFLECTED BY MAN

God's love is reflected by man back to God and others.

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GOD'S LOVE IS RECEIVED BY FAITH IN CHRIST

KEY SCRIPTURE

“...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ.”-Ephesians 3:16b-19a (ESV)

WHEN WE BECOME MEN - EPISODE 5

FAITH FACTS

“It takes strength to know and **RECEIVE** the love of God.”

“God’s love is not achieved but **RECEIVED**.”

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RECEIVE • Greek: *kata-lambano*

1. To take, seize, grasp, comprehend, perceive.
2. *Lambano*: to bring under ones control on one’s own initiative, take captive.
3. To receive a judgment of things to which one has a claim to.

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“A man will only know the power of God to the degree he knows the love of God.”

“The power of God’s love is not based upon our worthiness, but on our willingness to **receive** it.”

Individual or Team Question

What one thing can you do to start receiving God’s Spirit of love greater?

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EPISODE 6

“No man can be so overcome by fear
who is so overwhelmed by love.”



? QUESTION:

What one thing can a man do to deepen his experience of God's love?

GOD'S LOVE IS RECEIVED **BY FAITH IN CHRIST:**

KEY SCRIPTURE

*The Spirit you **received** does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you **received** brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'* -Romans 8:15 (NIV)

FAITH FACTS

“Sonship is the **position** God has given to you upon your conversion.
Your **position** in God's family is that of a beloved son.”

“Men who feel unworthy take themselves out of **position** to **receive** God's love.”

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WHEN WE BECOME MEN - EPISODE 6

KEY SCRIPTURE

“But to all who did **receive** him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” -John 1:12 ESV

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“No man **receives** the love of God without first believing in the God of Love.”
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FAITH FACTS

“The revelation that you are fiercely loved by your Father God in the same way he loves Jesus will change the way you think and live forever.”

Individual or Team Question

*“What is one key insight you gained from this episode regarding positioning yourself to **receive** more of God's love in your life?”*

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EPISODE 7

“The Christian man agrees and believes to be free.”



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KEY SCRIPTURE

So, we have come to know and to believe the **love** that God has for us.

God is love. -1 John 4:16a (NASB)

There is no fear in love, but **perfect love** casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in **love.** -1 John 4:18 (ESV)

GOD'S LOVE:

- Reassures
- Repairs
- Reorders
- Reduces
- Relieves
- Redefines
- Reveals
- Resolves
- Replaces

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“The man who does not know the will of God will not **receive** the love of God.”

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WHEN WE BECOME MEN - EPISODE 7

FAITH FACT

“God’s love is *RELEASED* by the Spirit into the bloodstream of a man’s soul.”

KEY SCRIPTURE

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been *fathered* by God.
-1 John 5:1a (NET)

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Individual or Team Question

“What may be one area in your life that God’s fatherly love needs to be released in?”

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EPISODE 8

“Manhood and *love* are synonymous.”



KEY SCRIPTURES

“For **Christ’s love** *compels [controls] us*, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”

-2 Corinthians 5:14

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male** and female he created them.”

-Genesis 1:27

ZAKAR
(zaw-kar’)

The Hebrew word for “male” in Genesis 1:27 is the same word for “remember.”

FAITH FACTS | **MAN IS CREATED TO:**

REMEMBER God’s love for him.

REMIND Others of God’s love for them.

REFLECT Christ’s image [glory] back to Him and others.

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WHEN WE BECOME MEN - EPISODE 8

“God is love and love is God.”

“Christ-likeness and manhood are synonymous.”

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Individual or Team Question

“What is one thing I can do to fulfill my calling as a man (zakar)?

(Hint: To Remember - Remind - Reflect God’s Love.)

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