

The Adventure of Manhood

*On the trail together
as sons, husbands, and fathers*

I. Finding the Trailhead: Making Peace with Your Father

*When Saul saw David going out to fight Goliath,
he asked Abner, the commander of his army,
“Abner, whose son is he?”* I Sam. 17:55

II. Braving the Wilderness: Making a Home with Your Wife

*For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother
and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.* Gen. 1:24

III. Mapping for the Next Generation: Making a Future for Your Children

*And a voice from heaven said,
“This is my son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.”* Matt. 3:17

The excitement of an adventure comes from the challenge and fear of unknown territory. For most of us men today, that’s the adventure of manhood. We want to be good husbands and fathers, but without credible old men to call us to the trail and guide us in the journey, we’re in unknown territory and lack confidence.

Here’s the Good News: the Father of all men has called us to Himself as His sons, demonstrated His love for us in Jesus, and empowered us with His Spirit to become the men we were created to be.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one goes to the Father except by me.” That means Jesus is the way to manhood. Together with Him, we can get there.