

Champions Arise Study Guide
Series: Every Man a Warrior, Program: #13 (EMAW 13)
When God Wants to Build a Man

Focus passage – James 1:2-4. *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*”

1) Is God still the focus of your life or have life’s distractions taken over?

2) How did God respond when Bob restarted spending time with Him?

3) How do we “turn worry into worship”?

4) Bob said, *“When you walk with God through the fires of testing, the only thing that gets burned off are the ties that bind you.”* What types of “ties” bind us?

5) What is God’s message for you in Isaiah 43:1-3?

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

Isaiah 43:1-3

Commitment: I commit to receiving help for my trials, and helping the men in this group endure trials in their lives.

When God Wants to Build a Man– LEADER’S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1.
5. Listen to the program: “When God Wants to Build a Man”
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the four remaining questions with the men in the group.
Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
 - a. Question #2 answer: With grace and no condemnation.
 - b. Question #3 answer: Sample answer – give thanks to God for all He has done in our lives.
 - c. Question #4 answer: Sample answers include: pride, sin, selfishness, fear.
 - d. Question #5 answer: In these verses, review who God is and the assurances we have from God. (ex. I will be with you).
8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask men to commit to helping each other endure trials.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for reminding us that trials are not punishment from you, but are created to make us dependent on you. In Jesus name, Amen.