

## Are You Really a Man?

These are exciting times for men's ministry at Cornerstone as we are "gearing up" for the upcoming Men's Retreat, ***Fight Like a Man!***

I've been reading a book by Ed Piorek entitled *Essential Manhood*. He quotes Robert Bly, from his book, *Iron John*, a book which is not necessarily Christian, but that impacted my life deeply many years ago:

*We are living at an important and fruitful moment now, for it is clear to men that the images of adult manhood given by the popular culture are worn out; a man can no longer depend on them. By the time a man is thirty-five he knows that the images of the right man, the tough man, the true man which he received in high school do not work in life. Such man is open to new vision of what a man is or could be.*

Ed goes on to say that after years of faithful obedience to the Word of God and fighting the good fight he discovered that there was something more to his relationship with God than just attempting to live a righteous life to please Him. He goes on to describe a transforming experience with his Father in heaven through which he grew from a child to a man and through which he gained a vision of what he calls "Essential Manhood."

Have you discovered that your view of what it mean to be a "man's man" in the Kingdom hasn't really been working all that well for you? Have you been questioning what it really means to be a godly man? If so, you need to be at the ***Fight Like a Man*** retreat! Please join us, and bring your son or a protégé'. Your ticket is only \$20 and your son's or guest's is only \$10. Pheasant hunting & banquet included!

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