

EMAW Testimonials

Collection for Inspiration



The Story of Doug

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“He knew eternity was at stake!”

This is the true story of a 45 year old man with a loving wife and three children. He came to the Pastor and shared a deep concern that the church was not doing enough for men of the congregation. Just shortly after that, I had introduced EMAW to the Pastor at a local McDonald’s near our family cottage. Then the Pastor contacted Doug and asked him to pick up the material to get his take on if it was something he would engage. He left a voicemail for the Pastor that succinctly said, “I read the material. I don’t like it!” Then he hung up!

This definitely provided some level of anxiety for the Pastor. Doug had left town for a few days with the family and was unreachable for the weekend. Come Monday, the Pastor made a call to Doug to seek clarification on his voicemail. Doug defended his statement by saying “I don’t like it because I know I have to do this and the commitment is on a high level. I have a very busy schedule. However, I am going to do this ... because it has great importance.”

Doug leaped in with both feet and great passion. He became a Table Leader and lived out the Bulldog with Grace like a man on a mission. His men grew to love him and his leadership.

He embraced Book 2 with full vigor. Doug reinforced his love for his wife by developing greater levels of communication and leaving notes of his affection. They learned how to pray together. He then started to date each of his three children, committing himself to EMAW’s call to develop meaningful one-on-one time with each of them.

Shortly after completing Book 2, God called Doug home at the age of 45 with a sudden, unexpected heart attack. No warning. Doug made great changes in his life because he truly grasped the gravity. He knew eternity was at stake. He just did not know that it would be so soon. Doug left a powerful legacy with the men at his Table, as they continue to carry on in honor of his leadership and commitment to Every Man A Warrior. Some of the men have started leading their own tables, bearing fruit and changing the lives of men and their families.