



OVERVIEW OF RESPONSES
“Fight Like a Man” Men’s Retreat
 HOST: First Church of God, Eaton, OH
 Pastor Dave Reames
 Friday – Saturday, March 4-5, 2011

After our retreat this weekend, I feel...	
1. Strong about my faith. More bold and confident.	
2. Like a heavy burden was lifted.	
3. I have a renewed hunger for God’s Word and a desire to serve Him and fulfill God’s will.	
4. Empowered that God wants to use me in a special way.	
5. Empowered, strengthened and guided.	
6. Like this was time well spent.	
7. Enlightened and educated.	
8. A greater need to become involved in our local church, to build each other up as Believers.	
9. Compelled to reach out to others.	
10. That I need to prioritize my life so that it aligns with what God wants from me and how he can use me for His will.	
11. A greater need for the Lord in all areas of my life.	
12. Renewed, rejuvenated, refreshed – ready to fight to be dangerous.	
13. I have been better empowered to live as God would have me to.	
14. How short I am in the measure God has planned for my life.	
15. More empowered to lead (minister to) my family, my church, others.	
16. More empowered to reach out to my close non-Christian friends.	
17. I am being drawn closer to God.	
18. That I have things that need changed, but I now know how to do it. (student)	
19. Powered, eased by this retreat.(student)	
20. Filled with the Holy Spirit.	
I learned the most about....	
1. Being involved with others. It is not a choice, as a Christian, it is a requirement.	
2. My own selfish pride.	
3. Alignment with God. How I need to step back and see if I am aligned with God’s plan.	
4. My personal ministry which sometimes I put on hold for my convenience, not His will.	
5. How to lead as a Godly man.	
6. How the enemy deceives us to undermine God’s power.	
7. Putting God first in my life.	
8. Overcoming sin in my life.	
9. My miss-alignment with becoming a part of someone’s spiritual journey.	
10. The importance of equipping myself with the Word of God and His passion for people. Our focus should be on those that are lost and it should be my desire to pursue them with the love of God.	
11. Forgiveness.	
12. God’s burden for reaching out actively to all His creation.	
13. Dealing with Satan’s schemes and reaching out to spread God’s love.	
14. Losing some pride – Rick Braschler’s story was very touching.	
15. The purpose of a Christian man’s life.	
16. How I have been so caught up in living my life for me, and not for my Savior.	
17. God’s call upon my life, and that He is number one in life’s priority.	
18. The deepest thoughts of what I need to do to grow in my faith.	
19. Creating a vision, having a purpose, piercing the future.	
The portion of this retreat having the greatest impact on me personally was....	

1. The transformation available for the men of our church.	
2. The pride worksheet.	
3. Talking about being a dangerous Christian. I want to be lethal and contagious.	
4. Fighting for God's power over the enemy. Ken Riedl's testimony moved my life to a different place in my spiritual journey.	
5. Standing up and admitting my shortcomings.	
6. Evidence that I am miss-aligned with the Lord – what I need to do to improve my relationship with God.	
7. Hearing the testimonies from Ken Riedl and Rick Braschler.	
8. Receiving the tile – realizing it takes action, not just good intentions.	
9. Evidence of miss-alignment – very convicting.	
10. The session about God's power over the enemy. It hit me upside the head how the enemy was trying to rob me of what God has for me. I have been battling temptation and harboring some anger/bitterness, even some for God. (Wife and I have been struggling with fertility issues and trying to start a family for 2 years.) This session, in particular, helped me to see how Satan can use this, not only to creep in and destroy our marriage, but also keep me from living a God-centered life if I don't repent and give it up to the Lord.	
11. Putting non-negotiables in my life.	
12. Challenging me to build into the lives of others.	
13. The destruction of pornography in Ken Riedl's life.	
14. My priorities, my alignment.	
15. Ken Riedl's testimony and resulting restoration with family, friends, church and God.	
16. Learning more about why I try to be so independent and isolated.	
17. The need to be a tile mover (last session).	
18. The testimonies were very touching.	
19. Purpose - made me think about my family and how I should be treating them and how I need to fight like a man and show them how to walk in the ways of the Lord.	
20. The "letting-go" of seeking others (my father's) approval of my life.	
21. I perceive myself as cold and I need and want God's help to be a "tile moving man."	
22. I realized I should actively look for opportunities God presents to help others.	
23. The bow and arrow diagram.	
My significant "ah ha" from this retreat was...	
1. That I often look for ways to be isolated from others.	
2. My actions impact others in ways that I may not know about.	
3. "To live outside the will of God puts us in danger. To live inside his will makes us dangerous."	
4. "Evil can only exist in the absence of God."	
5. Just learning some critical scripture more intimately.	
6. "Replacing selfish vision with developer eyes."	
7. "God can't bless my life if he doesn't have it."	
8. "If I'm not the God of everything, I'm not God at all."	
9. "Use my life as a resource to be invested, rather than a reservoir to be filled."	
10. I need to think more about what's going on in the life of others.	
11. That sometimes I think "that God will only gift you in the gifts you already feel comfortable in."	
12. Prepare and equip my kids for how they can serve God.	
13. I have a long way to go to be centered in God's will for me.	
14. My need to see my own family as Jesus does in terms of meeting their needs before the church, outside the church.	
15. It's a pride thing.	
16. God's vision for my life.	
17. "In order to sharpen a knife, you have to leave some of it behind."	
18. "If you were arrested for being a Christian today, and there was a trial, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"	
19. II Chronicles 16:9 – God is searching, never thought of it that way, but from my experience, it	

is true.	
20. That only what is done for God has any everlasting quality.	
21. I don't hate my sin enough to change.	
22. "Tile movers give up something they love, for something they love more."	
This retreat was different from other retreats like this for me in that...	
1. The content/topics/challenges were spiritually more mature.	
2. It spoke straight to men.	
3. It challenged me and how I live my life.	
4. I was able to sit back and be ministered to...what a blessing!	
5. I could relate to Todd in that he is an outdoorsman, having that connection helps make his points come across in a real manner.	
6. It was down to earth.	
7. The comfort level of the environment was so conducive to my life.	
8. The personal approach of this retreat is the best part.	
9. It focused on how to become a Godly man, not just a man.	
10. It gave practical steps to develop a vision for my walk with Christ.	
11. There was sufficient time to interact and fellowship.	
12. Todd's passion to serve is seen through his heart in how he presents God.	
13. The way Todd presents & explains. Thanks for using those gifts.	
14. I felt confronted with issues that affect me personally.	
15. It was far more than head knowledge – it had the anointing of the Holy Spirit to pierce the heart.	
16. It was directed more toward personal application.	
17. It was explained so it was easy to understand.	
18. It doesn't tip toe around stuff.	
19. First time one hit on the key areas in what people really go through.	
20. It was more personal.	
21. It was a kick in the head of reality, not preaching.	
22. This was more about God than about the presenter – often the reverse is true.	
23. It was fun and personal.	
24. It was more personal and really challenged me to let God lead.	

From those who handed in an evaluation, the session of this retreat having the greatest impact on them personally was:

SESSION	TOTALS	GRAND TOTAL
SESSION I & II– Fighting Like a Godly Man for God's PURPOSE	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	13
SESSION III– Fighting Like a Godly Man for God's POWER	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	13
SESSION IV – Fighting Like a Godly Man for God's PRIORITY	XXXXXX	6
SESSION V– Fighting Like a Godly Man for God's PASSION	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	20