

“Wild at heart”

A freedom in discovering the created Heart of Man

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Genesis 1; 24-26

God created man - to rule over all of the creatures on the land and in the sea

The creation activity was incremental – each new phase was significantly better than the earlier – but dependent upon the earlier creation. (Earth, Sea, sky, fish, animals, man. Woman!)

Gen 2; 4-7

He created man outside of the Garden – in the wilderness.

Gen 2; 8,15

Placed man in the garden

Gen 2, 19-20

Named all of the creatures

Gen 2:20

Made Eve – out of man – in the garden – a suitable helper

“Adventure, with all its requisite danger and wildness, is a deeply spiritual longing written into the soul of man. The masculine heart – created in the wilderness – needs a place where nothing is prefabricated, modular, non-fat, zip-locked, franchised, on-line, microwaveable. Where there are no deadlines, cell phones, or committee meetings; where there is room for the soul.

The way a man’s life unfolds nowadays, tends to drive his heart into remote regions of his soul.

Endless hours at a computer screen

Endless hours in a meeting

Selling shoes at a mall

Memos

Phone calls

E-mails and texts.

Require a man to be punctual and efficient!

To harness a man to the plow and have him produce!

The soul refuses to be harnessed – longs for passion, for freedom, for life!

A man needs to feel the rhythm of the earth, to have in his hand something real – a tiller of a boat, a tramping stick, a boat, or simply a shovel.

Society has spent 30 years redefining masculinity into something – sensitive, safe, manageable, and even feminine.

How can a man know that he is one – when his highest aim is to mind his manners!

The church – has men believe that God put them on the earth – to be good boys – they don’t know how to keep promises, talk to their wives, be spiritual leaders, or to raise their children.

The model of Christian maturity = really nice guys – don’t smoke, drink, or swear – all things are in moderation – well dressed collection takers – with no problems at all – totally closed to the world, the devil, the battle and to reality –head men , not heart men.

Moses = desert – burning bush – wilderness –True Prince of Egypt.

Jacob – wrestles with God in a wadi in Mesopotamia

John 4:4-21 – Jesus dessert experience

Jesus – into the desert, the wilderness – overcame the devil – fought with satan – returned empowered , received His Commission!

Out in the desert, man receives his life's mission.

Journey for yourself – to get your heart – back – who I am, what I'm here for!

BT => Nepal, India, China – Ruapehu, Tararua's.-fishing in Fiji, Gardener and provider of excellence! (world recognition in orchids)

ST => Chainsaws and trees, hunting in Tararua's, climbing/kayaking NZ and Australia.

IT => Farms, sand-hills, animals, zoos, books.

PT=> London and Europe – Castles and Museums.

GT => Rocket ship in backyard; PhD, Astrophysicist, America, training, recognition

In reflecting on what God made – in His own image and likeness – we must consider – What makes us come alive? What stirs our heart?. The journey to find answers to these basic questions is into a land most foreign to most of us – and there is not a clear pattern for behaviour or a mentor to advise and support.

Genesis 2; 16-17 Friendly advice

“You may freely eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”

But God doesn't tell Adam – there is no warning or instruction over what is about to occur!

“One more thing – a week from Tuesday, you and Eve are going to be in the garden and something dangerous is going to happen, the eternal destiny of the human race – all of your descendents – hangs on this moment, now here is what I want you to do....”

He doesn't even mention it – because God believes in Adam, This was what he was created to do – to come through in a pinch - his decisions are already in his heart.

Gen 3; 4-7 –The fall

She gave some to her husband who was beside her ! Where was Adam, while the serpent was tempting Eve – he was watching the situation develop -all of the time? Right there – elbow to elbow.

What does he do?

Nothing – not a word, he doesn't lift a finger. He won't risk, he won't fight and he won't rescue Eve.

Our first father – the first real man- gave in to paralysis. He denied his real nature and went all passive. And every man after him, every son of Adam, carries in his heart now the same failure. Every man repeats the sin of Adam, every day. We won't risk, we won't fight.

Adam knows that he has blown it, that something has gone wrong within him, that he is no longer what he was meant to be. He doesn't just make a bad decision, now. He gives away something essential to his nature, his strength has fallen, and he knows it.

Genesis 3; 10

“I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid”

Understand this verse!!

The men around you will suddenly come into focus – hiding – every last one of them – afraid of exposure, terrified of being seen for what we are – not what we were meant to be – hide in the office, at the gym, behind the newspaper, at work, on the computer and mostly behind our personality – the masks which we wear – an elaborate fig leaf , a brilliant disguise.

Adam was not deceived by the serpent – 1Tim 2;14.

His sin was different, we do not know how long it lasted, but there was a moment in Eden when Eve was fallen and Adam was not, she had eaten, but he yet had a choice. Then something took place in his heart that went like this: “ I have lost my soul mate, the most vital companion I have known, I do not know what life will be like, but I cannot live without her”.

At this stage, Adam chose Eve over God.

If you think that I exaggerate, simply look around. At all the drama, art, poetry, music devoted to beautiful women. Listen to the language men use to describe her. Watch the powerful obsession at work. A man without his true love, his life, his God, will find another. What better than Eve’s daughters? Nothing else in creation even comes close.

Regard the obsession with pornography,!!

We must reverse Adam’s choice, we must choose God over Eve. We must take our ache to him. For only in God will we find our destiny.

Exodus 15:3

The Lord is a warrior, the Lord is His name.

Famous battles of the Lord – the old testament -David & Goliath, Gideon; Joshua.

The journey through the desert – only Caleb/Joshua – the old selves were killed off!

Braveheart, Bridge on the River Kwai, Magnificent 7, Gladiator, Top Gun – something fierce in the heart of a man – its scary!

Jesus life – wept, walked, slept, fished, talked, debated, disappeared, showed anger, compassion, ate, drank wine, He is Lion of Judah!

He discovered his mission in the desert (refer His message on his return); He also won his greatest battle - in the desert John 4; 1-21.

Adam and his sons after him are given an incredible mission: To rule and subdue, to be fruitful and multiply. Explore it, cultivate it, care for it – it is your kingdom. Most men think that they are on earth to kill time – and its killing them. But the truth is precisely the opposite. The secret longing of your heart – build a boat, sail it, catch a fish, kill a deer, write a symphony and play it, - those are the things which men were made for. Its going to take a risk, and danger, and criticism (Noah built an Ark despite the fact that he and his neighbours knew nothing about water, or a flood) - you may stand alone, but to achieve what is in your heart - it’s the way God has made us.

Another desire – why does a man long for a battle to fight? When we enter into the world of Genesis, we step into a world at war. The battle lines have already been drawn, Evil is waiting to make its next move – against you, your wife, your family, your health, your job. Before Eden, there was a battle in heaven, a rebellion, a coup, an assassination attempt . They were overcome but not destroyed, and the battle is not yet over. Man is born into war, with many many battles to fight on many different battlefields.

Job 1:12,17

Who caused the Chaldeans to steal Job’s herds and kill his servants?

Luke 13:16

Who kept that poor woman bent over for eighteen years, the one Jesus healed on the Sabbath?

Acts 5:3

Who moved Ananias and Sapphira to lie to the apostles?

There is a lot more going on behind the scenes of our lives than most of us have been led to believe!!

How did Jesus win the battle against Satan??? God was with him.

This really opens up the riches of the promise Christ gives us when He pledges “ I am with you always, even to the end of the age” and “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Matt 28:20, Heb 13:5).

This doesn't mean that He will be around – but that He will fight for us, with us – just has he has for ages

2 Sam 5:17-20; 22-25

God and David, no rigid formula, it changes as he goes, relying on the counsel of God.

This is the way every comrade and companion of God lives.

The only way to live in this adventure, - with all of its dangers, unpredictability, and immensely high stakes – is an ongoing relationship with God – through the ever presence of Holy Spirit – knowing and being fully whom you were created to be.

(BT = India = BP, Diabetes, Asthma => all appointments – only one not sick!

(BT = World-wide study for Asthma. Research for Diabetes/heart attacks, research for Diabetes cures).

1 Kings 2:2-3

In conclusion then