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Men's Bible Study: It's Time to Step Up to the Plate

Part 4: Know the Lines

Men are under tremendous pressure – Psalm 55:1-7

- ❖ Pressure to perform – James 1:12
- ❖ Pressure to provide – Phil. 4:6
- ❖ Pressure to preserve – Gen. 42:33-38
- ❖ Pressure to protect – 1 Sam 30:1-8
- ❖ Pressure to prevail – 2 Cor. 4:8; James 1:3-13

Pressure can bring out the best and worst in you

- ❖ Rom. 7:7-25

Just as in the game of baseball, you don't get to move forward just because you have a great swing. You must not only hit the ball, but also keep it in bounds. In order to do so, you must know the lines on the field. – Deut. 28

- ❖ Lines represent boundaries of what's acceptable and what is out of bounds
- ❖ Lines help you focus on your goal instead of just swinging at anything that comes your way.

The enemy does not throw you pitches that are easy to keep in bounds but tries to get you (1) swinging at the air, (2) hitting foul balls or (3) popping the ball up to take you out quick

Brothers who didn't stay in the lines

- ❖ Abraham –
 - Before Pharaoh – Gen. 12:10-20
 - Ishmael vs. Isaac – Gen. 16
- ❖ King Saul – 1 Sam. 15:22-24
- ❖ Korah – Number 16

Our Conversation:

Staying within the lines in today's world

❖ Dealing with Anger (Eph. 4:26-32)

- How do we as men of faith deal with what we have seen in the natural that is causing us to become enraged?
- What does the Bible say about being angry?

❖ What is righteous indignation? (1 Samuel 17:25-27)

- Is there a cause worth fighting for? (David & Goliath)
- Note that David wasn't lured by rewards but because Goliath defied God's army

❖ Dealing with Frustration

- How can frustration bring out the worst in us as men?
- What are some ways we can overcome our frustrations?

❖ Learning to fight in the Spirit (2 Cor. 10:3-5) (2 Tim. 4:6-7, 10-11, 16-18)

- Know your weapons –
 - The Word of God
 - View scriptures as ammunition
 - Your profession of the Word – Psa. 1:2; 119:11; Mat. 4:4-6
 - Praise – 1 Sam. 16:23; 2 Chron. 20:22
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- Know what aren't your weapons

❖ Dealing with other believers

- How do we love those professing Christ yet not standing for the Body of Christ?
- How do we tell the truth in love

❖ Guarding your witness

Notes:
