



Vision & Two Books

Summary: A Man comes to Men's RoundTable, reads the Bible and uses a Journal as a means to reach full manhood, to be whole.

Bible Verses: I Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 1:28, 29; Hebrews 5:13, 14; Hebrews 4:12; Colossians 1:28,29

Video Clip: Video from Men's Coaching Adventure 2015 – Kayak with Orcas!

Resources: *FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVABLE* by David Stoop, PhD.; and *CHOOSING FORGIVENESS* by John Loren & Paula Sanford

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What is Highland Colony Men's RoundTable?

Purpose (Why do we exist?)

To offer men a relational environment for Instruction, Inspiration, and Insight.

*Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith,
Act like men, be strong.
I Corinthians 16:13*

Vision (What are we trying to accomplish?)

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*And we proclaim Him,
Admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom,
That we may present every man complete in Christ.
And for this purpose also I labor,
Striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.
Colossians 1:28, 29.*

Mission (How do we plan to accomplish our vision?)

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But solid food is for the mature,
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Hebrews 5:13, 14*

BOOK #1: BIBLE – THE MESSAGE

1. Why Eugene Peterson created The Message Bible: "I hoped to bring the New Testament to life for two different types of people: those _____ because it seemed too distant and irrelevant and those _____ so much that it had become 'old hat.'"
2. There is a need in every generation to keep the language of the gospel message _____, _____, and _____—the way it was for its very first readers.
3. The goal of *The Message* is to _____ and help them _____. This is not a study Bible, but rather "a reading Bible." The verse numbers, which are not in the original documents, have been left out of the print version to facilitate easy and enjoyable reading. The original books of the Bible were not written in formal language. *The Message* tries to recapture the Word in the words we use today.

BOOK #2 – The Book You Write.

Why Journal:

1. _____ = How do you need to grow?
2. _____ = Develop your imagination.
3. _____ = Learn to love more and tell the stories of your life.
4. _____ = Where are you headed?
5. _____ = Attack secrets and resolve issues.
6. _____ = Listen and talk to God.
7. _____ = Record the stories of your life.

Additional Bible Verses

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹²⁻¹³ God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what.

Colossians 1:26-29

²⁶⁻²⁹ This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it's out in the open. God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their

background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach *Christ*, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.

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