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Ministry Update

▶ **Building Brothers Denver Leadership Training**

February 6-8, we will be holding Building Brothers Leadership Training here in Denver, Colorado. Please download the brochure at www.buildingbrothers.org and share it with Pastors or Ministry Leaders who might be able to attend these three life-changing days. You can now register online at our "new and improved" website! We hope to see you in Denver in February!

▶ **United Methodist Men/Wesleyan Building Brothers**

The partnership with the United Methodist Denomination continues to move forward! We continue to see God on the move within this denomination and we feel privileged to play a part in this movement!

Partnership Opportunities:

- Wesleyan Building Brothers Leadership Training/ January 12-14 in Wichita, KS
- Wesleyan Building Brothers Leadership Training/Jan/Feb in Nashville, TN
- Building Brothers Phase I-IV Trainings in 2007
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▶ **Building Brothers Phase Trainings**

- In January, Dan'l will be presenting Phase II Training in New Mexico.

▶ **Germany/Hungary Update**

August 24-September 5, Dan traveled overseas. Here is what Dan walked away with, "Each time I have gone to Germany I have been impacted by the commitment of God's people and the huge need to build men and call the Church back to life. I am encouraged and yet humbled by the path in front of us. What an opportunity to impact these 50 men visiting in April!"

▶ **German Leadership Training**

April of 2007, we will have 50 German Leaders traveling to Colorado to experience Leadership Training. Pray for this amazing opportunity as we hammer down deep into their lives and equip them to take this life-changing experience back to Germany and beyond!

▶ **Building Brothers Prayer & Praise**

Continue to uplift the ministry regarding some significant financial needs we face heading into 2007. Also, pray for spiritual protection as we move into exciting new initiatives.

▶ **Church of God (7th Day)**

We continue to see spiritual momentum within this denomination. Pray with us for the ongoing Transformation that is currently taking place, and all the upcoming opportunities that are before us!

Current Ministry:

- *Spanish-Speaking Men*—Pray for our Spanish brothers who are moving forward into the Process over this next year. Also, pray for the translation of Phases II-IV.

December:

- Spokane, Toppenish, WA, December 3, Ken will be teaching Building Brothers Phase III.
- Las Vegas, NV, December 10, Ken will be presenting Phase II Training.
- New York City, NY, December 16-17, Ken will be training Phase II.

January:

- Oklahoma City, OK, Phase II Training
- Harrisburg, PA, Phase II Training

February:

- Eugene & Marion, OR, Phase I (second year)
- Toronto, Canada Phase II

Opening Areas:

- England—Growing interest from the Churches in this country!
- Southern California
- Central California

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The Power of The Blessing

By Dan Shaffer



In the late 1990's, God began to impress upon my heart the need to leave my wife and children with a "specific" blessing. Each time I was separated from a family member, either at school or as I left on a ministry trip, I felt the need to consciously give them unique words of blessing. If something were to happen to take me away from them I wanted the last thing that they heard from me to be words from my heart. At this time I don't remember understanding the reason that I was feeling this need, but within two years of this I was to understand it on a much deeper level.

Late in 1999, I started to feel pressure in my chest after exercising and ended up being diagnosed with blocked arteries in my heart. Facing the possibility that I might not be able to be around to provide that fathers blessing, clarified one reason for the increased urgency for blessing my family—but it did not describe it all.

After heart surgery in December of that year, and a full recovery, in 2001 I was back in Germany speaking on the "Father Vacuum". I began to see the greater importance of this blessing, the ability and responsibility, which God had given me, to be used by Him, to confirm value and release His people to know Him and serve Him at a much deeper level. I saw this unmet need crippling the Church by making it very difficult for each of us to approach and trust our Father God.

I was convicted by the opportunities I had missed throughout my life to extend this blessing. Over and over during this trip, I saw men and women begin to get through the trap of a distorted view of God as they experienced the fathers blessing and accepted God's blessing and affirmation of value. And I was impacted as He had allowed me be a part of what He was doing. I saw that God had given His men the power over life and death—we could either give life through the blessing or leave them in spiritual death by our inaction.

I saw that there were three issues that could short-circuit this critical process. First, we have to receive the blessing to participate with God in giving the blessing. Second, I must be in active pursuit of a deeper relationship with God, and through spiritual growth I will increasingly know the character of the Eternal God. Third, I must acknowledge and accept the calling to be a Spiritual Father.

Where are you in that process? Have you experienced and accepted the blessing? Are you in the pursuit of God? Are you being used by Him to reproduce that pursuit in others.

A short time ago one of my long term friends said, "I have read your Spiritual Fathers book and I clearly see and affirm the importance of the Fathers blessing—would you help me address that this need?" The next morning, a group of men, including myself, gathered around him to pray specifically for this need. We laid our hands on his shoulders and spoke God's blessing to him and prayed our personalized blessing for him as well. He was moved to tears. I witnessed him deeply impacted and I believe to "know" and serve God at a deeper level. The next day he contacted me and asked me to write down what I had said because he said he knew that the old messages would come back and he needed the new words of blessing to continue the process of dispelling the old. I told him I didn't have it "word for word" but I could write down the heart of that blessing.

I want to share what I wrote for him in the hope that it will give you the basis to begin to extend the fathers blessing to those around you. Will you accept God the Father's blessing and as a Spiritual Father give it to those around you?

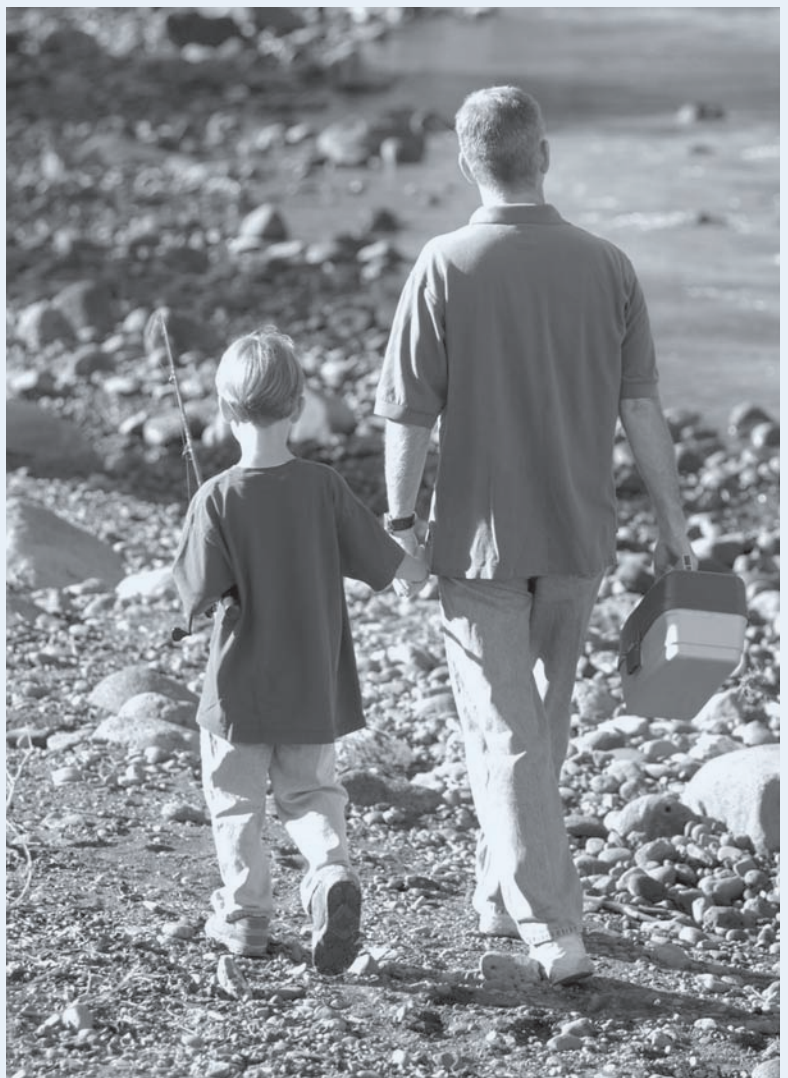
God the Father's Blessing

I want to speak God's words of blessing to you: You are his well-loved Son whom He loves and is well pleased with. You are His first-born son, not a position of gender, but a position of honor and responsibility. His affirmation does not depend on what you have done, but on what He has done for you. If you had been the only person on earth He would still have died for you. He formed you just as He wanted you to be and He has destined you to become a Spiritual Father (or Mother) who gives life. He is calling you to replace the words that you heard from your earthly father, or maybe others, that have told you that you were worthless and useless. He is telling you that your worth depends on your performance with His truth—that you are called and affirmed as His son. **Allow Him to fill that "vacuum" with his affirming love and approval!**

A Spiritual Father's Prayer

May God heal and fill your Father Vacuum with His love. May he replace the curses of your earthly father with the affirmation of His blessing. May He wipe the messages away that took life from you and replace them with His blessing, mission and calling. May He heal the wounds that are causing you to act out of you woundedness rather than His fullness. God has called you to be a Spiritual Father or Mother. May He give you the strength and confidence to live that calling out in everything you do. Until you hear and accept His blessing it is almost impossible to give it away. May you hear and accept His blessing today and begin to give it to those you meet. May God give you multitudes of spiritual children who become Spiritual Mothers and Fathers who reproduce generations of Spiritual Mothers and Fathers. **May God empower and release you into this mission and legacy. Amen**

We are made susceptible to many struggles and addictions in our lives by the Father Vacuum and its wounds. I challenge you to allow Him to release you into this new ministry today



and to continue to hear and accept His blessing as you move forward. Seek out those who will affirm this message to you and commit to believe this ongoing affirmation of worth and blessing. **You are free, walk in that freedom.**