

# Realmen Canberra Conference 2013



## Keith Edwards – s1 “How do we stay in the RACE”

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”. Hebrews 12:1*

Let us lay aside every weight, run with endurance. You have to take off the weight you burden yourself with, not God; the good news is you do not have to run your race alone.

Watch your attitude! it is so easy to go from a place of being grateful to being prideful.

*“I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one”. John 17:11*

*“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one” John 17:15*

In these two scriptures John 17:11&15 Jesus is on his final prayer and he prays over the 12 apostles.

God’s power is made perfect in our weakness: Protection (Safety) v Sanctification (Holiness)

*“Hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord” 1 Corinthians 5:5*

This scripture is clear if you make the wrong choices you leave the protective cover of God. If you walk out from under Jesus sanctification you walk out from under his protection by your choices.



## Greg French – s2 “Get in a place where you can FINISH WELL”

We are a prize and the devil wants our scalp.

*“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction”. 2 Timothy 4:2*

Say to yourself “I am going to fight for what is rightfully mine”; where is your heart at do you need to reposition yourself with God?

Ps Greg French thanked the guys that were at the conference for having the courage to turn up, participate, it is a step and choice in the right direction.

Information helps you move forward, it’s the God touch that secures your longevity.

Will is the power to make a decision, responsibility; decision making, taking responsibility for your action.

What Dis-Empowers a Man? – Bad moral decisions resulting in disqualifiers such as:

1. Abdicating your role as a father
2. Regrets

*“I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.” 1 Corinthians 4:14-15*

This scripture refers to Paul’s appeal and warning to the church of Corinth about the lack of fathers.

NB: Ps Greg French in 2012 spread the gospel to 38,000 men across the globe resulting in through the Holy Spirit 6,011 salvations.

A recent survey of Sons asked this question – “What do you need your Father to do”?

The overwhelming answers were the same –

- “I need you Dad to believe in me and trust in me”,
- “Dad don’t withdraw even though I am withdrawing hang in there for me”,
- “Give me someone to look up to, show me how I should be”.

A recent survey of Daughters asked this question – “What do you need your Father to do”?

- “I need you Dad to affirm me, tell me I am beautiful”
- “Set the standard & be the standard – love my mum and show me how to love”



## Steve White – s3 “Managing Expectations”

- It’s difficult to communicate the expectations we have.
- Unspoken expectations not handled well effects our intimacy level – avoid emotional disconnect

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent on the things that matter” a quote from Martin Luther King Jr. He also said “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing”.

### As A Man

Expect to be a target

Retain your own identity in Christ

We get attacked in small ways

Expect a Blood Bath in the war for your family

Attacks come in all sorts of ways

Expect to WIN!!!!

God will come good for me! “All things work for my good.

*“Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him”. Psalms 62:5*

## Keith Edwards – s4 “What do we need to do to stay in the RACE”

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds”. Hebrews 10:24*

Stay connected - gives us courage and focus

Stay focused – what you focus on will mould your life

Fix our eyes on God – What motivates you?

Seek first the Kingdom

Stay focused on your calling

The ultimate PRIZE is TRUTH

Fact is temporary – Truth is Foundational & Eternal

Maintain the right Spirit

Have an Attitude of Humility – by Grace not Pride

“How do I maintain Confidence without Pride?”

“What is the difference between Confidence and Arrogance?”

Repentance is a change of mind “Taking God’s side against yourself” (Ps Phil Pringle)

Maintain a teachable Spirit

Maturity is Affirmation with Correction

It comes back to our choices and free will

Decision takes place long before discipline

*“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline”. 2 Timothy 1:7*

**Self-Discipline = Sound Judgement**

Greg French – s5 “REGRETS”

*“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead”. Philippians 3:13*

Church is the place of second, third, fourth, and so on chances. Realmen is the place of opportunity for a second chance!

Do it alone and you are stuffed!

Most Common Regrets

1. I wish I had the courage to live life true to myself, not a life others expected of me!
2. I Wish I hadn’t worked so hard!
3. I wish I had the courage to express my feelings – Bitter men die alone!
4. I wish I had stayed in contact with my friends!
5. I wish I had let myself be happier!