

## **EMB Course Intro and Invite:**

**Men,**

This year God has really “Had His way in me” and called me to a ministry for which I am uniquely qualified. Sexual sin is a snake that is loose in the church today, big and small, especially affecting brothers in Christ and church leadership. This is something that has plagued my past with struggle. But today I can stand and say that today I am free from the bondage of sexual sin and immorality. I have studied churches on both sides of this battle, winning and losing. The churches that have chosen to win all have something in common. They had one man stand up and say “Enough!” God has called me to be that man for Crossland and any other church if that need presents itself. Statistically I am not alone. 51% of pastors say cyber porn is a possible temptation, 37% say it is a current struggle (Christianity Today, leadership survey 12/01). 47% of Christian families say that pornography is a problem in their home (Focus on the Family poll 10/03). 53% of Promise Keepers viewed pornography last week. Of all known child porn web domains, 54% are housed in the U.S (Internet Watch Foundation Annual Report, 2008). God has made His stance clear;

### **Ephesians 5:3-5 (New Living Translation)**

3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

### **Matthew 5:27-28 (New Living Translation)**

#### ***Teaching about Adultery***

27 “You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’<sup>[a]</sup> 28 But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

**Romans 6:19 (New Living Translation)**

19 Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

So men I'm asking you to join me on Saturday mornings from 8-9:30 am on October 25 – December 20 for a study on obtaining freedom from sexual sin no matter how tight or how loose the grip it has on you. It's going to be intense, liberating, fun, and manly. Men we can't man-up until we stand up! So let's bind ourselves with Jesus Christ and man-up, for God, for our families, and for ourselves. We will be using the Every Man's Battle book and workbook, plus I have some cool things planned to help us in our journey of fellowship and freedom. Please contact me for details, as I would like to know if you plan to attend. If there are any women that desire more information on this subject please feel free to contact my wife Tanya. This is a growing problem, especially within the church. Bill Perkins said it best "If you think you can't fall into sexual sin than you are godlier than David, stronger than Samson, and wiser than Solomon."

In Christ,

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