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**It is a well-known saying: "When the going gets tough..." You know what the tough do.**

Coming into the new year, I had a grand vision for ministry to men who struggle with addiction to pornography. Because of my own struggles with this addiction in the past, and the shame that kept me from seeking help – from a pastor, a close friend, or even my dad who I loved and respected – I wallowed alone in a very dark place for many years. When I finally came out of it, only because Jesus Christ helped me, I was encouraged by my pastor to share my testimony with other men.

I began doing that and quickly realized I wasn't alone in this addiction. Many men, even Christian men in the church, also struggle with the sin and it's shame. All of us were good at "managing the sin" but few knew how to CONQUER it! As I began speaking to men, personally and in groups, I received tremendous feedback and encouragement. Men appreciated my transparency! My message gave them HOPE! To my surprise, when they learned that help was available, they were open to ask for it! I knew then, that if God would walk beside me in this ministry, I was all in.

This happened over thirty years ago!

In this present season, with the COVID 19 lockdown, sharing the ministry LIVE with pastors and churches has become almost impossible. Normal men's meetings are shutdown too. **But I WILL NOT BE THWARTED! Frankly, I am MAD AT SATAN!** So, I have gone on the offensive. I have created an online platform – via Skype, Zoom, and other social media services. I did this early, ahead of many churches (I'm not bragging, it's just the truth), so I could continue to meet with men.

**We have not missed a meeting!** We have fully transitioned to digital meetings for men. To my surprise, my "squeaky wheel" push to our curriculum suppliers – "We need to go digital immediately and offer all of our group therapy sessions ONLINE!" – has produced amazing fruit!

**It is a poignant irony that the same computers that men use to view pornography are now being used to bring them deliverance by the power of God!**

**With this new ministry product and platform, we are able to:**

1. Offer our regular Conquer Series to men, where ever they are, whenever they can.
2. Offer a program for the wives who have been traumatized by their husband's addiction, and
3. (Coming soon) We will be able to minister to teens who struggle, and
4. Even offer marriage programs for couples traumatized by these addictions.

This new direction for "In His Grip" will become the fulfillment of my prayer from the beginning... To be a hospital for the body of Christ. This ministry takes a heavy load off of pastors! We come alongside their current programs.

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Our ministry now has the competent and compassionate help of two qualified women counsellors, who understand the pain a woman experiences when she finds out her husband has wandered. These professional women can come alongside wives and offer counseling and friendship in a difficult time.

Soon we will begin a weekly conference call for all of the men, both past and current participants, to hear their hearts and pray over their needs. In addition, I and our team will begin regular PERSONAL "check in calls" to the guys who have finished the courses and are no longer active members of a group.

We have a good relationship with a CSAT (Certified Sexual Addicts Therapist) who answers questions and refers many court-mandated clients to us for additional help. Soon we will begin to conduct regular Zoom meetings for pastors in our area to introduce our program. Participants and leaders will share their own testimonies.

As a self-employed entrepreneur for forty years, I know what it takes to run a business. I understand what many businesses are currently suffering and facing because of this latest quarantine. I also know that a good product will sell!

I will close with this appeal. I am asking:

1. **Every man, woman or couple who participates in our program to give \$25.00/month to support the work** we are doing and help cover the costs of our materials and overhead.
2. **Every person or couple who has benefited from this program in the past to "pay it forward" with \$25.00/ month to help other men and their families.**
3. I am asking everyone else who knows me, and believes that God desires to bring healing through this ministry to men, marriages, and families to give generously to this vital ministry. **\$25.00/month would be great, but some of you can give even more.**

Please consider an investment in the futures of so many families. God can set husbands free! He can re-direct their futures. All of the leaders in our program have walked through this difficult addiction. Having been there themselves, they now have empathy for men who struggle. They volunteer their time! I minister to them as my TEAM. We regularly meet as leaders to discuss and fine-tune the ministry.

#### **Consider WHERE WE ARE and WHERE WE ARE HEADED:**

- We have created a digital platform that can now **GO GLOBAL** and reach unchurched men. Anyone can attend our online meetings via Zoom. This program is a great evangelistic tool.
- We have Christian women staffers that can help the wives in need.
- We use a professional – well researched, written and produced – curriculum that can be taught to church leaders.
- All participants of the program have accountability software installed on their devices, so that they can stay free and healthy.
- We can train new leaders and offer training to pastors and churches for their men's ministries, and provide assistance and coaching into the future.
- We offer continued contact and accountability for men who have graduated the program.
- We have a prayer call once a week to encourage all past and current program participants.

**If I were a racehorse, and you were a betting man, BET ON ME! This ministry is seeing results and changing lives!**

**Thank you for your prayers and financial support! I look forward to hearing from you!**

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