**English**

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00:00:17,130 --> 00:00:22,681

Why is it that the desires

that we find deep in our hearts

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00:00:22,706 --> 00:00:26,250

are so far from the life

that we find ourselves living?

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00:00:28,657 --> 00:00:34,358

There was a heart that we had as a boy

filled with wonder and dreams

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00:00:34,383 --> 00:00:37,510

of battle and adventure, beauty.

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00:00:38,327 --> 00:00:44,435

And somewhere in the process of boy to

man, most of us lose heart.

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00:00:47,582 --> 00:00:51,380

And in order to find the life

that we are still looking for,

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00:00:52,340 --> 00:00:53,516

we have to go back.

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00:00:56,475 --> 00:00:58,660

We have to get those lost

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00:00:58,660 --> 00:01:00,947

parts of our heart back.

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00:01:08,102 --> 00:01:10,360

What does it mean to be a man?

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00:01:10,862 --> 00:01:14,074

What did God have in mind when he made us?

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00:01:14,098 --> 00:01:15,610

When he made you?

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00:01:16,482 --> 00:01:22,075

Welcome. I'm John Eldridge, and I am

thrilled that you are with us.

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00:01:22,701 --> 00:01:26,644

In this six part series, we're going

to take a journey together,

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00:01:26,669 --> 00:01:30,123

a journey into the most

important parts of your life,

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00:01:30,147 --> 00:01:33,800

a journey into the masculine heart

and the masculine soul.

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00:01:33,971 --> 00:01:37,384

We're going to go straight

to Genesis chapter one

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00:01:37,408 --> 00:01:41,408

and hear what he said in the beginning.

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00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:45,761

With Genesis 1:26 God says,

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00:01:45,785 --> 00:01:50,511

"Let us make man

in our image, in our likeness,

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00:01:50,536 --> 00:01:55,299

and let them rule over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air,

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00:01:55,324 --> 00:01:57,689

over the livestock, over all the earth

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00:01:57,713 --> 00:02:00,629

and over all the creatures

that move along the ground."

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00:02:01,322 --> 00:02:03,010

And then here's the key point.

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00:02:03,386 --> 00:02:05,930

"So God created man in his own image,

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00:02:06,132 --> 00:02:11,793

in the image of God, he created us;

male and female

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00:02:12,039 --> 00:02:13,319

he created them."

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00:02:13,931 --> 00:02:16,430

Male and female.

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00:02:16,430 --> 00:02:17,790

He created us.

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00:02:17,810 --> 00:02:22,562

This is an absolutely incredible passage

because right here in the beginning,

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00:02:22,587 --> 00:02:23,960

it tells us who we are.

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00:02:23,990 --> 00:02:27,140

It tells us what we're created as.

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00:02:27,170 --> 00:02:31,766

It tells us that gender

is at the level of the soul.

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00:02:32,260 --> 00:02:36,380

You bear God's image as a man.

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00:02:36,410 --> 00:02:39,192

You have a masculine heart,

a masculine soul.

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00:02:39,470 --> 00:02:43,910

And this is going to help so many men and

women because we live in a time right now

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:48,280

that's really confused about what it means

to be male and female.

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00:02:48,424 --> 00:02:51,730

Is all that just socially constructed.

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00:02:51,900 --> 00:02:56,397

But see, if we know who we are, if we

know what we were designed to be.

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00:02:56,422 --> 00:02:59,106

It helps us make sense of our story

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00:02:59,130 --> 00:03:01,795

and it helps us plan for our lives.

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00:03:02,262 --> 00:03:05,095

This is a hard time to be a man

on the earth.

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00:03:05,120 --> 00:03:08,606

If we're honest, but this is a pretty

rough time to be male

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00:03:08,630 --> 00:03:12,280

because there's a lot of confusion

and anger and hostility

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00:03:12,304 --> 00:03:15,275

around questions of masculinity.

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00:03:15,648 --> 00:03:18,892

And so what I love is that Jesus,

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00:03:18,917 --> 00:03:22,102

the kindest, most compassionate man ever,

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00:03:22,126 --> 00:03:27,570

right in the middle of his

redemptive mission for humanity,

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00:03:27,783 --> 00:03:31,133

he quotes this passage

and he says in Matthew,

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00:03:31,373 --> 00:03:32,723

Haven't you heard?

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00:03:32,748 --> 00:03:38,690

That in the beginning, the creator

made them male and female.

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00:03:39,298 --> 00:03:41,556

Male and female. Gender.

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00:03:41,600 --> 00:03:45,110

The dignity, the honor of that.

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00:03:45,200 --> 00:03:48,944

The most important thing you can know

about yourself, my brother,

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00:03:48,969 --> 00:03:50,510

is that you bear God's image.

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00:03:50,510 --> 00:03:55,285

You are his son and that you bear his

image in your masculine heart,

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00:03:55,752 --> 00:03:57,410

in your masculine soul.

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00:03:57,840 --> 00:04:01,816

Now, I want to add to this another passage

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00:04:01,840 --> 00:04:04,411

from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 4.

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00:04:04,436 --> 00:04:07,738

One of my favorites,

Proverbs 4:23, says,

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00:04:07,762 --> 00:04:11,755

"Above all else, guard your heart

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00:04:12,555 --> 00:04:15,995

for from it flows the wellspring of life."

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00:04:16,715 --> 00:04:20,300

It's this heart in us

that allows us to

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00:04:20,300 --> 00:04:22,910

love our life without a heart.

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00:04:22,940 --> 00:04:25,160

You can't have friends without a heart.

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00:04:25,160 --> 00:04:26,690

You can't have joy.

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00:04:26,720 --> 00:04:29,388

It's your heart that

allows you to fall in love.

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00:04:29,870 --> 00:04:32,605

It's your heart that lets you find

adventures.

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00:04:32,630 --> 00:04:36,972

It's your heart that gives you the passion

to pursue your degree

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00:04:36,997 --> 00:04:39,590

or find your career, your calling.

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00:04:39,707 --> 00:04:43,442

It is the heart

that enables us to know God.

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00:04:44,522 --> 00:04:46,940

And here's the heartache.

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00:04:47,360 --> 00:04:50,005

A lot of men are

losing heart in this hour.

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00:04:50,030 --> 00:04:52,850

A lot of people are losing heart.

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00:04:52,850 --> 00:04:56,847

And I think part of it is because

we don't know the treasure

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00:04:56,871 --> 00:04:59,651

of the gift that's been put within us.

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00:05:00,064 --> 00:05:04,402

In Genesis 1, in the

masculine heart or in the feminine heart.

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00:05:04,427 --> 00:05:07,100

So that's the journey that we're going to

take together.

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00:05:07,610 --> 00:05:11,672

Now, I've counseled housings of men

over the years,

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00:05:11,696 --> 00:05:15,449

and we've held conferences all over

the world for tens of thousands of men.

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00:05:15,861 --> 00:05:17,130

And I can tell you,

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00:05:17,154 --> 00:05:22,506

there is something common in

the masculine soul all over the world.

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00:05:22,546 --> 00:05:27,613

No matter your age, no matter where

you're from, there are these deep core

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00:05:27,638 --> 00:05:30,386

longings that we all share together.

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00:05:30,820 --> 00:05:33,640

I think if you look at the games

that little boys play,

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00:05:33,664 --> 00:05:35,941

I think if you look at the

movies that men love,

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00:05:35,965 --> 00:05:41,149

if you listen to your own daydreams

and desires, you'll discover

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00:05:41,173 --> 00:05:46,956

a longing for battle

and for adventure and for beauty.

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00:05:51,810 --> 00:05:54,030

How are you? Very good.

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00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:56,970

Good to see you. See the bags?

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00:05:56,980 --> 00:05:58,797

Yeah, because I was

thinking of me with my kids.

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00:06:04,960 --> 00:06:07,694

So superheroes, childhood.

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00:06:07,719 --> 00:06:10,339

Who did you dream of being

when you grow up?

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00:06:11,020 --> 00:06:13,175

It was Superman for me, man.

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00:06:13,200 --> 00:06:15,160

I thought I could actually fly.

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00:06:15,190 --> 00:06:18,050

Like, if I believed enough,

I would actually fly.

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00:06:18,070 --> 00:06:20,931

So I put a big pillow out in the basement

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00:06:20,955 --> 00:06:22,849

and I would run as hard as I could

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00:06:22,874 --> 00:06:25,699

and jump and try to fly, and...

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00:06:26,352 --> 00:06:27,954

I was Superman too.

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00:06:27,978 --> 00:06:29,415

I didn't want to be Superman.

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00:06:29,440 --> 00:06:30,712

I was Superman.

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00:06:30,737 --> 00:06:34,348

And so I would wear my my uniform

every single day.

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00:06:34,468 --> 00:06:36,253

And I even learned how to fly.

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00:06:36,278 --> 00:06:38,203

What I never learned was how to land.

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00:06:38,228 --> 00:06:40,390

And because I'm Superman, I just take off.

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00:06:40,390 --> 00:06:45,340

And I landed on the opposite wall,

open my head wide open.

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00:06:45,340 --> 00:06:48,310

My uncle has to take me to the hospital

to get stitches.

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00:06:48,310 --> 00:06:49,780

I still have this scar right here.

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00:06:49,840 --> 00:06:52,690

My my youngest one is four now and he is,

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00:06:53,025 --> 00:06:55,630

"Dad, Will you catch me?"

And he knows that he can fly.

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00:06:55,630 --> 00:07:00,850

He jumps with no, no hesitation whatsoever

and flies over to my arms.

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00:07:00,850 --> 00:07:02,320

I don't know if I'm going to be able to

catch him.

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00:07:02,320 --> 00:07:04,734

I'm nervous because he's getting heavier,

but he knows it.

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00:07:04,759 --> 00:07:05,815

Yeah, yeah.

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00:07:05,840 --> 00:07:09,590

I remember like, we couldn't ride our bikes

without it being something more mythic.

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00:07:09,590 --> 00:07:12,295

Like we were kids

and we were the blue angels.

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00:07:12,320 --> 00:07:15,380

Like, we weren't riding bikes, we were

fighting jets.

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00:07:15,410 --> 00:07:16,760

We were jumping off the curb.

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00:07:16,926 --> 00:07:18,680

And I remember we'd like do these slides

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00:07:18,705 --> 00:07:21,200

and these big skid marks, and the

neighbor would yell at us and we're like,

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00:07:21,225 --> 00:07:23,630

"No, this is what bikes are for.

Like, What are you talking about?"

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00:07:23,810 --> 00:07:27,980

I'd never actually seen the Blue Angels in

person, but I knew I was a fighter pilot.

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00:07:29,158 --> 00:07:32,685

Every little boy knows that he's born to be

a warrior.

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00:07:32,893 --> 00:07:36,970

Every little boy wants to be

the Superman or Batman,

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00:07:37,000 --> 00:07:39,510

Spider-man, right? The Jedi Knight.

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00:07:39,830 --> 00:07:43,225

And when the little boy dresses up in the

cape or you see him in the market

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00:07:43,250 --> 00:07:48,970

in his Spider-Man pajamas, let me tell you,

he is not trying to be cute.

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00:07:49,470 --> 00:07:52,320

He's not thinking about being adorable.

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00:07:52,345 --> 00:07:53,980

He is dead serious.

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00:07:53,980 --> 00:07:56,010

He is on a mission.

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00:07:56,037 --> 00:08:00,046

Right? Because he knows in his soul

it's what he's made to be.

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00:08:00,071 --> 00:08:05,710

The warrior heart is set within every boy

and in every man

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00:08:06,047 --> 00:08:09,070

because we bear the image of God's heart.

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00:08:09,220 --> 00:08:12,059

Exodus 15, verse three:

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00:08:12,083 --> 00:08:14,180

"The Lord is a

warrior;

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00:08:14,767 --> 00:08:17,080

the Lord is his name."

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00:08:17,173 --> 00:08:20,020

Our God has a warrior's heart.

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00:08:20,050 --> 00:08:23,471

He comes in valiant ways

to fight for his people.

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00:08:23,496 --> 00:08:27,010

He gave his life for us, to set us free.

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00:08:27,010 --> 00:08:29,122

And that heart is in us.

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00:08:29,147 --> 00:08:33,779

Now, I know, I know. Not every guy

loves Braveheart or Gladiator.

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00:08:33,804 --> 00:08:35,300

The, you know, the war movies.

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00:08:35,300 --> 00:08:36,740

That's okay. That's okay.

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00:08:36,740 --> 00:08:38,510

I can guarantee you this.

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00:08:38,628 --> 00:08:44,438

There is no man watching this

that loves losing, right?

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00:08:44,477 --> 00:08:46,670

Like, you don't want to be the guy

that's left out.

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00:08:46,670 --> 00:08:48,445

You don't wanna be the guy that gets fired.

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00:08:48,470 --> 00:08:50,450

You want to be the guy that's winning.

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00:08:50,641 --> 00:08:55,008

You want to face your battles with courage

and strength and integrity

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00:08:55,033 --> 00:08:57,947

that is deep, deep in us.

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00:08:57,972 --> 00:09:01,273

And that's why God gave us

his warrior heart.

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00:09:02,167 --> 00:09:04,370

Now, the other thing that little boys

resonate with,

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00:09:04,394 --> 00:09:06,461

the other thing they long for,

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00:09:06,768 --> 00:09:08,048

is adventure.

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00:09:08,977 --> 00:09:12,939

We were teenagers in lived on the plains of

West Texas, and

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00:09:12,964 --> 00:09:17,420

you just had to be pretty creative in

order to come up with something fun to do.

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00:09:17,786 --> 00:09:22,436

So we run to the only one Army Navy store

and said, "Hey, you got any parachutes?"

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00:09:22,461 --> 00:09:26,665

We bought a 200 foot tow rope, got my

Jeep, and we got out there and just started

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00:09:26,690 --> 00:09:31,670

pulling this thing and the, the parachute

canopy would stay open.

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00:09:31,670 --> 00:09:34,942

And about five steps, you were

airborne and just had a great ride.

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00:09:35,488 --> 00:09:40,930

Now, if there was no wind, you might have

to run 25 miles an hour to get airborne.

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00:09:41,705 --> 00:09:43,262

And you say you can't run that fast,

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00:09:43,287 --> 00:09:45,382

but you can if you're tied

on to the back of a jeep.

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00:09:45,407 --> 00:09:47,035

Oh, God.

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00:09:47,060 --> 00:09:48,770

We we had this friend named Danny.

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00:09:48,800 --> 00:09:53,330

That rope that created the lift,

finally went back up on top.

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00:09:53,545 --> 00:09:57,530

And when it did, Danny just took off,

right out of our presence.

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00:09:57,620 --> 00:10:01,531

He just takes off in the wind and

hits out there in the field.

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00:10:01,556 --> 00:10:05,660

Eight guys chasing him, and finally he

hits a barbed wire fence, and.

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00:10:06,140 --> 00:10:08,834

And we took Danny in and to the

hospital.

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00:10:08,859 --> 00:10:10,348

And he told us, he says,

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00:10:10,373 --> 00:10:14,254

"My, my mom and dad told me to

quit hanging around with you guys."

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00:10:16,100 --> 00:10:18,715

My wife and I, we lived in Florida for a

while in California,

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00:10:18,740 --> 00:10:21,350

and we finally made it

to Colorado a few years ago.

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00:10:21,350 --> 00:10:23,210

And here you guys hunt, Right?

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00:10:23,210 --> 00:10:25,340

And there's these creatures called elk.

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00:10:25,340 --> 00:10:28,100

So we got to go hunt some elk.

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00:10:28,100 --> 00:10:29,960

So a buddy of mine and I said,

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00:10:29,985 --> 00:10:31,790

"Of course, we got to go do it right?"

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00:10:31,790 --> 00:10:34,310

It started snowing and it snowed a ton.

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00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:37,760

It was the first snowfall of the year and

we were not prepared for that.

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00:10:37,760 --> 00:10:40,665

It went down to -2 or 3 degrees that night.

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00:10:40,910 --> 00:10:45,126

So my buddy and I are hugging,

just cuddling with each other

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00:10:45,150 --> 00:10:46,500

and shivering all night.

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00:10:46,524 --> 00:10:48,890

And for the next three days,

we didn't see any animals.

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00:10:48,890 --> 00:10:52,010

Not only didn't we see any elk, we didn't

see squirrels, we didn't see rabbits.

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00:10:52,010 --> 00:10:54,640

There was no creature that stayed.

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00:10:54,650 --> 00:10:57,968

We were in Siberia.

We hiked and we hunted Siberia.

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00:10:59,442 --> 00:11:04,728

Adventure is actually a spiritual longing

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00:11:04,753 --> 00:11:06,320

that God put in every man.

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00:11:06,320 --> 00:11:08,180

And there's different types of adventures.

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00:11:08,180 --> 00:11:12,097

And, you know, some guys love the outdoors

and other guys want to start companies

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00:11:12,122 --> 00:11:13,550

or plant a church.

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00:11:13,550 --> 00:11:14,810

They want to travel.

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00:11:14,840 --> 00:11:18,830

But adventure is down in there

and it nourishes the heart.

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00:11:19,103 --> 00:11:23,510

It nourishes the soul,

and adventure shapes us.

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00:11:23,767 --> 00:11:25,520

It calls us out.

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00:11:25,520 --> 00:11:30,734

It makes us come alive because we face

challenges that we don't normally face

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00:11:30,759 --> 00:11:33,290

in our cubicles or in our day to day lives.

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00:11:33,290 --> 00:11:34,790

It nourishes us.

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00:11:34,820 --> 00:11:36,645

And here's a fascinating thing.

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00:11:36,765 --> 00:11:42,244

If you look at the biblical narrative,

every time God gets a hold of a man,

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00:11:42,269 --> 00:11:45,200

he takes him into a great adventure.

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00:11:45,474 --> 00:11:51,646

Abraham, leave your country, quit your

career, follow me into an unknown land.

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00:11:51,671 --> 00:11:55,790

And Daniel and Noah, right?

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00:11:55,790 --> 00:11:58,700

Joseph, David, the disciples,

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00:11:58,725 --> 00:12:00,240

the life of Paul.

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00:12:00,265 --> 00:12:06,276

I mean, every time these guys get swept up

into a big story and into a big adventure.

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00:12:06,782 --> 00:12:11,000

And the reason most men live

lives of quiet desperation,

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00:12:11,025 --> 00:12:14,564

as Thoreau said, is because

they're dying of boredom.

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00:12:14,670 --> 00:12:17,670

There's no great adventure to their life.

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00:12:17,670 --> 00:12:24,096

So battle and adventure and the third

desire, longing that you see

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00:12:24,121 --> 00:12:27,548

developing in the heart of boys

and then coming out in the

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00:12:27,955 --> 00:12:30,520

movies that men love

and in our daydreams

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00:12:30,544 --> 00:12:33,012

is the longing for beauty.

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00:12:34,426 --> 00:12:38,045

We were on our honeymoon

and we went to Hawaii.

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00:12:38,070 --> 00:12:41,370

So we're sitting on the beach and I'm

reading something.

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00:12:41,370 --> 00:12:45,180

And then I notice that she's paying

attention to these guys surfing.

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00:12:45,180 --> 00:12:46,387

So I tell her, "You know what?

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00:12:46,412 --> 00:12:48,265

I think I'm going to go surf a little."

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00:12:48,589 --> 00:12:52,050

And she's like, "Surf? You're going

to take some surfing lessons?"

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00:12:52,050 --> 00:12:56,393

I'm from Colombia. I grew up in a city

at 9000ft of elevation. Right?

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00:12:56,418 --> 00:12:57,930

Never surfed in my life.

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00:12:57,960 --> 00:13:00,540

The first wave that comes in,

I'm still paddling out.

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00:13:00,565 --> 00:13:04,725

That thing flips me and I begin to just,

just fight for my life,

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00:13:04,754 --> 00:13:06,291

holding on to that board. And I said,

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00:13:06,316 --> 00:13:07,651

"I'm down, I'm out, I'm

out."

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00:13:07,676 --> 00:13:10,740

So, I'm walking out. I couldn't

even stand on the board.

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00:13:10,740 --> 00:13:12,150

I didn't learn how to surf that day.

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00:13:12,150 --> 00:13:16,301

But what I did learn,

is the reason why these surf guys wear

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00:13:16,325 --> 00:13:18,379

rashguards, these tied shirts.

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00:13:18,926 --> 00:13:23,515

My nipples begin to burn and I'm

walking out of the water and I see my wife

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00:13:23,540 --> 00:13:26,880

coming towards me and she's like,

"What's wrong, honey?"

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00:13:26,880 --> 00:13:28,458

And I'm, "No, nothing. Everything..."

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00:13:28,483 --> 00:13:30,311

"No, no, no. I mean

your nipples?

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00:13:30,336 --> 00:13:31,418

They're bleeding."

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00:13:34,086 --> 00:13:36,924

That was me trying to fight

for the beauty.

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00:13:37,980 --> 00:13:39,221

Why does it feel

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00:13:39,246 --> 00:13:41,996

as if the stories that come

are the ones where I look like an idiot?

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00:13:42,021 --> 00:13:46,012

I think of the flower I carried around in

my backpack for one day in high school.

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00:13:46,037 --> 00:13:49,843

Because I was going to ask Catherine out

to be my girlfriend at the end of the day,

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00:13:49,951 --> 00:13:51,960

but I kept chickening out

and chickening out.

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00:13:51,960 --> 00:13:54,674

And by the time I found her in the hallway,

open my backpack,

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00:13:54,699 --> 00:13:59,617

it was this wilted, sad looking

rose. But I'd already pulled her over.

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00:13:59,642 --> 00:14:02,960

So I still I pulled it out and I gave it

to her anyway.

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00:14:02,960 --> 00:14:04,600

And she was like, "Oh, thank you."

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00:14:04,630 --> 00:14:05,750

I'm like, I just.

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00:14:05,750 --> 00:14:07,370

I have to be homeschooled now.

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00:14:07,370 --> 00:14:08,780

Like, it's over.

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00:14:09,230 --> 00:14:11,090

I just. I'm out.

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00:14:11,330 --> 00:14:13,895

I can remember,

when I was in college

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00:14:13,920 --> 00:14:17,926

and I had gone through a pretty

radical conversion in my faith.

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00:14:18,046 --> 00:14:23,240

And what I wanted most,

was to be a loving father

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00:14:23,240 --> 00:14:24,380

and a loving husband.

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00:14:24,380 --> 00:14:28,238

Fast forward fell in love with Sherri,

and we're now 20 years in,

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00:14:28,757 --> 00:14:30,759

and that was my heart's desire

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00:14:30,838 --> 00:14:34,340

to be the husband she deserves

and to rescue the beauty.

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00:14:34,637 --> 00:14:38,515

And about halfway in that story,

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00:14:38,539 --> 00:14:42,436

she was struggling with some

deep anxiety and depression

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00:14:42,460 --> 00:14:45,920

that was more than we could manage.

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00:14:46,082 --> 00:14:49,343

And we did everything we knew to do.

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00:14:49,368 --> 00:14:53,561

And, and in the end of that chapter,

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00:14:53,585 --> 00:14:58,396

we ended up having to seek

professional help in an institution.

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00:14:58,420 --> 00:15:01,339

Um, we had to check

her into a treatment facility.

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00:15:01,363 --> 00:15:05,963

And I'll just never forget

being in a parking lot

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00:15:05,988 --> 00:15:11,370

balling up in my truck just in a physical

ball, thinking like, what's happened?

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00:15:11,400 --> 00:15:16,653

Like, all I wanted, was to be a good man

towards a wife

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00:15:16,678 --> 00:15:21,333

and children and like,

why did I find myself in this story?

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00:15:23,071 --> 00:15:26,869

The longing for the beauty,

the dilemma of the beauty,

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00:15:26,894 --> 00:15:30,320

the desire to prove ourselves

to the beauty. All of it.

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00:15:30,340 --> 00:15:31,590

It's right out of Genesis.

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00:15:31,600 --> 00:15:33,700

It's right out of Adam's story.

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00:15:33,926 --> 00:15:38,331

Because after God gives him this fantastic

world filled with adventure,

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00:15:38,356 --> 00:15:41,992

then he says, "But something's not right."

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00:15:42,379 --> 00:15:45,970

In Genesis two, he says, "It is not good

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00:15:46,346 --> 00:15:47,980

that man should be alone."

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00:15:48,246 --> 00:15:49,990

Adam needs a partner.

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00:15:50,245 --> 00:15:51,730

He needs a companion.

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00:15:51,836 --> 00:15:53,590

He needs a lover.

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00:15:53,827 --> 00:15:55,060

And there is Eve.

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00:15:55,060 --> 00:15:59,340

And we are haunted by Eve,

every one of us.

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00:15:59,365 --> 00:16:00,820

And now, I know, I know.

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00:16:01,277 --> 00:16:05,890

Like sexuality and love and beauty.

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00:16:06,410 --> 00:16:12,776

It has been a source of a lot of pain and

confusion and shame for many of us.

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00:16:12,801 --> 00:16:15,515

But the desire is good.

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00:16:15,540 --> 00:16:18,220

The core longing down in there,

that God put.

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00:16:18,245 --> 00:16:20,320

He has a warrior's heart.

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00:16:20,529 --> 00:16:22,450

Our God is a passionate God.

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00:16:22,550 --> 00:16:25,495

He's the one that

thought of sunsets, right?

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00:16:25,520 --> 00:16:29,150

And Tuscany and places like Tahiti.

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00:16:29,180 --> 00:16:31,410

Everywhere people go on their honeymoons.

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00:16:31,430 --> 00:16:32,900

God created all of that.

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00:16:32,900 --> 00:16:34,490

He has a lover's heart.

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00:16:34,490 --> 00:16:36,860

And he gave you a lover's heart.

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00:16:37,010 --> 00:16:41,180

When we ignore these desires,

they don't go away.

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00:16:41,180 --> 00:16:43,490

They go underground.

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00:16:43,671 --> 00:16:47,120

Why are so many men just so angry?

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00:16:47,145 --> 00:16:53,095

Why does this anger come up in me and

traffic and in political conversations?

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00:16:53,125 --> 00:16:54,920

Why are we angry?

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00:16:55,190 --> 00:16:58,910

I think it's partly because we haven't

been trained as a warrior.

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00:16:58,910 --> 00:17:01,790

We haven't been told that our warrior

heart is good.

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00:17:01,790 --> 00:17:03,560

It hasn't been blessed in us.

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00:17:03,560 --> 00:17:08,480

And because we don't feel like we're

winning the battles that we face.

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00:17:08,808 --> 00:17:10,640

And why so many addictions?

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00:17:10,640 --> 00:17:15,635

Why do so many guys get taken out

by that extra little something

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00:17:15,660 --> 00:17:18,140

that suddenly becomes their prison?

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00:17:18,165 --> 00:17:23,870

The boredom of our lives, the heartache,

just the chronic disappointment,

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00:17:23,900 --> 00:17:31,190

no adventure, no great story to live in,

and then all the sexual issues. Right?

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00:17:31,220 --> 00:17:35,210

Why that and why the heartache around love

and disappointment?

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00:17:35,480 --> 00:17:39,740

I think it's because the heart of the

lover was not cultivated in us.

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00:17:39,740 --> 00:17:44,900

It wasn't trained and formed and called

out that we don't find ourselves

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00:17:44,925 --> 00:17:48,140

the hero in the story rescuing the beauty.

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00:17:48,170 --> 00:17:51,770

Why are so many men losing heart?

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00:17:52,220 --> 00:17:57,384

I think if we're honest, we have to admit

that something's been lost,

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00:17:57,408 --> 00:18:01,142

something has been stolen from us,

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00:18:01,166 --> 00:18:05,201

something has been assaulted in us,

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00:18:05,708 --> 00:18:09,380

and something has been surrendered.

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00:18:09,650 --> 00:18:13,218

And if you're going to find the life

that you were meant to live,

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00:18:13,243 --> 00:18:15,971

if you're going to find your true identity,

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00:18:15,995 --> 00:18:19,580

you have got to recover

the wellspring of life within you.

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00:18:19,580 --> 00:18:24,860

You've got to recover this masculine heart

that God has given to each one of us.

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00:18:27,666 --> 00:18:31,850

That is the journey

that we are going to take together.

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00:18:32,000 --> 00:18:36,380

And I'm so glad you're here and I hope

that you'll stay with us.