

Warriors, Lovers, Sons & Brothers: A Weekend for Men

An Awakening Among Men

Men today are told they are angry, insecure, have control issues and can't feel. As men, we are also told we are insensitive and self-centered. We can be all these things. But we are also wounded and misunderstood.

Misunderstood by ourselves, first of all. Many of us are out of touch with who we are and what we want. So we don't know how to let others truly know us either. We want satisfying relationships with our wives and children, family and friends. But we are hurt, scared and guarded.

We desire to be genuinely strong, yet we disown our power or abuse it. And we settle for empty illusions of what real strength can be.

We desire intimacy, yet fear it. We settle for work, diversions, fantasy relationships and affairs rather than learning how to enjoy the real people God has given us.

As sons of men, we often feel like boys who are still waiting for a father's love and blessing. Some of us have grieving to do. As children of God, we have trouble experiencing our Heavenly Father as nurturing parent, intimate friend, and healer of our soul.

Because we share so much in common, we already know a lot about each other. Men need one another for accountability, support, guidance, courage and strength. We are brothers in the journey.

There is an awakening among men. The Baldwin Center is responding by offering *Co-ed & Men's Groups* and *Marathon Weekends* with a distinctly Christian perspective to help nourish and challenge, guide and strengthen. Our goal is to help men heal their wounds, reclaim the God-given parts of themselves they have disowned, and resolve to live more effective, responsible, intentional and peaceful lives. If this is *your* desire, we encourage you to join us for a life-changing weekend.

Objectives For the Weekend

WARRIORS. What is true courage? Sometimes it means drawing a line in the sand that separates you from another man. There are things we must stand for, even die for. It takes great wisdom. God calls us to be humble and meek, but not weak. There is a warrior in each of us essential to our thriving as individuals, as husbands, as fathers. Participants will be helped to meet, embrace, express and balance this core part of their manhood.

LOVERS. Full men are men who live with passion— lovers of life, and of the One who has given it; lovers of their wives, their children, their friends; tender, sensitive, and compassionate; able to see inside one's soul; able to touch, and be touched. This is not how most men grow up. We must heal. We are frozen in Winter, in need of the Spring. On the weekend we will also help men embrace this tender, passionate self and learn to share it with others.

SONS. We are sons of God and sons of men. Most men have been loved *and* wounded by their earthly fathers. They carry their *father's* pain as well as their own. Sons must separate from their fathers, and fathers let go of their sons. Inside we find love, anger, fear and grief. Because of this, we also have difficulty seeing our Heavenly Father for who He is. We will look at the wounds and the wounded, and seek to understand, feel, and forgive.

BROTHERS. Men need other men. One of the most powerful elements of the weekend will be learning from and supporting one another. We will also focus on how to be in relationship with other men in our everyday lives. As brothers, we must learn to be *friends and advocates*, not *adversaries*.

Follow-Up Opportunities

As part of the weekend structure, and included in the cost is a ***Celebration Ceremony*** for **family, friends & Brothers** on **Monday night** following the Weekend. It is a core part of the ***Warriors, Lovers, Sons & Brothers*** experience. All are welcome.

The Baldwin Center also offers weekly men's & co-ed groups to those who are interested in continuing their work from the Weekend, and to compliment individual work. Call Jim or John for info at 847.295.1600.

The Details

DATES:	Please see Website for current dates
LOCATION:	Lake Delevan, Wisconsin
COST:	\$625.00 \$575.00 If received by 5 pm Friday 4 weeks before the Weekend date. Cancellation fee of \$100 after that date.
MEALS & LODGING:	Breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday, Breakfast Sunday. Lodging provided.
REGISTER:	<i>Strictly Limited Registration.</i> Secure by sending check in exact amount to: The Baldwin Center 2215 Lakeside Drive Deerfield, IL 60015
QUESTIONS?	Call Jim or John at 847.295.1600
WEBSITE:	http://www.TheBaldwinCenter.com

Registrants will receive additional information.

About the Leaders

John Baldwin, Ph.D. has been a therapist since 1969. His first work with men began with medical evacuees in a hospital during the Viet Nam war. Working with men has been a longstanding interest. The passages of losing his own father and raising two sons have brought about opportunities to keep growing as a man, a son, a husband and a father. After many years of helping people, John believes "it is usually relationships that wound and always relationships that heal." Married since 1969, John is an avid tennis and paddle player, music lover and computer enthusiast, and dabbles in poetry and photography.

Jim Gruenewald, Ed.D. was a pastor for two years and has been a therapist since 1979. He believes that real healing can only take place where there is a balanced blend of challenge and support. Jim draws on his personal growth and experience in working with men about issues of identity, intimacy, faith, fathering, and friendships. Jim has been married since 1979 and is the father of two grown sons, as well as a grandfather. He sees his privilege and responsibility as a husband and father as his most important mission. He loves the outdoors, poetry and is an energetic runner and teacher.