



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Terre Haute, IN
Iron Sharpens Iron
March 7th

Springfield, IL
Iron Sharpens Iron
March 21st

Champaign, IL
Iron Sharpens Iron
April 4th

Clinton, IL
**Father/Daughter
Day Camp**
June 13th

Clinton, IL
**Father/Son
Weekend Adventure**
July 17th - 19th

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 according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Colosians 1:28-29 NASB

Iron Sharpens Iron Seminar Presenter Spotlight

Ninjutsu instructor, pastor, follower of Jesus, husband, father and sugar poppy (grandpa). These are just a few titles of Pastor Rick Spangler of GT Church in Decatur, IL. Rick, along with his beautiful bride of 30 years, Juanita, are parents to 7 children, 3 sons in law, and 3 granddaughters.



The youngest of 4 boys, by many years, he couldn't stand up for himself. Feeling excluded and defenseless, emotions turned into inner rage. Mean and violent explosions, when angry, became his only defense. "Everyone in my family had a hot temper, and so did I" says Spangler. This is what he believes triggered his anger issue that would haunt him for decades.

When asked how he had been freed of this life controlling issue he replied "I had to retrain myself how to react, and that took years. I had to dissect my episodes of anger and wedge a bit of sanity in it with specific trigger words". Rick was adamant to say this was a process and it took a long time to get there. He says he still gets upset on occasion and his wife tells him, you need to think about what you said and leaves the room to give him time to think and pray.

Spangler says since getting a grip on the anger, his marriage and family have been transformed, much more peaceful now. He explains "the ability to keep peace in the storm has allowed for a lot less clean up afterward". He states his advice for men is "if you won't do it for yourself, do it for your wife and kids. What you do, your kids will do too".

"It is not what I can get out of the marriage, but what I can give to the marriage. It's not you need to make me happy, but I want to make you happy"

Spangler says it is the key to a happy marriage. To hear more of Rick Spangler's story join him in his seminar at either the Springfield or Champaign Iron Sharpens Iron conference March 21st and April 4th.



RPM MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Meet one of the power houses behind RPM and the Iron Sharpens Iron conference for O'Fallon, IL, Sam Marshall! He and his lovely wife of 35 years, Kathy, reside in Swansea, IL and attend Faith Family Church. Together they have two children and one grandchild. Sam, Kathy, and their son David graciously serve at the O'Fallon ISI.

Teaching apologetics at his church is a passion of Sam's. When asked what "apologetics" meant, you could hear the desire in his heart for people to really understand what it means to be a child of God, to have the free gift of eternal life and to be able to answer the hard questions in life that so many have. Sam also leads a Bible study for men in nearby Mascoutah as well as serving in prison ministry to those that are down and out. There is always hope....for everyone.

Sam became involved with RPM when he was invited to attend the Springfield IL ISI. He and Tom Cheshire discussed bringing ISI to Shiloh/O'Fallon as there were no conferences in the area like this. 2020 marks the 13th year ISI has been in the O'Fallon area and Sam has served in the Conference Coordinator role each of those years. As the coordinator he gathers team leads for the various areas that need to be covered, plans meetings, offers support to the leads the day of conference, and many other tasks to make sure the day runs smoothly.

In addition to having a lead role for ISI, Sam is also a board member for RPM. Marshall states "Giving feedback, support, and listening to what Tom and Tom are saying along with making sure they have what they need to get the job done is my role".

RPM is very grateful to have the humble servant, Sam Marshall on their team!

Tom Gensler On The Family

One of my favorite Bible verses is Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your fore heads. Write them on the door frames of your houses an don your gates."*



I love the reminder that God should be everything. He should capture our every thought, He should be in every situation. We need to lead our families the same way, Dad's & Granddad's. God should be the primer for all direction and time. We need to turn off the TV and put the phone down and study His word, pray His thoughts become our thoughts. We need to be putting the word into our kids and grandkids heads and hearts. We need to teach them all of God's ways. Dig deeper today...don't delay!

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