

► The Book Arrives in December!

We are pleased to announce *Spiritual Fathers: Restoring the Reproductive Church* has been completed! **You can pre-order your copy at www.buildingbrothers.org.**

Two years ago we realized we were missing a critical piece as a ministry—having a completed written work that intricately

described the primary issues and barriers of building spiritual fathers. What an amazing process this has been for our team as we put together a resource that pastors and ministry leaders can examine and study. God has used the writing of this book to deepen our own passions for building into the lives of male leaders within the local church.

Dr. Gene Getz, one of the founding fathers of ministry to men in America, graciously agreed to write the foreword. Here is what he wrote:

Here is a book that needs to be read, studied and used to help bring dynamic renewal to your church. It will take you to a very important beginning point that coincides with God's plan as unfolded in the biblical story. Developing godly men who serve as father figures is the key—a scriptural emphasis that never downplays the role of godly women but, in reality, elevates them to their God-ordained role to walk alongside us and help us become the leaders in the church, in our families and in our marriages that we are supposed to be.

My good friend and brother in Christ, Dan Schaffer, has outlined a process—not a program—that is intensely biblical as well as culturally relevant. He shares out of actual experiences serving men—from being one of the founding fathers of Promise Keepers to sharing this process in diverse cultural and ethical settings. His illustrations are powerful and illuminating and in touch with reality. In my opinion, his ecclesiology (his view of the church) is very perceptive and in harmony with the New Testament.

As pastors, we need to listen and learn from a "man in the pew" but also a dynamic leader of men. Be warned however! As a senior pastor particularly, you'll discover that you are the key—again not to a program, but to a process. Please don't let that frighten you. As a senior pastor, many "program oriented" leaders have told me their "programs" won't work without me. I always resisted that pitch! But tell me I'm a key to a biblical process that touches everything the church is about—now that gets my attention! I hope it will get yours too!

*Dr. Gene A. Getz
Pastor Emeritus, Fellowship Bible Church North
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We also received tremendous feedback from two key Christian leaders:

*The church is losing her men. The church desperately needs her men. How do we as leaders and shepherds in the body of Christ stem the tide of this troubling trend? I don't have all the answers, but I know someone does. Do yourself and the men of your congregation a favor and read Dan Schaffer's book, *Spiritual Fathers*. He will answer the question of "why men are so vital" ... and what to do about it.*

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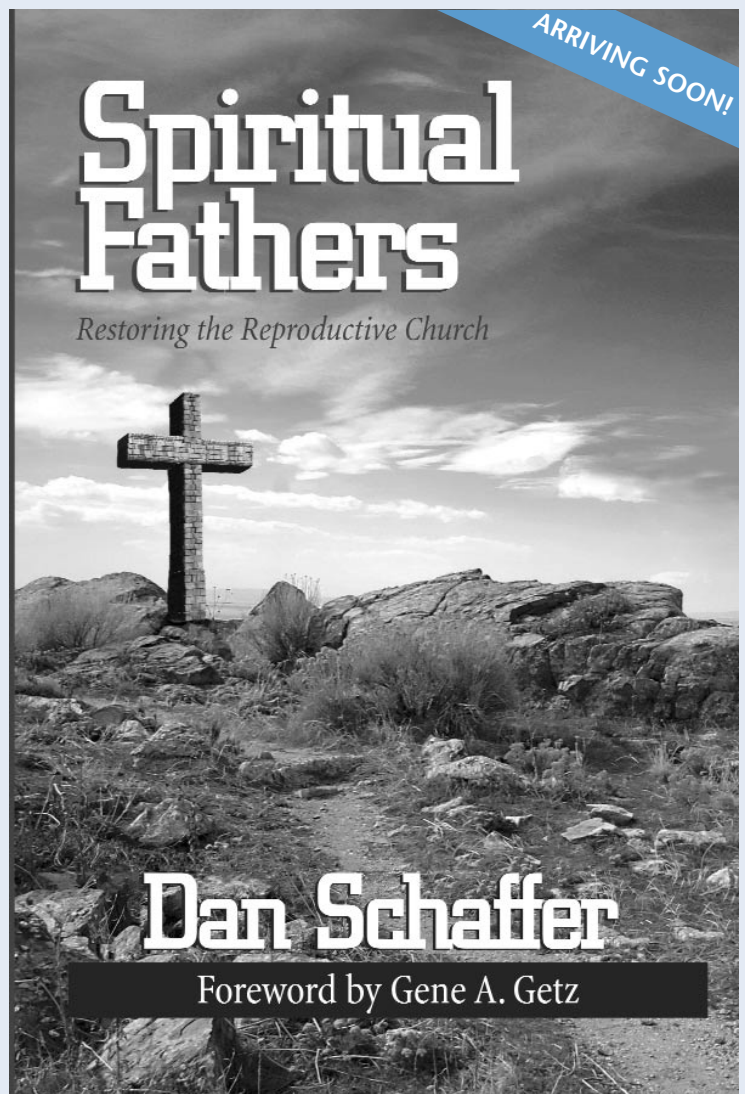
Germany Update

I faced the "normal" challenges during this Germany trip—struggling with health issues and intense spiritual warfare. Immediately upon arrival, I spoke to a house church and then was off to Hungary. After speaking to 50 men gathered in Budapest we returned to our minivan and discovered my briefcase and many other valuables had been stolen.

It took three hours for the Hungarian police to respond. Between the cold air and lack of sleep (not getting to bed until after 3:00 am), an illness was activated that continued throughout my visit.

The rest of my trip was spent: ministering to church leaders and their congregations; day-long planning times with German leaders; speaking at a CMT (Christ-like Men's Training) conference; and spending time with my "spiritual children."

This trip allowed many opportunities to share our mission and minister to men and women in Germany. The response was



Finally!! A men's ministry tool that focuses on quality and not just quantity. A lot of books tell how to build a men's ministry but few tell how to build the men along with the ministry. If you are serious about building godly men with depth then this is the book for your ministry. Schaffer's book is a must read for anyone serious about building men into spiritual anchors in the church.

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always immediate and powerful! The father vacuum continues to be critical in Europe, but the major issue that stood out was that they conform to the same pattern we see in many American churches—emphasizing their method of worship as the primary mission of the local church.

We identified four major focuses for the future:

- In February 2006, five German leaders will attend the Facilitator Training in Denver.
- These men will travel back to Germany to help other pastors and leaders understand our mission.
- In August 2006, we will host a Facilitator Training in Germany using a translator. Those attending will have been invited by the men who experienced our training in Denver.
- January 2007, we hope to launch our process in Germany with at least three countries being represented.

Please continue your prayers for the pastors and leaders in Germany. Pray for our team as we "gear up" for the varied ministry opportunities in both America and Germany in 2006.

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Ministry Update

Pastors and Leaders Facilitator Training

February 21-23, we will host pastors and leaders from various areas of the country here in Denver. Pray that the new book will spark tremendous interest for this training. Please download the current brochure at www.buildingbrothers.org to share with your pastor or ministry leaders around you. Hope to see you there! In the coming months, pray with us that doors will be opened to host Facilitators Trainings around the country.

Denver, Colorado

In December, the team will be working with Epiphany Episcopal Church to teach Phase I to another group of leaders who will be starting the year-long process. Currently, their core leadership is close to finishing up their year together. We covet your prayers for these leaders as they move forward on this pathway.

Denver, Colorado

December 3, Ken and Dan'l will be presenting Phase III at the Outside the Walls Church. Their core leadership has journeyed through six months together. There is already a passion being stirred in the men of this church to journey through the process in year two.

Wister, Oklahoma

December 10-12, Ken and Dan'l will be presenting Phases I-III for the Church of God (7th Day). This is an opportunity to impact their district board in this part of the country. Tremendous momentum continues within this denomination. Pray for God's blessing upon this partnership in 2006!

Page, Arizona

December 18, Dan'l will be teaching Phase II Training to the core leadership at Faith Bible Chapel. They are making plans to expand Building Brothers into the community with other

leaders and possibly host a Facilitator Training in Arizona later in 2006.

2006 Ministry Opportunities

We excitedly look forward to what God is going to do with the new book! Pray that this will be a tool to help pastors and leaders grasp this imperative concept: we must have a pathway within the local church to take men from spiritual immaturity to spiritual maturity. We believe this is vital to help pastors understand *who we are and why we believe so passionately in this message.*

– **There has been a tremendous spiritual movement within United Methodist Church in California.** Larry Malone, Director of United Methodist Men's Ministries said, "God has gone before us, and has literally set up many meetings with clergy and men of UM congregations who will launch jointly in a cluster of churches. We will begin a year-long pilot Building Brothers program in March with possibly 15 or more congregations onboard. I believe these congregations and pastors have been hand selected and pre-conditioned by God." Pray that God will protect and bless this movement that is taking place within these leaders.

– **We will be presenting the four phase process in Flint, Michigan in 2007,** with Phase I Training beginning early in the year.

Building Brothers Website

Along with the launch of our new book we've also revamped the website. We have new and updated content within the site. Please peruse www.buildingbrothers.org and give us your comments and/or questions on what we've done. Be in prayer that God will continue to use this site. We are averaging over 3000 hits a month from all around the world!

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