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Recently I read a book about the boy and man crisis in modern culture. The secular author identified and analyzed the state of mens' and boys' problems and how they effect families in our nation. The author's observations seemed accurate, so I was very interested to know how the author would propose to resolve the crisis of mens' and boys' issues. After sifting much research and many programs around the country, the answers to the problems of men and boys today are found in the Bible.

Your godly grandfathers and dads are right of course! The writer of the book never mentioned it, but his solutions are right out of Jesus' sermon on the mount.

Jesus teaches meekness instead of cockiness; men and boys need that. Jesus teaches us to be poor in spirit instead of a "know it all" dominance; men and boys need that. Jesus teaches forgiveness when wronged instead of getting even and angry; men and boys need that. Jesus teaches us to avoid adultery and lust and how to do it - that men should never leave their wife and family; my, how men and boys need that! Jesus teaches lots of character qualities that my recent read suggested are good for men and boys: honesty, prayer, not judging others, not worrying, and sharing with those in need. Ultimately, the author's conclusion is that it is important for men and boys to learn to live life for a cause bigger than themselves. Amazing! Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." (Matt. 6:33). Wow, a 400-plus page book to say what Jesus said in three chapters!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for Allegany Boys Camp this past year. We will continue to address the needs of boys (and ultimately men) in our sphere of influence. This past year the Lord provided so we could start our fourth group, the Navigators. Here at the close of 2018, Allegany Boys Camp is serving nearly 40 boys and families. Praise the Lord and God bless you! Practice teaching the Sermon on the Mount this Christmas and in the New Year.

> Camping with Jesus, Brian Martin Director



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Camp News



• The past few months we have been remodeling our chuckwagon. The kitchen section is complete, and in October we moved back. The next step is to do the timberframe part of the main dining area. The joinery work is in progress and we hope to begin framing sometime in December.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR!