BATTLEZONE VICTORIES



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For many years I covertly sought after a role model for becoming a man. I wandered through my teenage years looking to my big brother and other older male figures and began to emulate them—their speech, their environments, and their behaviors. Little did I know that they were failing me in each of these areas of responsibility. I carried these misconceptions into my early twenties. Fortunately, in my late twenties, the Lord by His divine grace, brought me into the covenant of marriage with my college sweetheart.

Around that time, I also yielded to the covenant God had made with me before I was born—the covenant of full-time ministry of the Gospel. Here I was, this mighty man of God in the making with no direction. I had a deep hunger to fulfill my calling and glorify God in the process. I knew I needed a mentor to be effective in ministry. Jesus knew I needed a "father" to bring me up in the fear and admonition of the Lord and to train me up in the way I should go, so as I matured I would not depart from it. Shortly thereafter, the Lord answered my prayer and sent me a "father" in ministry.

My BattleZONE experience helped open my eyes to areas of my life where departures had taken place. I was challenged to change those areas through the vehicle of accountability with other men. As I confidentially shared my challenges I developed a band of brothers. The BattleZONE Training brought me strength and joy as I embarked on an elevenweek journey with men I was only acquainted with, and now enjoy koinonia fellowship with. I see BattleZONE as a useful tool that men who are committed to living victorious lives in Christ would benefit from.

I want to encourage you that though we all may experience "departure" throughout our lives, it's God's grace, His anointing, His Word and YOUR conviction to change that causes you to "arrive" at the destination of His will for your life. That is...sanctification. Stay in the ZONE of the Spirit and live in wholeness, freedom and liberty through Christ Jesus.