

Letters from Dad

Presents

Lessons from the Tackle Box

-Leader Guide-

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PLEASE READ ENTIRE MANUAL!

The content will be invaluable in leading the course.

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Lessons from the Tackle Box:

Leader Guide Intro

Welcome to Lessons from the Tackle Box. When Greg Vaughn gathered with 14 of his closest friends in 2002 he never could have foreseen what the Lord had planned for them. In the years that followed, God used the simple concepts of the Power of the Written Word and the Power of the Spoken Blessing to accomplish incredible results.

Lessons from the Tackle Box is the compilation of more than a decade of experiences and lessons learned from church leaders and ordinary men, used by God, to produce extraordinary results in their families. It is our prayer that Lessons from the Tackle Box will accomplish 3 things:

1. Enhance Family Relationships – take what is stable and make it sizzle.
2. Transform Family Relationships - take what is stagnant and make it sparkle.
3. Reconcile Family Relationships – take what is strained and make it sweet again.

Your dedicated ministry consultant is ready to help you in this journey. Call with any questions or if you have an encouraging story to share at 800-527-4014. We love to hear from you.

Note on Bible translation: Greg likes to read from his personal, old 1984 release of the NIV Translation. Most verses shown on screen are from the most current 2011 release of the NIV or the NKJV. Some are paraphrased for emphasis.

LFTB Vocabulary Terms

Kickoff – The first meeting in LFTB. At the kickoff, the men will eat a meal, engage in a brief activity, and watch Greg’s kickoff presentation. In Greg’s kickoff presentation he will explain the what, where, when why, and how of LFTB. He will cast the vision, invite the men to purchase their participant manuals (\$25), and come along on the adventure. Approximate time needed: 1 hour 15 min.

Facilitator – The main organizer and point person for the church. Responsible for promotion, getting a head count for the kickoff, ordering material, leading the kickoff and 5 subsequent Lessons, and assisting the Legacy Leaders.

Legacy Group – Groups of 6-8 men arranged around a table. In Legacy Groups, men will write, share their work (plagiarism is encouraged), discuss life experiences, and lean on each other for support. Try to have a good mix of guys in each group. Young and old. Married and single. Men with grandchildren and men with young children (or none).

The objective is to foster an atmosphere of ‘cross generational mentoring’. A variety of life experiences and demographics will foster richness in the group. Naturally, try to accommodate pairing together a guest with the man that invited him. Try to break up cliques but not at the expense of alienating someone.

Legacy Leader – The point man for the Legacy Group. Each Legacy Group will have one Legacy Leader. The Legacy Leader sets the tone for the Legacy Group. His responsibility is to start the conversations and keep them moving. Often, he will be the first to share a letter or experience. Other responsibilities include checking in on the men in his group to make sure they deliver their letters, attend the 5 Lessons, and not allow any one man to dominate the discussion time.

Answers to Important Questions

Q: I have men that are not married and do not have children. Should they participate in LFTB?

A: Throughout LFTB, every effort is made to speak to men from every walk of life. Every man can benefit from LFTB because we all have people in our lives that need to read that we love them, that we're proud of them, and that they are the treasures of our life. Pastors, teachers, parents, siblings, friends, mentors, the list goes on. The principles taught in LFTB will benefit every man for life.

Q: How much time should I allot for each Lesson?

A: The Kickoff will last roughly 1 hour 30 min. Each of the subsequent 5 Lessons should last roughly 1 hour. Each of the 5 Lessons utilizes a 20-20-20 format. 20 minutes of video teaching, 20 minutes of writing time, and 20 minutes of discussion time in Legacy Groups. Total run time for LFTB is 6 weeks.

Q: What is included in the Participant Manual?

A: Each man will need a Tackle Box Participant Kit. The cost of the Kit is \$25. Included is a 3-ring binder which houses the LFTB curriculum, the Lost Art of Letter Writing DVD, a digital download of the Letters from Dad audio book (4 hours), and a starter pack of high quality stationery and envelopes.

The LFTB curriculum includes fill-in-the-blanks, Legacy Group discussion questions, blessing letter assignment templates, lots of sample letters, QR codes with additional video teaching, devotions with bounce off letters, Lost Art of Letter Writing assignment pages, inspirational stories, and other hints, tips, and helps to ensure success.

Q: Some of my men have already gone through Letters from Dad. Is Lessons from the Tackle Box any different?

A: Yes. It is different. The life changing foundations that made Letters from Dad so impactful have not changed. The basic tenants of the Power of the Written Word and the Power of the Spoken Blessing remain crucial to leaving a legacy of faith, hope, and love for future generations. LFTB takes the foundation laid in Letters from Dad and builds on it with real life lessons and best practices gleaned

from real men. We'll learn creative new ideas and concepts that will take men deeper into the legacy process than they have ever gone.

Q: How do I find Legacy Leaders and how many do I need?

A: On the Sign up form, there is a field that says "Check here if you are willing to help as a Legacy Group Leader." You probably already have in mind a handful of dependable men that would make excellent Legacy Leaders. Before the Kickoff event, let them know that you would love for them to sign up for that role. If you don't have anyone in mind, you will likely have more volunteers than you need.

Q: What if a guy can't afford his \$25 Participant Manual?

A: For most men, investing \$25 to bless their family in a tangible and lasting way isn't a big deal financially. Let's face it, men spend money on what they value. There may be a few guys though that simply don't have \$25 to their name.

For this reason, there is a field that says "Contact me. Someone I know needs \$ help to purchase the manual." Some men have been given the gift of generosity. Allow those men to exercise their gift if someone needs some financial assistance to participate. One man caught the vision and sold a couple head of cattle to sponsor his entire group.

Q: Where is the promotional material?

A: Promo material is available in the Leader's Portal on the Grace Ministries website. To access the Leader's Portal, go to: www.grace101.org/pastor.htm. Username: Leader, Password: Leader.

Note: If you are logged in to the Grace Digital Library, you will first have to click "Logout" before the site will allow you to login to the Leader's Portal.

Planning Your Kickoff Event

When you schedule your Kickoff date on the church calendar, it is important to contact your Grace Ministries consultant. He will need to alert our warehouse to make sure that sufficient materials are in stock.

The Kickoff can take many forms. In Letters from Dad, the BBQ was most popular. In LFTB, you may want to consider a fish fry in keeping with the whole Tackle Box theme. In fact, you may have some fishermen in your church with freezers full of fish already.

We've seen crawfish boils, milk can suppers, steak fry, chili cook-offs (featuring rattlesnake chili!), wild game dinners, B-Y-O-B (build your own burger), and the simple spaghetti dinner. It doesn't have to be fancy or pricey but try to be creative.

The only thing we caution against is a breakfast. Breakfasts tend to bring out the same guys that normally come to a men's breakfast. Try doing something outside the box to bring new men into your men's ministry.

LFTB promotional items are located for download online in the "Leader's Portal" section of the Grace Digital library. To login to the Leader's Portal, go to: www.grace101.org/pastor.htm. Username: Leader, Password: Leader.

Note: If you are logged in to the Grace Digital Library, you will first have to click "Logout" before the site will allow you to login to the Leader's Portal.

We suggest that you promote your LFTB kickoff event for at least three weeks leading up to the kickoff event. Promoting from the podium in the worship service will be the single most effective method. Someone may even want to deliver an entire sermon on the subject of 'building a lasting legacy'. Sermon notes and PowerPoints are available for this purpose on request.

Promote the kickoff event using printed material. Include the date, time, and location of your kickoff event and contact information to RSVP. Post them in the children's wing, above urinals in the men's restroom, and throughout the church. Include them as a bulletin insert. Stay visible.

Other promotional tools include a simple, yet powerful drama called "**Remembrances**". Promotional video clips are also available.

It is a good idea to sell tickets or collect RSVPs for the Kickoff event so that you can get a decent head count. You don't want to over, or under, prepare food. Tickets can help off-set the cost of food but try to keep the price around \$5 because guys will still need to purchase the \$25 participant manual at the kickoff event.

Consider placing a kiosk in the lobby before and after services to register people for the Kickoff event. Man it with a gregarious person who will actively engage men and invite them to register for the kickoff. If possible, collect email addresses for an email reminder before the event.

REMEMBRANCES

(Jerry is packing books in boxes, when Sue enters carrying two boxes. She places them among other packed boxes stage left.)

JERRY: Mom's not going to be able to fit all of Dad's stuff in the town house.

SUE: It's only a few boxes.

JERRY: A few boxes?

SUE: She said these were the most important things to him. (He rolls his eyes.) Humor her, will you? She needs the things that remind her of him. She'll let go of this stuff in time...

JERRY: Needs it? Isn't that a little overstated?

SUE: Overstating? Jerry, you've been on edge all day. What's going on?

JERRY: I don't know... (Quickly changing the subject, he carries a packed box to a hand truck upstage.) Hey, when do we have to get the deposit to the condo?

SUE: 5 o'clock.

JERRY: What time is it now?

SUE: 4:30.

JERRY: Great... we can't just bring the check over tomorrow?

SUE: I'll call them and see... (She walks to the phone and picks it up. She presses the receiver a couple of times and then slams the phone down.) They've disconnected the phone already.

JERRY: (He returns to packing books.) Now why can't they be that efficient when you move in?

SUE: Hey... remember this phone?

JERRY: (grimaces) Yeah... I've never seen Dad so upset.

SUE: (smiling) What would YOU do if you came home and found your son frantically trying to put a smashed phone back together?

JERRY: I thought he was going to kill me. (playfully) And it was your fault, don't forget!

SUE: My fault?! Who pulled the phone off my lap and threw it across the room?

JERRY: Who was about to make her third call after being on it for over two hours?

SUE: (laughs) We sure used to go at it, didn't we?

JERRY: How did Mom and Dad stand us?

SUE: Well, we never would have won the Children of the Year award.

JERRY: Well, Dad would never have won the Father of the Year award either.

SUE: No, probably not. But he did give us a lot more opportunities than our friends ever had.

JERRY: Yeah, I suppose. Like youth camp...

SUE: Ten years of dance classes...violin...camp...

JERRY: My flying lessons...

SUE: Dad was so proud of you when you soloed.

JERRY: Yeah. He was generous... He let us use his car, his boat, his money... everything except him.

SUE: Come on. Dad did the best he could.

JERRY: You don't have to defend him anymore, Sue. He's not going to reward your loyalty.

SUE: What? You think I stand up for Dad because he treated me better?

JERRY: Well, you were a girl; you did better in school...you always did exactly what he wanted you to do.

SUE: I did not... What's with you today? What's all this stuff about Dad?

JERRY: I just feel like he shut me out sometimes. Like he was punishing me for not turning out the way he wanted.

SUE: But Jerry, he loved you...

JERRY: Whatever...

SUE: Look, I know things weren't the greatest between you and Dad, but you have to try to focus on the positive now.

JERRY: I'm still angry with him, Sue...

SUE: The man's dead, Jerry!

JERRY: It doesn't matter! He was never there for me in life, and now when Mom needs him the most, he's not there for her either. He didn't even know how to die at the right time!

[Long pause, during which Jerry brings another box to the hand truck.]

SUE: Jerry, I don't know what to tell you. But listen, we've gotta get that check to the office. Why don't I go, and you can finish putting the boxes in the truck?

JERRY: Fine.

SUE: Look, I... (pause) I'll be back in about a half hour. We'll talk more then, OK?

JERRY: Sure...

SUE: Bye.

JERRY: Yeah. (Sue exits, and Jerry looks around at all the boxes. Sighs. Goes over to pick one up. He bends over and picks up a box. The bottom falls out and papers spill out.)
Oh great! (yelling out) You didn't tape the bottom of the box!
Hey... Sue's hand print in plaster. (He turns it over.)
Age five.... (Starts picking up papers) What's this? My letters from church camp... (Looks at other letters) Music camp... birthday cards... Father's Day... (Opens & Reads the card)
Roses are red, Violets are blue. Some cards rhyme, but this one doesn't! Love, Jerry... I really had a way with words. (Goes through other cards) I can't believe he saved these! Every stinking letter and card...
[He looks at all the letters, drops them in the box, and then picks up a three-ring binder that's inside.]

JERRY: What's this? Lessons from the Tackle Box? (He opens the binder, and pulls out two letters.) To Sue...to me? (He opens his letter & reads.)

Dear Jerry, I realize there are so many things I wish I would have said to you, so today I want to say them. I want you to know how very much... I love you. I want you to know that you are the treasure of my life, and that my life has been so much richer because of you. These kind of words don't come easy for a tough guy like me, but I want you to know that they come from my heart, which is so very proud of you...

[Jerry pauses, stunned in an emotional moment. He then quickly gets up and runs out of the room after his sister.]

Sue! Sue! Look what I found!

Fade to Black

The Kickoff

Planning & Purpose:

The Lessons from the Tackle Box Kickoff event is your opportunity to maximize participation. The purpose is to introduce men to LFTB and show the impact LFTB will have on their family. During the Kickoff event the guys will eat, fellowship, and watch Greg Vaughn tell his story and cast the vision. At the end, Greg will invite the guys to sign up to come along on the adventure.

When Greg gives the invitation to register, any man that wants to sign up will complete a simple sign up form. This sign up form is available in the Leader's Portal area of the Grace Ministries website. Simply download it, fill in the time, date, and location of your 5 Lessons and print out enough for your event. Or, there is a sample on Page #16 of this Leader Guide. You can fill it out and make copies if you prefer.

To access the Leader's Portal, go to: www.grace101.org/pastor.htm.
Username: Leader, Password: Leader.

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Make sure there are some pens on the tables so men can complete their forms. The Facilitator will collect their forms, along with their payment to the church, and will then order participant manuals on their behalf.

If you begin LFTB the following week, it is important to contact your Grace Ministries consultant the next business day. Your package will ship via UPS and, depending on your location, may take up to 4 business days to reach you.

Kickoff Timeline:

Step #1: Food & Fellowship (30 min):

Pray, eat, play some music, and have fun!

Step #2: Give Away Contest (5 min).

We want to find out who has the most total combined children and grandchildren. Set up the contest by reading Proverbs 17:6. Ask everyone to stand up. Request those with 0 children and grandchildren to sit down. Those with only 1 can then sit down. 2? 3? 4? etc... Continue until the man with the most children/grandchildren is the only man left standing. You may have a tie. Applaud the winner(s). Provide a simple prize to the winner(s) like a coffee mug, hat, or t-shirt.

Step #3: Start Greg's Kickoff video presentation (30 min)

Step #4: Collect the sign up forms and money from the men.

Important Note: On the sign up form there is a field that says "Contact me. Someone I know needs \$ help to purchase the manual." If someone needs financial assistance, these are the men you'll want to call.

Step #5: Contact your Grace Ministries consultant to order Participant Manuals for the men.

FILL OUT ENTIRE FORM AND RETURN TO YOUR GROUP LEADER

Lessons from the Tackle Box

Sign up Form

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Phone #: _____

Check here if you are willing to help as a Legacy Group Leader _____

Contact me if one of our men needs \$ help to purchase his manual. _____

Go to www.grace101.org/login.htm to view any of the lessons online.
Ask your group leader for Login instructions.

Turn in your completed form and payment to your leader.

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

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Tips for Being a Good Facilitator/Legacy Leader:

1. Always keep in mind that the most important thing is that the men write and deliver their letters. If this one goal is achieved, you have accomplished the primary mission.
2. Be Prepared:
 - Review the materials before each Lesson.
 - Make any notes in the Participant Manual or Leader's Guide that might help you.
 - Have your assignments completed.
 - Provide pens and nametags.
 - Make sure video & sound equipment is ready and functioning properly.
3. Be shock proof. You will likely hear stories from men that will thrill your heart and some that will break it. Father/son, husband/wife, and parent/child relationships are often tender subjects. **Be sensitive.**
4. Keep the discussion moving. Don't let one person dominate the discussion time.
5. Facilitate exchange, don't lecture. Be "others-focused". Come to bless and encourage.
6. Communicate. Stay in touch with the men during the week. Email encouraging stories you hear to motivate them to complete their assignments. If you see a man falling behind, give him a call to

encourage him. Encourage his Legacy Group to reach out to him as well.

7. Mingle with the men as they file in and get situated. Ask them how their letters are coming and about their letter delivery experiences.

Keep your ears open for stories you can share with the entire group.

8. Create as many opportunities as possible for accountability. Form an accountability tree.

- ❖ Legacy Group Leaders are accountable to the main Facilitator
- ❖ Group members are accountable to their Legacy Group Leader.
- ❖ Group members can be assigned to be accountable for one other member of the group. Create a buddy system so no one gets left behind.

Men's Retreat Format

The retreat format is easy to accommodate because many churches are already accustomed to scheduling one for their men annually. This outline takes into account a Friday evening – Saturday morning timeframe. If you have more time, extend the break times and incorporate your favorite activities.

Schedule your kickoff event just as described in this Leader Guide. The Kickoff will serve to get the men excited about LFTB and will drive men to participate in the retreat. You will still need Legacy Leaders to conduct Legacy Groups.

At the Kickoff event, give guys access to the LFTB page in the Grace Digital Library. Encourage them to download and listen to the Letters from Dad audio book and to watch the Lost Art of Letter Writing online. It will help lay a great foundation before the retreat.

Another option for the men, prior to coming to the retreat, would be to purchase one or more picture frames that can fit an 8.5”x11” letter. Those that do could write the “I Am Blessed Because” and “I Remember When” letters. After completing their letters at the retreat, they can take their wife or kids out to dinner on Saturday evening and present the letter at a nice restaurant. Or, even better, have the men present their letters as a group at the Sunday service following the retreat. Very powerful.

Outline:

FRIDAY NIGHT

- **6:00pm - 6:45pm** - Start with a traditional meal of some kind...BBQ, pot luck, sandwiches, etc...
- **6:45pm – 7:00pm** - Worship and Prayer. Sing a couple songs and dedicate the weekend in prayer.
- **7:00pm – 8:00pm** – Lesson #1
- **15-minute break**
- **8:15pm - 9:15pm** – Lesson #2

SATURDAY

- **7:00am - 7:45am** - Breakfast and fellowship. (We suggest they eat in their Legacy Groups.)
- **7:45 am - 8:00am** - Worship and Prayer. Sing a couple songs and dedicate the day in prayer.
- **8:00am - 9:00am** – Lesson #3
- **9:00am – 9:30am** – 30-minute break
- **9:30am - 10:30am** – Lesson #4
- **10:30 – 11:00** – 30-minute break
- **11:00am - 12:00pm** – Lesson #5
- **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** Lunch and Testimony Time
 - Lunch time can be a dynamic opportunity for the men to share testimonies and encourage one another to continue the letter writing adventure.
 - At this time, you may want to ask if anyone would like to share a word or two about their experience or you may dismiss the group or go to lunch elsewhere

Lesson #1: The Power of the Written Word

Instructions for the Facilitator:

Before starting the Lesson #1 Video Teaching, throw this question out to the guys. They can find it on Page #9 of their Participant Manuals. Start by answering it yourself.

Who has been an inspiration and encouragement to you in your life? What did they do to help you? How important has their input been to you?

The purpose of this question is to help guys think about people that may need to receive a blessing letter. This question is especially helpful for guys that aren't married and may not have kids. Most men will be writing their wives the "I am blessed because..." letter but it can be written to anyone God brings to mind at this time.

One last thing before starting the video:

One page #2 of the Participant Manual, the men will find a sheet called "My Goals". Read, out loud, the instructions at the top of the page and give the men 1-2 minutes to list some specific goals they would like to see God accomplish over the coming weeks.

Instruct the men to turn to Page #10 of the Participant Manual and start Lesson #1 Video Teaching

I have discovered the "Power of the Written Word" in my own **family**.

I prayed that you would come to know **Christ** at a very early age and that you would **serve** Him all the days of your life.

*"I was living **upstairs**; she was living **downstairs**."*

*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:19-20*

Through the cross of Christ, we have been made **right** with God.

If you are a follower of Christ, a believer in the Savior, you have a new ministry in your **home**, in your neighborhood, in the **marketplace** where you work.

Reconciliation is a **command** from God

Reconciliation

1. Make **Right**
2. **Restore**
3. **Enable**
4. **Resolve**
5. Live in **Harmony**

Who are you in **conflict** with today?

NAME _____

This can be a very **dangerous** letter to write.

Writing Time:

It is time for the men to write the rough draft of their blessing letter on Page #13. There are sample letters on Page #14 and in the Sample Letters section beginning on Page #57. Give them about 20 minutes to accomplish this. Instruct them to remain quiet so guys can concentrate and reflect as they compose their “I am blessed because...” letters.

Play some soft worship music during this time if you can. The sound of scratching pencils (and maybe some sniffles as well) can be distracting. If you see that most of the men are finished early, give a 2-minute warning, wrap up and move into Legacy Groups.

Legacy Group Discussion & Interaction:

Note: A common question is “I’m divorced. Should I write this to my ex-wife?”

If either of you have re-married, then you will want to write to your current spouse. If you are divorced and have not married again, please consider writing your ex-wife. Even if the relationship is still very strained you can thank her for the privilege of being a father and for being a wonderful mother to your children. If both of you are single, be careful. God has done curious things with this letter.

Instruct the men to gather in their Legacy Groups if they are not already in them. Give them 20 minutes to interact with their discussion questions on Page #15. They don’t have to get through all of them. Ideally they would get through #1 and #2 in this Lesson. They can review the remaining two in their private time this week.

Legacy Leaders should go first when sharing their letters and then move around the group in a circle. If a guy really doesn’t want to share, he can simply say pass. No pressure. You often find that he’ll end up sharing his as well after others have shared. If a guy gets choked up, he can pass his letter to the Legacy Leader and he can read it for him.

Assignments:

Before dismissing, review the assignments for the week located on Page #17 of the Participant Manual. Most important is to complete and deliver their letter. If they cannot deliver it before the next Lesson, make sure they set a time and date to accomplish that and to let their Legacy Leader know.

Remind the men of the time and date of Lesson #2. Pray & Dismiss.

Lesson #2: The Power of the Spoken Blessing

Instructions for the Facilitator:

Special note of preparation: At the 14:30 point of the video teaching, be prepared to pause the video so the men can complete the Blessing Quotient Quiz.

Before starting the Lesson #2 Video Teaching, throw this question out to the guys. They can find it on Page #20 of their Participant Manuals. Start by answering it yourself.

Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.
James 3:10

Consider the words in the passage above. Have you found it to be true in your life? James exhorted his fellow believers, “*these things ought not to be so*”. What can you do, individually and as a group to fall more into the blessing category and away from the cursing?

In the teaching lesson, Greg will discuss just what “*The Blessing*” is and what it is not. We’ll study its impact when it is given and when it is withheld. We’ll also study practical ways we can give it.

If not already there, instruct the men to turn to Page #20 of the Participant Manual and start Lesson #2 Video Teaching.

The happy condition of those that **love** God, **serve** God, and **obey** God...

When you take that first breath remember it is a **gift** from God.

It is the blessings of God that make you **rich**.

Physical Touch

Your wife and your children, they need the **warmth** of your loving touch.

Act as nice as you look!

I am **yours**, you are **mine**, and I will love you **forever**.

Pause Greg’s Video Teaching when instructed (around 14:27) and instruct the men to turn to Page #25 of their Participant Manual entitled “The Blessing Quotient Quiz”.

You will need to take a little time here to go over the 4 Parts of the Blessing listed in the manual.

Give them 60 seconds to place a check in each box if they received that particular part of The Blessing from their Mom or their Dad and add them up. Scores will range from 0 – 8.

When the men have completed the quiz take a few more moments to go over their scores. Some may be high, some low. There will certainly be some that will realize why it has been a challenge for them to truly bless those they love.

Turn back to Page #21 and restart the Video Teaching.

Just because we didn’t **get** it, doesn’t mean we can’t **give** it!

God wants you to **ask** Him for His blessing.

Watch Him **open** the doors of heaven on your behalf.

Writing Time:

It is time for the men to write their rough draft of the blessing letter on Page #22 called the “I Remember When…” letter. There is a sample of

this type of letter on Page #23 and Page #62. There is a list of common memories on Page #24. Additional letters to children are in the Sample Letters section.

Give them about 20 minutes to accomplish this. Instruct them to remain quiet so guys can concentrate and reflect as they write. Play some soft worship music during this time if you can. Give them a 2-minute warning before time expires.

Legacy Group Discussion & Interaction:

Instruct the men to gather in their Legacy Groups if they are not already in them. Give them 20 minutes to interact with their discussion questions on Page #26. Legacy Leaders should go first and then move around the group in a circle.

If Legacy Leaders want, they can skip Discussion Question #2 and instead have the guys discuss their Blessing Quotient Quiz scores. It can be a powerful experience so discretion is advised. Be prepared to pray for those guys with 2's or 0's.

Or if a guy has delivered his "I Am Blessed Because..." letter, ask him if he'd share his letter delivery experience to encourage the group. Consider having a guy share his delivery experience with the entire LFTB group.

Assignments:

Before dismissing, review the assignments for the week located on Page #28 of the Participant Manual. Most important is to complete and deliver their letter. If they cannot deliver it before the next Lesson, make sure they set a time and date to accomplish that and to let their Legacy Leader know.

Remind the men of the time and date of Lesson #3. Pray & Dismiss.

Lesson #3: The Power of a Visual Legacy

Instructions for the Facilitator:

Before starting the Lesson #3 Video Teaching, throw this question out to the guys. They can find it on Page #32 of their Participant Manuals. Start by answering it yourself.

The telephone is an amazing device, (Yes, that is what they were called before it was shortened to just “phone”). Over the years it has changed dramatically. Its use has also changed. List below some of the negative and positive elements resulting from this technology explosion.

We take for granted the incredible technology we interact with every day. In this Lesson, Greg is going to share different ways we can take advantage of the tools available at our finger tips to craft a Visual Legacy.

If not already there, instruct the men to turn to Page #32 of the Participant Manual and start the Lesson #3 Video Teaching.

The **curse** of this age is over stimulation.

God is the **creator** of our visual world.

The same God that gave Joshua that **promise**, He has given it to you!

The letters we are writing will be like **stones** of remembrance.

Future generations desire greatly to know your roots and the **faith** journey of your family.

There is someone in your life that you need to say **Thank You** to.

Writing Time:

It is time for the men to write the rough draft of a blessing letter to their parents. On Page #34 they will find a template for the “I am thankful...” letter. There is a sample of this type of letter on Page #35 and a list of reasons to be thankful for our parents on Page #36. There is also sample Tribute Letter on Page #69.

Give them about 20 minutes to accomplish this. Instruct them to remain quiet so guys can concentrate and reflect as they write. Play some soft worship music during this time if you can. Give them a 2-minute warning before time expires.

Legacy Group Discussion & Interaction:

Instruct the men to gather in their Legacy Groups if they are not already in them. Give them 20 minutes to interact with their discussion questions on Page #37. Legacy Leaders should go first and then move around the group in a circle.

Legacy Leaders: If time allows, ask someone who has delivered his “I Am Blessed Because...” letter or “I Remember When...” letter to share his letter delivery experience to encourage the group. Consider having him share his delivery experience with the entire LFTB group.

Assignments:

Before dismissing, review the assignments for the week located on Page #39 of the Participant Manual. Most important is to complete and deliver their letter. If they cannot deliver it before the next Lesson, make sure they set a time and date to accomplish that and to let their Legacy Leader know.

Remind the men of the time and date of Lesson #4. Pray & Dismiss.

Lesson #4: The Power of Prayer

Instructions for the Facilitator:

Before starting the Lesson #4 Video Teaching, throw this question out to the guys. They can find it on Page #42 of their Participant Manuals. Start by answering it yourself.

We all know that prayer is a critical part of our walk with God. We wouldn't think of going days (or weeks) without speaking to our spouse (or would we?). I certainly hope not! Why is prayer so difficult? Is it because we don't believe that God hears us? Or perhaps that we can't hear Him? Discuss with your group the challenges of consistent prayer. Perhaps even take a moment and actually pray for one another.

Our assignment for this Lesson will require a heavy dose of fervent prayer to complete. We are about to do something that most men will never do nor will they ever think about it. We will write the Final Letter of our life.

If not already there, instruct the men to turn to Page #42 of the Participant Manual and start the Lesson #4 Video Teaching.

I wish we all had that same **fervent** attitude of prayer that that little girl did....

It takes a man of great **courage** to write this kind of letter

Heaven is a **real** place!

If there is one thing I want my kids to remember it's this, "My Dad was a **praying** father."

His **eyes** and **ears** are always on you.

The real **power** I have is found in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

We possess the most powerful **weapon** in the world for our families...

Prayer is one of God's greatest gifts to us.

Writing Time:

It is time for the men to write their Final Letter. Advise the guys that, if they need help getting started, there are some tips on Page #47 and sample Final Letters beginning on Page #72. If they need more room, there is another lined page on Page #48 and others scattered throughout their manual.

This is important so extend the writing time from the normal 20 minutes to 30 minutes. If you see that most of the guys have finished, give a 2-minute warning and move into Legacy Groups. Play some soft worship music during this time if you can.

Legacy Group Discussion & Interaction:

Instruct the men to gather in their Legacy Groups if they are not already in them. If you took 30 minutes in your writing time, they will only have 10 minutes to interact with their discussion questions on Page #45. Legacy Leaders should go first and then move around the group in a circle.

Legacy Leaders: If time allows, ask someone who has delivered one of some of his previous 3 letter writing assignments to share the delivery experience to encourage the group. Maybe have him share with the entire LFTB group.

Assignments:

Before dismissing, review the assignments for the week located on Page #47 of the Participant Manual. Most important is to complete their Final Letter, transfer it to stationary, store it in a safe place (like the page

protector in the back of their Manual), and let a responsible person in their family know where it is located.

Remind the men of the time and date of Lesson #5. Pray & Dismiss.

Lesson #5: Your Story for God's Glory

Instructions for the Facilitator:

Before starting the Lesson #5 Video Teaching, throw this question out to the guys. They can find it on Page #49 of their Participant Manuals. Start by answering it yourself.

The Bible is a collection of "Stories for God's Glory".

Reflect on the stories in Acts 22:3-16, John 4:39, Matthew 5:18-20. Paul, the demoniac, and the woman at the well all had their own story. They met Jesus, He changed their life, and they took the opportunity to share their story.

Is there someone in your family that has shared their story with you? What has that meant to you? Has their story made a difference in your walk of faith?

In our final Session, we'll discover just how easy it is to share the Gospel with our friends, family, and even our children's, children's, children.

If not already there, instruct the men to turn to Page #50 of the Participant Manual and start the Lesson #5 Video Teaching.

Each one of our stories are like a snowflake, they are unique and personal.

Power of the Written Word.

Power of the Spoken Blessing.

Power of the Visual Medium.

Power of Prayer.

Thankfulness is the best way to draw near to God.

Future generations need to know what you thought about God and matters of faith.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve.

It's not the words that you speak, it's a conscious decision of your **heart**.

Writing Time:

It's time for the men to write their "Your Story for God's Glory" letter. On Page #51, there is a Quick Start guide to get them rolling. On Page #53 they will find the passage Greg read, Psalm 103, in which King David expresses his thanks to God. Page #52 and Page #56 contain lined pages for their rough draft. and sample Final Letters beginning on Page #72. Page #81 contains Greg's complete "Your Story for God's Glory" letter.

Give the guys 20 minutes to write. If you see that most of the guys have finished, give a 2-minute warning and move into Legacy Groups. Play some soft worship music during this time if you can.

Legacy Group Discussion & Interaction:

Instruct the men to gather in their Legacy Groups if they are not already in them. Give them 20 minutes to interact with the discussion questions on Page #54. Legacy Leaders should go first and then move around the group in a circle.

Legacy Leaders: You may find some guys don't have a "Story for God's Glory". Be prepared to take advantage of this opportunity to share God's plan of salvation through Christ.

Hopefully the men have developed new and deep relationships at this point. Encourage them to continue meeting in their Legacy Groups. The Grace Digital Library contains some powerful bible study resources for this purpose. The Measure of a Man series and Brave New Discipleship are a perfect follow up. For couples consider any of the "101" programs.

Assignments:

Remind them to transfer their letter to stationary and deliver it. Have them consider delivering it to their children, grandchildren, niece, nephew, etc... on their upcoming birthdays.

Remind the men of the 16 devotionals beginning on Page #91. Each one can be used as a springboard for a new, fresh letter. Pray & Dismiss.

KEEP WRITING!