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# New Name Ministries

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## Lessons From Left Field By Chuck Bittrick Honor Wars

One of the exercises we offer the men at New Name during their year with us is called, "Honor Wars." It is based on Romans 12:10, "Honor one another above yourselves." During this exercise, we challenge the men to perform random acts of honor toward the other men in their home. Taking it a step further, they are challenged to "out-honor" one another to the point of

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**Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:**

- Derek Bailey Mar 6, 2015
- Devin Collins Mar 10, 2015
- Steve Hoffman Mar 10, 2015
- Chris Ross Apr 10, 2015
- Monty Sharp Apr 10, 2015
- Adam Perkins May 1, 2015
- Ken Rix May 1, 2015
- Shawn Bishop May 4, 2015
- Edward Ondrej May 6, 2015

**Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:**

- John Walker Mar 21, 2015
- Craig Garber Apr 17, 2015
- David Kalin Apr 24, 2015
- Levi Merritt Apr 30, 2015



## Having an Encounter?

Recently, the Spirit impressed upon us the importance of a little thing we do for our men called a Healing Encounter. We are not really sure where it originated but we learned it from our former covering church. It is 12-hours of instruction, ministry, and equipping to bring about a new level of freedom from the struggles that often hold us back from living the life Jesus died for.

We began to see opportunities to offer the Encounter to those outside of our immediate circle. As we pursued these opportunities, we ran up against major resistance from local authorities, bringing about the

cancellation of a scheduled Encounter.

Unwilling to take "no" for an answer, we were unsure what that was supposed to look like. One thing we were sure of, the enemy overplayed his hand as we were brought to a point of praying for those in authority with greater fervency than ever before. The Lord settled us with supernatural peace, encouraged us with a prophetic word, and then reopened the door for freedom to be released in the lives of His people.

Want an Encounter? Expect resistance, pray fervently, then watch the God who sets us free open "impossible" doors!

## From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

### What's In Your Heart?

What's in your heart? I think of the TV commercial that asked, "What's in your wallet?" Each commercial had violent men in archaic garb, running around wreaking havoc and chaos on ignorant users of abusive credit cards. Unaware that they had placed poison in their wallet that was robbing them and keeping them from "more", the ignorantly bliss debtors were just happy to have credit. Clearly the advertiser's intent was to offer a "better brand of debt" as an alternative, even though it was just

wrong rather than fighting for righteousness and pursuing right relationship with God and others. Beware



repackaged bondage.

The world, and its wolves in sheep's clothing, seeks to entrap through counterfeit means. Without Kingdom discernment we will find ourselves ensnared in issues and situations of this World, caught in the struggle of right and

of packaging that looks, sounds, and feels like Kingdom outwardly while lacking substance. This is why we're instructed to test the spirit (1 John 4:1-3). Many believe that this is done by merely asking if those in question believe in the death, burial, resurrection and virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even the demons believe these things, and the Word tells us that some of those scoundrels masquerade as angels of light! I would draw your attention to some other qualifying factors.

In the above mentioned Scripture the pivotal word has to do with confession, Continued on next page

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waging an all-out war of honor in their home.

The best part of this is how it changes the entire atmosphere of the homes. The men start to tap into their God-given creative greatness to find ways to honor others in ways they had not thought of before.

During my time with New Name, I have absorbed the culture of honor promoted here into my own life. I look for opportunities to honor others when they least expect it.

I recently went to Furr's Cafeteria with a friend, Al, who has cerebral palsy. Cerebral Palsy is a condition that affects over 750,000 in this country. If you have ever seen someone walking and talking as if he was drunk, but was not, that person may have cerebral palsy. This condition is a permanent "movement disorder" but does not affect the brain function.

Al loves to hang out with the men at New Name and accompanies me each month as I teach our finance class. I believe he brings perspective to the men (as well as his sense of humor) because he has spent his entire life in a prison of his own body without committing a felony to get there. Complaining about doing time in prison is petty in the light that shines through Al's life.

Many who suffer with cerebral palsy choose a life funded by Social Security Disability payments. Al made a different choice. He chose to go to college (a proud Aggie) and work as long as his body would allow. Instead of living as a victim of life, he decided to live every bit that life had to offer him.

Anyway, back at Furr's, there was a young man working behind the salad counter who engaged us in small talk as we made our selections. He mentioned how nice it was outside. (This was before the

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not necessarily the confession of Christ being or not being (obvious negative confession of His deity), but the source of the confession. If one's confession lacks the Spirit of Christ's humility, then we are still dealing with someone deceived by an unholy spirit (Matthew 7:21). Merely reciting the "right" things (and "rite" things) about Jesus Christ doesn't provide evidence (Acts 11:23-24) of the Holy Spirit's presence. We can be 100% right scripturally and all wrong spiritually.

The Word tells us in the New Testament there is now only one thing that will separate us from God; blaspheming (dishonoring that which He deems honorable) of His Holy Spirit, who reminds us (still small voice of conviction and true identity) and teaches us all things (Rhema – living Word for the now). New Testament Disciples are sealed with His Spirit; honorable speech and behavior should be present and Christ-like character and integrity should always prevail. When it doesn't, repentance should follow with reconciliation to others and our true identity in Christ.

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rainy season hit us.) I replied that I was expecting my time in his cafeteria to be the best part of my day.

The next thing I know, he races over to the vegetable section waiting for us to finish picking our entrées. He served us with great enthusiasm before racing again around to our side of the serving line to help my Al with his tray.



The manager was working the cash register as we were leaving. I took the opportunity to honor the young man behind the serving line by describing our experience to the manager. As I shared, the manager's face lit up as if I

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We're also instructed to inspect the fruit of a person's life and see if it matches up with Galatians 5:22-23. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." Spiritual fruit is not religious flowers, good deeds or pleasant personalities; these things are only skin deep. Knowing the words of this Scripture and living these words scripturally are two different things. It's not what's in our heads, but what's in our hearts manifesting in our words and deeds.

Temple cleaning and oiling our lamps will keep our hearts lit with His love.

### Unsanctified Mercy Breeds Contempt



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were bragging about one of his children.

Living in a culture of honor means that as I seek out opportunities to honor others, my life is enriched. Eating out with Al is not something life owes me so that I end up looking for ways the outing has failed to meet my "entitled" expectations. Instead, these outings are as much of a treat as they are opportunities to see other people experience the best part of their day. If I give someone else something to rejoice about, I can rejoice with them. (Romans 12:15) Being in the presence of someone in whom the spirit of the living God abides should greatly impact their day, if not their life!

### As always...

We appreciate your continued prayers and financial encouragement for this ministry. Our current needs include financial support for administrative staff, gainful employment for our men, and more staff for expansion. Please join us in declaring supernatural debt cancellation and for a mighty move of the Spirit's freeing work in the lives of His precious ones.