

THE GREAT HUNT FOR GOD



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Dear Friends,

Shanna has been at Flight Attendant Training School for a full week now—one week down and five more to go. I was so blessed to see her on a layover in Seattle while flying home from Indiana. It pays to have a wife with security clearance! She drove from her hotel and went through security just to hold my hand for two hours. It was such a blessing! I'll be glad when this season is over.

Speaking of seasons, we've entered the speaking season with a whirlwind. Three weeks ago, I spent the weekend in Colorado with the men of Majestic View Church and had an amazing time making new friends and seeing some old ones.

The following weekend we held our first ever Man Card Weekend in McMinnville, Oregon. The MCW is designed to replace a local church's men's retreat. It is half the price, happens in the local church and will attract double the men. It's a win-win for any church wanting to make double the impact. Board member and accountability partner, Pat George, led the charge in McMinnville, and 140 men representing 21 churches attended to hear local Keynotes, bands, and Man Academy presenters. It was a huge win and men are already asking for another one in six months (sorry guys but you'll have to wait).

I recently had a man tell me that he supported The Great Hunt for God but has done NOTHING to support it. His "support" began and ended with his words. This is like hitting a nerve to anyone in the 501©3 world. Talk is cheap. It means little if nothing. I mean that. If you want to support the ministry, then rally the men of your church to a Man Card Weekend. Your church will be highly impacted as men get in the game because when a man gets it—everyone wins. Or, go to AmazonSmile and make The Great Hunt for God your support organization of choice. Give financially. Pray regularly. Join a team. Start a team. Serve administratively. But do not tell us you "support" the ministry unless physically you do. It's insulting and offensive. We don't need more followers or your kind words (really). We need tangible actions. Please be thoughtful about what you say you "support" if, in fact, you do not.



Shanna leading 185 women in small groups at the local IF Conference



Spent a brief moment together during a layover in Seattle

At the Man Card Weekend, we unveiled my newest book simply titled *The Man Card: 5 Characteristics Separating Men from Boys*. It won't be available on Amazon until we collect all our endorsements including John Eldredge, Author of *Wild at Heart*. Another man who endorsed our book is President Emeritus of Compassion International

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Wess Stafford who wrote, "(Jim) is a man's man, while still holding tightly to a lighthearted spirit of a child. He is the perfect bridge between the two worlds, and in this book makes it powerfully clear which is which and what is what. This is a must-read for any man desiring to understand manhood. Enjoy-and grow!"

Wess is one of the most amazing men I've met. Under his leadership, Compassion ministered to well over two million children every year. He's sat with Presidents. To have his endorsement is humbling yet priceless! I can't wait to read what John Eldredge writes. His book *Wild at Heart* shaped me as a young husband.

After that huge win in McMinnville, the backbone of The Great Hunt, Dale Collver and I traveled to Terre Haute, Indiana, for what turned out to be an unbelievable weekend with over 500 men. Here is what one man wrote through Messenger, "I want to thank you. I was at the Iron Sharpens Iron in Terre Haute, Indiana. I went to both your seminars. Your words gave me a new perspective on my life as a follower of Christ, a husband, and a father. I just wanted to thank you for that and thank you for all you do for men. It is greatly appreciated."

Praise God for that!

Our rapidly growing Facebook forum for men called Men in the Arena is encouraging to watch. It was at 4500 men the day we landed in Terre Haute, but 5500 strong that night! Our group grew by 1000 men and at a rate of 1200 men a month! It's a testimony that we are, ***"Trusting Jesus Christ to build an army of men in the arena, who are becoming the best version of themselves in Christ, and changing their world."***

We're building a platform to launch dozens of International Virtual Teams (IVT's) of six men each through Facebook Messenger. We want to train, empower and inspire leaders of men to do something no one is doing. If you are a man of action over words, please contact me. We need guys like you.

Stay in the loop for a new venue to impact men called the Champions Team for those men who want to experience the best year of their life. This will be my personal team. It will all happen through the Men in the Arena platform so enlist and get ready!

We are so blessed by the hundreds and thousands of you reading this who are actually in the arena doing something. The Great Hunt cannot exist without you. You are a catalyst for this organization. Thank you so much.



Our latest book the Man Card was a huge hit!



Iron Sharpens Iron in Terre Haute

Become your best version in Him,

Jim

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