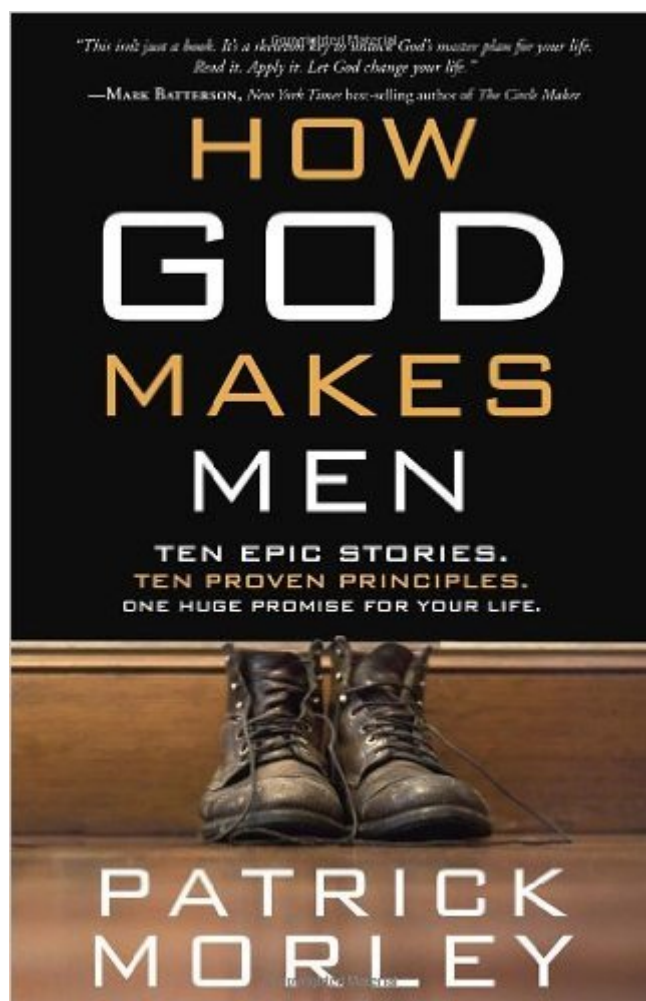


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# How God Makes Men: Ten Epic Stories. Ten Proven Principles. One Huge Promise For Your Life.



## Synopsis

All through the Bible, we see stories of bold and brash men who followed God's call into some incredible adventures. In *How God Makes Men*, Patrick Morley reminds us that God still makes those kinds of guys. "Dave Ramsey, New York Times best-selling author and nationally syndicated radio show host God's Way for You to Become God's Man: Let's face it—men today are under severe attack. The battle line against biblical manhood is clearly drawn and fiercely contested. More than ever, men who want to follow Christ are asking: Why is it so hard to live an authentic Christian life? Who will show me how to thrive as a father, a husband, and on the job? What should I do when I'm being tested to the breaking point? Fortunately, the Bible preserves crucial details about the powerful lessons learned by men who have already faced and answered these questions. In *How God Makes Men*, renowned expert on men's issues Patrick Morley takes you into Scripture for a first-hand encounter with: Ten epic stories of the Bible's most talked-about men Ten proven principles based on their failures and successes that show how God works in a man's life, and how you can cooperate with Him in yours The huge promise that you can become the man God created you to be Don't settle for less. Join Patrick on this epic adventure of becoming God's man. You'll discover how to prevail in tough times and release God's power in every area of your life.

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Few men have good mentors. And none are as good as those Patrick Morley offers us in this book.

Drawing on ten giants of the Bible from Abraham and Moses to David, Paul and others, he presents a composite of principles of how God shapes a man. (While his writing is aimed squarely at the heart of men and the challenges they face, women will find many of these principles equally applicable to them as well.) "There is a God we want, and there is a God who is. They are not the same God. The turning point of our lives is when we stop seeking the God we want and start seeking the God who is." Morley deftly examines how each of these ten men resisted God in an area that eventually became their signature strength once they surrendered to the God who is. The life lessons Morley presents in "How God Makes Men" can mentor you in your own journey. But only if you're intentional about it. Like any counsel, it can be heard, even agreed with, but left unapplied. To that end, Morley offers reflection and discussion questions at the end of each chapter as well as an approach for using the book in a men's study group. These should not be skipped. But personally, if you're serious about seeking the God who is, I think you should go further. This book should be read slowly. Not because it's difficult to read--in fact, it's superbly written--but because it's important to read. This is one of those times you'll want to think slowly. One way to do that is to prepare your own questions for reflection on a chapter. Here's my list for Chapter 4, for instance, on the life of Gideon, a man transformed from weakness to courageous strength: \* What fears are most likely to affect my decision making right now?

I was somewhat reluctant to even start reading "How God Makes Men" believing it would be another in a long line of books that offer up the latest answer to men's ministry in the church. My reluctance quickly evaporated. This is an extremely helpful book that will usher in hundreds of effective men's discipleship ministries in churches everywhere. It is clear and concise - filled with practical application to guide men into a transformational life of surrender to Jesus. Author Patrick Morley very adeptly weaves biblical truth and real-life stories together to demonstrate and describe each of these principles in a way that captures the heart of men who desire a fuller and deeper faith in Jesus. Morely uses the lives of 10 different men of the Bible to present 10 principles of How God Makes Men. These principles are simple and profound which makes them memorable and inspirational. Morley recommends forming small groups of men who will read through the book over a period of ten weeks exploring a different principle together each week. There are even discussion questions and a leader's guide included in each book providing the resources needed to successfully lead a group. I would encourage you to be creative and look for unique ways to involve a group of your men. Would an early morning breakfast group catch men before work? Or would an evening barbecue group do the same for men on their way home? Maybe a 10-week Sunday

morning group would work in your context. Check with your men and call them to step up to a ten-week journey together to see how God might use these men together. Personally, I plan to order a handful of copies and get together with 2-3 key leaders to plan our next step. I'm excited at the prospect of helping our men grow as disciples of Jesus.

How God Makes Men by Patrick Morley looks at the lives of ten Biblical heroes to examine how God developed their character. This book is filled with practical wisdom how you can develop those same strong character traits in your life. Morley looks at the lives of ten different men from the Bible with a special emphasis on the . . . faith of Abraham perseverance of Joseph humility of Moses courage of Gideon heart of David wisdom of Solomon zeal of Nehemiah integrity of Job boldness of Peter passion of Paul Each chapter focuses on a Bible character and how God developed that specific character trait in his life. This book is filled with wisdom that the author has gained over the years from working with and discipling men. Here is a representative sample of the timeless principles throughout the book: Because God is good, your life will not turn out like you planned. (p. xii) God can use an inadequate man once he realizes he is inadequate. (p. 50) We see ourselves as we are, but God sees us as we are going to be. (p. 56) God and you constitute a majority in any situation. (p. 58) Despite your asterisk, you can be forgiven. (p. 74) (God is) calling ordinary men into an extraordinary relationship. (p. 140) The Apostle Paul informs us, For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4) Morley has provided instruction and encouragement to give not only hope but also instruction for daily living.

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