



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

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CELEBRATING 10YRS OF MINISTRY

Where do I begin to encapsulate 10 years as a ministry? I think I'll start with where I was when I clearly heard the call - November 2003 at the annual NCMM training conference in Orlando, Florida. I was in a seminar on becoming a certified Men's Ministry Coach, taught by Brian Doyle. I knew at that very moment I was being called to be a resource to the local church. I had no idea how to carry out that calling or what that looked like and quite honestly neither did Brian, but God did. God had begun a work in me years before that 2003 NCMM conference giving me a heart for men to grow in Christ in the context of the local church and have a community impact.



In the 2 years leading up to the "launch" of RPM, God had shown me clearly my first ministry was my marriage and family. Those had to be on the solid footings of Christ and God's word. As Jan and I prayed and discussed the "call" there were many tears and fears, ultimately ending in a solid agreement that this was what God was calling us to. Truth is, without my wife's sacrifice and her prayers, encouragement, discernment and admonition there would not have been a ministry nor would it be possible to carry that vision forward. The same can be said for the necessary role of the men God strategically placed in my life.

As we look back over ten years, we are in awe of how God has sustained, protected and blessed us. We have found favor that cannot be attributed to any "skill" on my part. We can now see clearly that He did have a plan, it is to use us to be a resource to the local church and her men. We have seen over 18,000 men attend our ISI conferences, which represents approximately 2,000 churches. When you extrapolate that out to marriages and children impacted, that's over 50,000 lives touched by this ministry. Throw in countless classes taught and individual's disciplined and you quickly see this is ONLY by God's hand.

RPM is rare in the scope and execution of being a resource to the local church. There are literally only a handful of ministries like RPM in the entire country. We hope this short snap shot of what God is doing encourages you to either continue your support or begin to support RPM so that we can continue this work. Colossians 1:28-29 (quoted below) is our ministry scripture; we desire to see EVERY man mature in Christ.

"WE PROCLAIM HIM, ADMONISHING EVERY MAN AND TEACHING EVERY MAN WITH ALL WISDOM, SO THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN CHRIST. FOR THIS PURPOSE ALSO I LABOR, STRIVING ACCORDING TO HIS POWER, WHICH MIGHTILY WORKS WITHIN ME."

Jan & Tom C. Mike Shulley

