

## Fathers, Brothers, Sons

*There are many brotherhood initiatives: Brother to Brother, Brother's Keeper, Band of Brothers, Fraternities, and Fraternal Orders etc. Does our faith have a solution to this need for men, husbands and fathers to connect?*

Our faith is a relational journey.

We have a relationship with God.

We have relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- We have relationship with one another.

As men, we need fathers, brothers and sons.

\*We honor and are honest with fathers.

\*We have safety and share life with brothers.

\*We model manhood and mentor sons.

*Brotherhood is critical to manhood development.*

### I

The first brother killed his brother.

The first brother asked a question after the murder.

<sup>KJV</sup> **Genesis 4:9** And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: **Am I my brother's keeper?**

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**Meaning:** 1) to keep, guard, observe, give heed 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to keep, have charge of 1a2) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life 1a2a) watch, watchman (participle) 1a3) to watch for, wait for 1a4) to watch, observe 1a5) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory) 1a6) to keep (within bounds), restrain 1a7) to observe, celebrate, keep (sabbath or covenant or commands), perform (vow) 1a8) to keep, preserve, protect 1a9) to keep, reserve 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be on one's guard, take heed, take care, beware 1b2) to keep oneself, refrain, abstain 1b3) to be kept, be guarded 1c) (Piel) to keep, pay heed 1d) (Hithpael) to keep oneself from

*“Am I my brother's keeper?”*

- A real brother keeps his brother verses killing his brother.

### II

A real brother is born for adversity.

<sup>KJV</sup> **Proverbs 17:17** A friend loveth at all times, and **a brother is born for adversity.**

Brothers are born for the difficult times.

A man was carried by four men to Jesus.

<sup>NLT</sup> **Mark 2:3** **four men arrived carrying** a paralyzed man on a mat. <sup>4</sup> They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. **Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.**

A real brother is there for his brother

- A real brother carries his brother to where he will get help.

### III

A real brother is committed to finding Christ.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **John 1:40** One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> **He first found his own brother** Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> **And he brought him to Jesus.** Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

A real brother is committed to bringing his brothers to Christ.

A real brother finds and brings others to Christ.

*“We are hungry men who have found bread, finding other men who need bread, bringing them to the One who has and is bread.”*

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