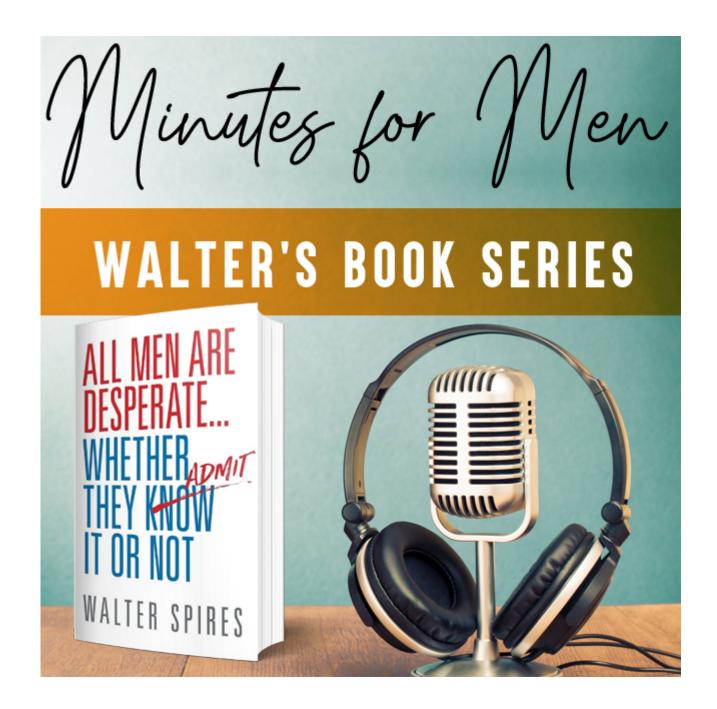
Minutes for Men Podcasts



Defense #1 - "It is not my fault."

Posted: September 18, 2020



This week the topic is Prayer. Our example is Jesus. What other motivation do we need?

Posted: November 4, 2018



Sacrificial Faith separates true believers from imposters.

Posted: November 1, 2018

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Sustaining Faith — "Weak Christians are easy prey for our enemies, visible and invisible."

Posted: October 30, 2018

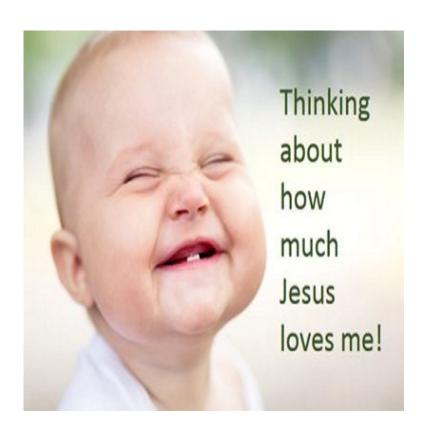
Sustaining Faith is the product of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians in tandem with prayer and immersing ourselves in the Word of God.



Saving Faith. Jesus said He came "to call sinners to repentance."

Posted: October 28, 2018

Saving faith believes Jesus' death and resurrection were the only and all-sufficient means of making us right with God. Soli Fide!



Victorious Christian Living (Part Three) - Overjoyed

Posted: October 25, 2018



Victorious Christian Living (Part Two) — Overpowering Enemies

Posted: October 23, 2018

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Victorious Christian Living (Part One) - Overcoming Defeat

Posted: October 21, 2018

This week we are going to take the "churchy" sound out of this phrase and reduce it to practice. "It ain't easy!"



God Our Perfector — He knows we all have a long way to go

Posted: October 18, 2018



God Our Protector — An Eternal Perspective

Posted: October 16, 2018

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An Encouraging Word



This Year Resurrection Sunday Fell On April Fool's Day

Posted: April 2, 2018

"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."... (from

Psalm 14:1) This is April Fool's Day around the world. The origin is vague at best, with many stories and legends put forth as truth. One consistent theme apparently stems from people doing things to "prank or fool" people as far back as the 18th century. People were tricked into believing something was real that was, as we might call it today, "fake news". For the most part, in fun, people did, and still do, their best to deceive others to make them look foolish. It may seem...

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The Difference Between Suffering and Whining is the Difference Between Jesus and Me

Posted: March 29, 2018

As I was having my quiet time this morning, and as we approach good Friday on this Maundy Thursday, I was reading a Spurgeon devotion the focus of which was the suffering of Jesus as spoken of by the writer of Hebrews in 5:8. "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered."

Bam! The Holy Spirit gave me the following words that pierced my spirit because, for me, they are both convicting and true. Perhaps they are not true for you, but I was led to share them anyway. "There is a huge difference between suffering...

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Billy Graham — Another Mighty Soldier of the Cross Goes Home! Hallelujah!

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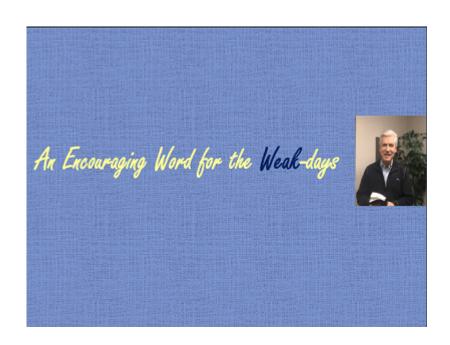
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Homeless Men — Not all of them live on the street!

Posted: January 31, 2018

Homeless Men — Not all of them live on the street! "Not all homeless men are without places to live" were the words the Holy Spirit brought to mind this morning as I sat praying and journaling. The fact of the matter is many "homeless" men live in mansions and palaces, mountain retreats and homes on the beach, rescue missions and prison cells. For the Word of God teaches us that any man who lives without a relationship with Jesus Christ is "homeless" indeed. But for those of us born-again in Christ, He gives us both provision of our home now...



Faith and Fear in the Hearts of Christians

Posted: January 24, 2018



The Greatest Impossibility of All — Eternal Life

Posted: January 18, 2018

The Greatest Impossibility of All — Eternal Life Exchanging Difficulties for Impossibilities (Part Four) But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19: 26 ESV) While this sounds encouraging, the disciples were very disturbed over the whole conversation. The preceding verses contained the discourse between Jesus and the rich young ruler who asked Jesus the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He was ill-prepared for Jesus' answer. Most of us know the story well. (Matthew 19: 18-23) The rich young man did a good

job of...

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What Men Can Learn from the Most Amazing Girl in His-Story

Posted: January 17, 2018

What Men Can Learn from the Most Amazing Girl in His-Story Exchanging Difficulties for Impossibilities (Part Three) "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1: 37 NASB) The Difficulty: Biblical experts put her age as young as thirteen—no older than sixteen. By our standards today, if age is the discriminator, she was just a girl. But God in His infinite wisdom chose Mary, out of all her gender who came before or would follow, to be the earthly mother to bring His Son into the world. Wow! is about all that comes to mind. This divine decision brought huge,...



The Strangest Real Estate Transaction in History

Posted: January 15, 2018

The Most Ridiculous Real Estate Transaction in History Exchanging Difficulties for Impossibilities (Part Two) "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?" (Jeremiah 32: 27) Like most prophets of his day, Jeremiah was often the bearer of bad news. He continued to warn the king and God's people of the coming judgment for their ongoing disobedience and sin. Jeremiah prophesied that Judah, the southern kingdom, would soon go the way of the Northern Kingdom—be completely overrun and captured by their enemies (see vs 28-36). The king's officials were fed up. Jeremiah...



Exchanging Difficulties for Impossibilities (Part One)

Posted: January 12, 2018

Exchanging Difficulties for Impossibilities sounds on the surface like a bad swap or, at a minimum, moving in the wrong direction. But when LORD inserts Himself into the equation amazing (supernatural) things happen. Negative numbers become positive, fractions become whole numbers, and division becomes multiplication. There are so many great, encouraging examples in Scripture, it was difficult to choose which ones to share in these brief devotions. I chose four that were great encouragement to me, hoping they will encourage your hearts and breathe fresh wind in your sails. Since each promise/miracle is unique in its own right and application, I decided...



Oil of Gladness - Pour It On!

Posted: January 10, 2018

Even those of us who do little cooking are familiar with the acrostic, EV00 — Extra Virgin Olive Oil. It has great use in healthy cooking and possesses proven health benefits related to cholesterol and CV disease. The use of olive oil for anointing purposes throughout biblical history is well-documented. (Anointing typically means pouring over someone's head.) We first see this used on Aaron (the brother of Moses and first high priest (Exodus 30). David, the shepherd boy who became King, used this well-known phrase in his most eloquent psalm. "Thou anointest my head with oil." (Psalm 23: 5). I...

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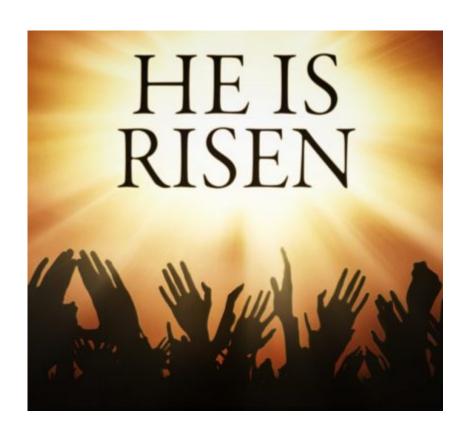
One Brick At A Time



Five-Star Athletes — God's Process for Building Men (Learning to "Trust the Process")

Posted: April 24, 2018

Athletes — God's Process for Building Men Learning to "Trust the Process" "...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12: 1) Out of the gate, I may lose part of my audience due to comments on what has become, in the last decade or so, a time-consuming area for men in the months leading up to the next major sport season, especially football, the draft. The amount of hyperbole surrounding star ratings of young men for their athletic prowess is (in my humble opinion) over the top. In some circles (not all), there...



From a Donkey Ride to an Empty Tomb - Four Lessons from the Most Important Week in His-Story

Posted: March 30, 2018

The King of Kings on a Donkey's Colt — The "Untriumphal" Entry First, I should write that I looked long and hard for the origin of the phrase "triumphal entry" used to refer to Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on a donkey of all things. I could not find any specific references other than the words were assigned based on the response of many Jews to Jesus riding into Jerusalem accompanied by a crowd. His arrival seemed "triumphal" to observers. These people (not their leaders or the Romans) were shouting and singing—praising God and calling on Jesus to "save them now" (Hosanna in the...



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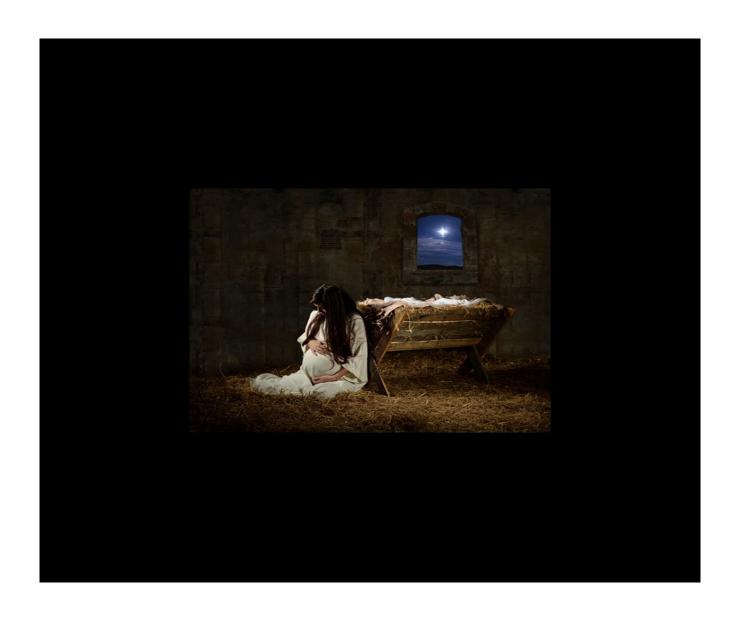
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Has the Birth of Christ Made a Real Difference in Your Life — A Christmas Challenge

Posted: December 31, 2017



Twas the night before Christmas and what was God thinking?

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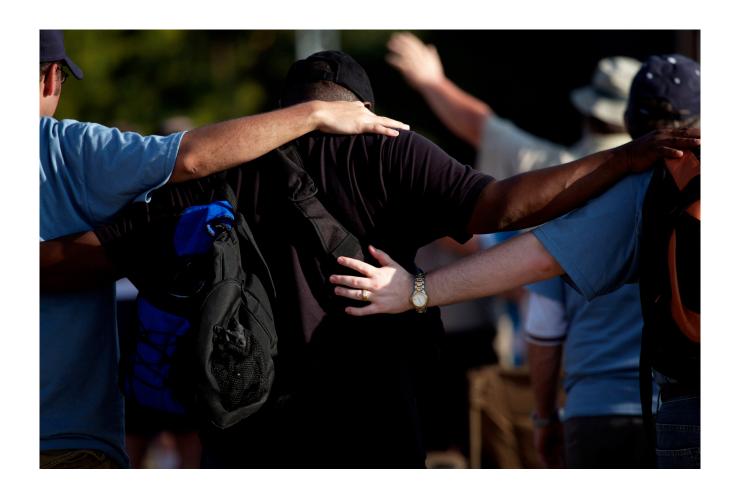
Gigi and I attended the Christmas Eve service this morning, had lunch, and checked our list (one more time) to make sure I did not need to join the hoards of last-minute shoppers. Thankful I did not, my mind turned to hear what the Holy Spirit would breathe into mine regarding "just another Christmas Eve". All I knew was I really wanted to share a brief word of encouragement on this joyous eve of expectancy — for little children who cannot wait to see what Santa brings and Christians who manage to clear our heads of all the "Christmas clutter"...

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Hope Lives Here — A Message for Homeless Men That Applies to All of Us

Posted: December 5, 2017



Accountability — A Powerful Weapon for Demolishing Strongholds

Posted: September 19, 2017

ACCOUNTABILITY A Powerful Weapon for Demolishing Strongholds "Secret Sins" Series (Part Three) A Sad Story. Hard to believe it has been twenty-plus years since that awkwardly, sad time. Our accountability group was composed of a few men from church—friends and golfing buddies. One was an associate pastor—a terrific man with a great family. At that point in the life of our group, I seem to recall we were not drilling down very deeply into our personal lives. The first troubling key was our pastor friend began to join us less frequently. When we did see him, his countenance was not...



"Secret Sins" - Finding Forgiveness

Posted: September 12, 2017

"Secret Sins" — Finding Forgiveness "...be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32: 23 ESV) Pastor Thomas got caught. The fourth desperate man character in the book, All Men Are Desperate Whether They Admit It or Not, Thomas made a rather stupid mistake that uncovered his "secret sin" of pornography—forgetting to close out one of the porn sites he frequented on his computer. One day when her iPad battery was dead, his wife decided to check Facebook on the computer in his study. Uh-Oh! What she saw stunned her. As she checked the URL history in the drop-down...



Secret Sins - Things We (Think We) Hide from God

Posted: September 7, 2017

"Secret Sins" — Things We (Think We) Hide from God "For nothing is hidden...nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light." (Luke 8: 17 NASB) When our youngest son was a toddler if he could reach the cookies, left too low on a shelf, he would grab the bag and take off. He had two hiding places—in the curtains or under the comforter on our bed. It was comical to watch the covers shake and hear giggles coming out while he celebrated getting away with something because he "hid" himself from us. As funny and silly...



The Addict and the Christian Man

Posted: May 30, 2017

All Men Are Desperate Whether They Admit It or Not opens with a number of sobering statistics about 'man issues' in the U.S. That is followed by the introduction of five desperate men with whom you will connect or identify in some way as their stories unfold. As I always say when introducing such 'numbing' numbers, you must read them as names, not numbers. Insert your name, names of your sons, father, brothers, fraternity brothers, golf or hunting buddies. Only then will such statistics hold your attention. The focus of this lesson is addiction, so I decided to share just one...