



# INFLUENCERS

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**BIG ANNOUNCEMENT! NEW TEAM MEMBER!** God has given us some wonderful times in the ministry over the last 37 years, but we have never seen anything like what we have experienced since we have been involved in ministering to men through The Influencers.

**GOD HAS HAD ENOUGH:** He's ready for His men to be done with feeling insecure, inadequate and unworthy in their relationship with Him. He's had enough of His men having a false understanding of what He's truly like. He's weary of His men being uncomfortable in His presence.

He's tired of the endless efforts men make to get to know each other while He remains in the shadows of their lives.

**GOD'S MEN HAVE ENOUGH AS WELL:** God's men have had enough of being distant from God. They know there is more of Him than they have gotten to yet, but they are afraid of giving up control of their lives. Basically, men want the same things from God that they desperately desired from their fathers and mostly didn't get. They want to know they are loved, approved of, affirmed and accepted by Him, even though they struggle in attempting to follow and obey Him.

**BREAKTHROUGHS** *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14) Men need grace and truth and lots of it. When a man discovers God's unconditional love, patience and grace, it changes Him. When that man learns that being a Man of God is not a merit based maturity and performance issue, but is a trusting God identity issue, it changes him. When a man learns that God loves and accepts him, is not disappointed in him, and will be patient and understanding with Him, he starts to believe he is a Man of God.

**SUCCESS IN MINISTRY MEANS MORE MINISTRY. I NEED SOME HELP.**

We are more than excited about all that has been happening. We just had the absolute best and blessed yearly Influencers retreat we've ever had. Fifty-five men signed up to be in one of our Journey groups starting this Fall. Our Band of Brothers groups are always exciting. God's message of freedom, grace and trusting in Christ is changing men's lives everywhere we go.

**GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS:** The point is that God is stirring up more ministry dust than I have the ability to settle. We realized some time back that it's way too much for one man, and if we were going to be able to expand this ministry and reach thousands of men, we needed to begin to pray for help.

I prayed that God would give us a man to help us who would fulfill 4 requirements: (1) He would have an intimate relationship with Christ (2) He would have a close relationship and history with me personally (3) He would have a keen understanding of and buy in to The Influencer's DNA and values (4) He would have a strong experience and understanding of The Journey small group process. As I continued to pray, God placed a man on my heart who seemed to meet all of these requirements. He is my close friend and co-laborer in many ministry endeavors for the past fifteen years, **BILL KAUBLE**.

I discussed this with Bill and told him I could only guarantee him about four months salary and after that we would be doing what we have learned to love doing, trusting God for His provision. Bill's immediate response was, "I'm in!"



He checked with his lovely wife Debbie and found that she was enthusiastically in as well. You would have to know Bill and have watched the journey of faith they have been on to know what a miracle their responses were. I knew God was in it.

Bill is coming to us from a long and successful career in the corporate world. In the years I have known him he has been the CEO of four different companies. His strength is his ability to assess a task, to see what needs to be done and then pull the resources together with the right touch to be able to move things forward which is the perfect compliment for me.

Bill joined our Influencers West team on June 16<sup>th</sup> and is already making a difference. I'm relieved and grateful for Bill and am confident that we will be able to reach so many more men for Christ because of the gifts and experience Bill brings to our team.

You are an important part of this team as well. As you might imagine, in adding the Kaubles to our team God has given us a wonderful opportunity to trust Him for His provision in greater ways and we are honored and excited to take this step of faith. I have never been so confident in God as I am as I write this to you. He loves his men and He's going after them. We know He will provide as we put our hope in Him.

Thank you for your part in praying and being a part of our team as God leads.

Give 'em Heaven!

Pete