

**SESSION #17 - The Four Faces of Manhood  
PART TWO: LOVER / FRIEND****I. INTRODUCTION**

1. In the last session we unpacked two of the Four Faces of Manhood, the King Face and the Warrior Face.
  - The King Face creates order and provision. It provides direction. It leads with integrity. It allows us to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to those entrusted to our care.
  - The Warrior Face shows our courageous energy and demands from us purposeful initiative. A man who wears the Warrior Face is a man of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. In this session we'll look at the Lover Face and the Friend face.
  - These faces stretch our \_\_\_\_\_ capacity and can be unnatural for many men.
  - Many men suffer from a stunted and reduced masculinity because they have never valued or learned to navigate their own \_\_\_\_\_, their own feelings, and their own emotions.
  - Relational capacity requires men to engage \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 – “Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.”
  - According to Stu Weber “whether on a football field, in a battle zone or under the roof of you own home, a man’s willingness to show affection and care... to \_\_\_\_\_ ... mark him as a leader and a man of God.”

## **II. THE LOVER FACE | SHOWING TENDER CARE**

1. The Lover Face is primarily associated with tender care for others and a willingness to be emotionally \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Lover Face reflects \_\_\_\_\_ energy. It is characterized by tenderness, sensitivity, beneficial care, emotional openness, physical affection, and verbal communication. Lover Face in Action:
  - Picks up on wife's real needs
  - Spends quality time with wife
  - Is there for his family
  - Connects on an emotional level
  - Is a students of his kids
  - Says, "love you", "proud of you", "you're special..."
3. Examples of warriors who could also wear the Lover Face:
  - US Army Major Sullivan Ballou
  - King David (Psalms)
4. Caricatures of the Lover Face
  - 1) If a man's Lover Face is pushed too far, he can "show love" by becoming critical, harsh, and demanding of his wife and kids - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) A cold and withdrawn man – disconnected, detached, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) If a man's Lover Face is pushed too far, he can also become over-dependent on women or relationships in general - \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. THE FRIEND FACE | PURSING CHARACTER-SHAPING FRIENDSHIPS

1. The Friend Face is primarily associated with a man's relational capacity to \_\_\_\_\_ with other men.
2. The Friend Face reflects connecting energy. It is characterized by loyalty, accountability, encouragement, challenge, and fun.
3. We must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ genuine friendship with other men. Great friendship provides companions who can carry burdens and celebrate life's great moments with us.
4. You can't climb the mountain of manhood and reach its pinnacles if you are \_\_\_\_\_ from other men.
  - Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." [ESV]
  - Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." [ESV]
  - Biblical, soul-level friendships are priceless.
    - They require our \_\_\_\_\_.
    - They require us to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Caricatures of the Friend Face:
  - If a man's Friend Face is pushed too far, he can become dependent on those around him – The \_\_\_\_\_.
  - If a man does not have enough of the Friend Face, then you get the typical, friendless, disconnected male – The \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ friendships.

### IV. CONCLUSION

1. Wise is the man who can learn to wear these different faces of manhood.
2. Like everything we've said, you cannot fully embrace these Four Faces of Manhood unless you first embrace a right relationship with God and the provision, He has made for us through Jesus Christ.



## **ANSWERS:**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. In the last session we unpacked two of the Four Faces of Manhood, the King Face and the Warrior Face.
  - The King Face creates order and provision. It provides direction. It leads with integrity. It allows us to be a **blessing** to those entrusted to our care.
  - The Warrior Face shows our courageous energy and demands from us purposeful initiative. A man who wears the Warrior Face is a man of **action**.
2. In this session we'll look at the Lover Face and the Friend face.
  - These faces stretch our **relational** capacity and can be unnatural for many men.
  - Many men suffer from a stunted and reduced masculinity because they have never valued or learned to navigate their own **heart**, their own feelings, and their own emotions.
  - Relational capacity requires men to engage **emotionally**.
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  - According to Stu Weber “whether on a football field, in a battle zone or under the roof of you own home, a man’s willingness to show affection and care... to **connect** ... mark him as a leader and a man of God.”

### **II. THE LOVER FACE | SHOWING TENDER CARE**

1. The Lover Face is primarily associated with tender care for others and a willingness to be emotionally **vulnerable**.
2. The Lover Face reflects **relational** energy. It is characterized by tenderness, sensitivity, beneficial care, emotional openness, physical affection, and verbal communication. Lover Face in Action:
3. Examples of warriors who could also wear the Lover Face:
  - US Army Major Sullivan Ballou
  - King David
4. Caricatures of the Lover Face
  - 1) If a man’s Lover Face is pushed too far, he can “show love” by becoming critical,

harsh, and demanding of his wife and kids – **micro-manager**.

- 2) A cold and withdrawn man – disconnected, detached, and **isolated**.
- 3) If a man's Lover Face is pushed too far, he can also become over-dependent on women or relationships in general - **oversensitive**.

### **III. THE FRIEND FACE | PURSING CHARACTER-SHAPING FRIENDSHIPS**

1. The Friend Face is primarily associated with a man's relational capacity to **connect** with other men.
2. The Friend Face reflects connecting energy. It is characterized by loyalty, accountability, encouragement, challenge, and fun.
3. We must learn to **initiate** genuine friendship with other men. Great friendship provides companions who can carry burdens and celebrate life's great moments with us.
4. You can't climb the mountain of manhood and reach its pinnacles if you are **disconnected** from other men.
  - Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." [ESV]
  - Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." [ESV]
  - Biblical, soul-level friendships are priceless.
    - They require our **time**.
    - They require us to be **others centered**.
5. Caricatures of the Friend Face:
  - If a man's Friend Face is pushed too far, he can become dependent on those around him – The **Leech**.
  - If a man does not have enough of the Friend Face, then you get the typical, friendless, disconnected male – The **Loner**.
  - Pursue **character shaping** friendships.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

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