

INTRODUCTION

“Can we even really know what reality is? What if we’re just imaging things?... Pretty deep question. I stood there with the door open, ducking just enough to look at him. ‘Reality,’ I said, ‘is what hits you when you’re wrong.’”
- Brant Hansen, stealing a Dallas Willard quote (pg 111)

Do you know that feeling?
The feeling where life hits you in the head with a two-by-four of “reality”?
I wish I could say I only needed it once. Apparently I am a “learn the hard way” kind of learner.

That *smacking* feel is that “WAKE UP!” notice that God uses in our life to shake us from our “satanic lullaby.” The sweet, evil-borne song of the lies we believe that get us to be lulled just enough to get us to buy into whatever it takes to distract us from the truth and life that God has for us. Lies like...

“Life is whatever you want... just do what feels good.”
“It’s not hurting anyone, so who cares?”
“Who’s to say who’s right?”
“Life, marriage, having kids... it’s all about you. Do what makes you happy.”

Sound familiar? It should. It’s the song that is in *the air we breathe*. Wafting around every corner. It’s the subtle tap that you feel on your shoulder to numb out, check out, or otherwise desert your mission.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
Ephesians 5:14

"We Need You Out Here, Man" - Brant Hansen

In this series, our goal is to help men discover the reality that they are hard-wired by God to live on mission. That there is a world in need of Good Men doing Good Works that God has prepared for us to engage in. The world needs men who:

- Are Keepers of the Garden
- Protect the Vulnerable
- Make Women & Children Feel Safe, Not Threatened
- Take Responsibility For Their Own Spiritual Life
- Forsake the Fake & Relish the Real
- Are Ambitious About the Right Things
- Choose Today Who They'll Be Tomorrow

We do groups in the *Men at Magnify* because we know we need each other. We need to know our lives count and that we're living on mission. We need other men in our corner and to show up in support of them, too. We need to keep fighting and not give up, especially when it's hard. We need to attack whatever gets in our way of closeness with Jesus and living our mission, and give over to God those things that are only His to carry for us.

This requires:

- Brotherly Love
- Honest self-disclosure
- Confidential and Trustworthy spaces to share
- Solid Next Steps to know how to move forward
- Circling back to check-in on each other and meaningfully grow

As we jump into this series this Fall 2026, we pray that God would give you all you need. We pray that you'll discover friendship with trustworthy men that are *for* you. Men who love you just as you are, but love you too much to let you stay stuck. We pray that God would help you better know His love and grace for you and that out of that, you'll walk the path to new life in Him. We pray that many, many men would step forward to come take part in what we're doing. Not because we're special or want a big brand. But because we are earnestly following hard after Jesus and not allowing anything to get in our way.

MAY GOD HELP US BE THE MEN WE NEED.

Stand firm,

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