

Redemption & Forgiveness

The RPM team would like to introduce you to George Krebs. George is a servant of God, with a heart of gold. As our food team lead for the Springfield Iron Sharpens Iron conference, George is very important and needed!!! Each year he serves nearly 1,000 men....and he makes it look easy!



George recently shared his testimony with Tom C. Knowing that there are so many men that needed to hear it, Tom asked if he would share his testimony to the RPM community to encourage them to take a step out, and tap into the power of God to break an addiction.

George's testimony....

"For years I struggled with a horrible moral sin that many men have or continue to struggle with, pornography. I thought I could stop

this on my own, but every time I thought I could, I would lapse back into it again. I would feel horrible knowing I was sinning not only against God's will, but against my wife and son too.

Fortunately, some men in my church prompted me to attend and Iron Sharpens Iron conference. I agreed to go, hoping and praying that this would be an answer to help me overcome this addiction. I remember attending a breakout session regarding overcoming pornography. I learned my triggers and that the Lord always provides a way out.

Following the session, I returned to the sanctuary where the ISI band was playing. I could sense the Holy Spirit coming over me and I began to cry and asked the Lord for forgiveness. I then committed to Him that I would surrender myself to His will and not mine.

Upon returning home, I gathered with my wife and son in the kitchen. Sobbing, I told them both of my addiction to pornography, that I had surrendered myself to the Lord, asked for His forgiveness and asked for their forgiveness also.

It has now been 8 years. I continue to pray multiple times a day, I make time to stay in the Word, and I watch out for my triggers. I also attend an ISI conference every year."

George serves at the Springfield ISI each year and attends another city's conference to refuel himself. RPM is eternally grateful for his service to the men of ISI, to his family, and most importantly his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Manhood Tips

- Faith is a spiritual muscle, make sure you are exercising it!
- Lead by example. Your leadership will last for generations to come!

October Resource Winners

Matt Johnson
Creal Springs, IL

Travis Arnold
Mt Carmel, IN

CONGRATULATIONS MEN!!!



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

God's Timing - Ecclesiastes 3:1

For anyone that's going to have to go through a major change in life or is going through one now, King Solomon in his wisdom literature, the Book of Ecclesiastes, says that for everything that happens to us, there is a time to do it and a time not too. There is also a precise time for everything that happens under heaven, meaning under God's sovereignty. The words, "under heaven" is simply an acknowledgement of the sovereignty of God and that all He does is always at the exact time in our lives, whether we feel like it is or not.



This past Saturday we spoke at a men's gathering at Concord Church in St. Louis. We were blessed and overjoyed to be able to both challenge and encourage men to stay strong in the Lord. There were many obstacles to overcome to be apart of this event and many safety precautions that the host church went through. We have heard from men that the timing of this event and the Word of God that we presented was for them and at just the "right" time. Thank you for supporting us as we move the Word of God in the lives of men and churches all around the Midwest

Tom Gensler - Director of Development RPM



POWER POINT

Faith In His Faithfulness

September 16, 2002 was a day that would be instrumental in my life and faith journey. That was the day my career in aviation would end and my new career in vocational ministry would begin. It wasn't that clean or clear on that day, but hindsight gives us clarity. I "thought" I was living a life of faith, and to some extent I was. I understood God's providence, everything we have is a gift from Him. James 1:17 However, when you are stripped of that weekly paycheck, suddenly your faith gets real! That was 18 years ago just last month and God has literally provided for our needs through this ministry, FAITHFULLY! I wish I could say it has been easy and my faith grew rapidly to match His faithfulness...My faith is greater today than it was, but there are times when He uses my wife or others to remind me and encourage me of His faithfulness. Hopefully you won't find yourself in this same situation, but there is a myriad of other ways we can find ourselves needing to increase our faith. Be encouraged His word is rich with Truth of His faithfulness. How has God increased your faith? Reflect on that and then praise Him for his faithfulness! Hebrews 13:5 has been a valuable passage these last 18 years, let it guide and encourage you as well. *Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Tom Cheshire - Executive Director, RPM

Coming up....

- 2.20.21 - O'Fallon ISI
- 3.6.21 - Terre Haute ISI
- 3.20.21 - Springfield ISI
- 4.24 - Champaign ISI

