



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Clinton, IL
Father/Daughter
Day Camp
June 13th

Clinton, IL
Fathering
Adventures
July 17th - 19th

Springfield, IL
Iron Sharpens Iron
September 12th

Champaign, IL
Iron Sharpens Iron
October 3rd

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 LABOR, STRIVING ACC
ORDING TO HIS POWER,
WHICH MIGHTILY WORKS
WITHIN ME.
COLOSIAINS 1:28-29 NASB

O'Fallon & Terre Haute ISI Conference Highlights



What great blessings the RPM Team experienced at the two Iron Sharpens Iron Conferences held so far this year in O'Fallon IL and Terre Haute IN!

In O'Fallon we saw our largest group to date, with almost 700 in attendance! Keynote speakers Bryndan Loritts and Joe Martin hit it out of the ballpark. Joe's enthusiasm was absolutely infectious and left the men feeling pumped and ready to take charge. In true ISI fashion, the band brought everyone into an amazing,

Spirit led worship experience.

Read what a few men from O'Fallon had to say....

- Nathan K. - *Worship 10!*
- Jim C. - *Outstanding! As always "GREAT".*
- Greg F. - *I was glad there were hymns mixed in music.*
- Aaron G. - *Great experience! Thank You! Praise the Lord! - God Bless!*

Terre Haute showed up in our largest crowd in recent years! While the Terre Haute conference saw changes in leadership roles this year with the passing of Maryland Community Church and RPM's own Mike Sheeley last year, MCC had over 100 of their own in attendance! Bobby Andreae of MCC filled the role of conference coordinator and was an absolute champion in his leadership throughout the entire process. The passion and love of God beamed through keynotes Bruce Fong and Rufus Smith as our keynote speakers.



Read what men from Terre Haute had to say....

- Isaiah O. - *Awesome, insightful and impacting*
- Larry G. - *Nice snacks. Band was tremendous. Great topics. I will come again.*
- Ed M. - *Came with 10 other men from my church. First time to ISI conference. Very good, encouraging and uplifting experience. Great job all around!*
- Dave S. - *Great refueling! Thank you for encouraging men. Well done men, faithful servants.*

Springfield & Champaign ISI Reschedule Information

With the global pandemic of COVID-19 hitting America, we are blessed to be able to postpone our Springfield and Champaign conferences until the fall of 2020.

As some of the fine details are still being worked out we are very happy to announce the **Springfield ISI** will take place on **September 12th** at our usual location of Springfield First UMC on Koke Mill Road with Kenny Luck and Jamaal Williams as our keynote speakers.

The **Champaign ISI** will be **October 3rd**, also at our normal location of New Horizon UMC on Bloomington Rd. We are excited to have Steve Holt and Joe Martin as our Champaign keynote speakers.



Thank you to all of the Pastors, Men's Ministry Leaders, and lay people that have helped us make this transition as easy as possible. We are all in uncharted territories, and as we are given unmerited favor and grace by our heavenly Father, may we extend that grace to one another. The RPM Team continues to pray for you, your churches, and your families. We are stronger together!

Men Leading In The Home

In the words of General Patton "You Fight Like You Train"

We should be ready to fight tonight...in saying that we should not be scrambling or questioning how to lead our families when tough times hit. The training should already be happening, so we simply rely on what we know. In my time in the Army we did a lot of repetitive training and as a young man I saw little value. In fact, it frustrated me that we did things over and over. They would blind fold us and time us on taking our weapon apart. Nearly twenty years later I get it! I still remember what I was taught and how to do it. They wanted to get key principles into us. Like the military who takes citizens and turns them into soldiers, God desires us as men to lead our families in knowing and living by his commands and word. Last month I shared with you Deuteronomy 6:4-9 which says God should be the most important thing in our life and we have a responsibility to teach our children in the ways of God.



During this national crisis with COVID-19 we should be able to fall back on our training. Men, we need to be leading our families daily in the instruction and teaching of God and his word. There are a ton of great resources that, in conjunction with the physical word of God, will aid you in ensuring that your family sees you modeling that God is the most important thing in your life and that you are relying on him during this difficult and uncertain time. You must lead your family daily in spiritual growth. The problem with only leading 1-2 times a week is that life happens and if you miss then it ends up being a week or longer before guiding them again. So, if your bullseye is daily and life happens, and you miss a day you get back on course the next day. Stay strong in the Lord and lead your family as Proverbs 3:5 puts it to trust in the Lord with all their heart and to not depend on their own understanding.

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