

## Sacred Moments

[Keith] Gentlemen this is a sacred moment. God is in this place. It is great to be with you men today as we celebrate your accomplishment.

[Roy] You have allowed this material to teach you, even haunt you and encourage you to become the man God has called you to be.

[Keith] You have served as an important role model to your teammates as each of you have looked at your own individual lives and faced your past while preparing for a better future.

[Roy] You and I often sing to God such phrases as “we exalt thee” and yet exalting God demands the practical.

[Keith] You have responded in a practical way to your intentions to be what God has called you to be by participating with your group of men and being loyal to your manhood journey.

[Roy] We salute you. Let’s take a few minutes to look at our ultimate hero’s life – Jesus Christ. So that we can be reminded of what God has called us to be as heroes.

[Keith] As I read these respond with a Yes if you are committed to follow through.

1) Jesus created a manhood team for support and to maximize His influence. He did not do life alone or live in isolation but related to others in a way that they were better off having met Him. Will you do this?

[Roy] 2) Jesus Christ dealt with His body and the brain that feels. He controlled and expressed His emotions well. His anger was clearly stated and yet He did not sin. Jesus was able to reach out to Lazarus, who was having a real bad day, express His emotions clearly as well as reach out to children in a positive way so that He could influence them. Will you do this?

[Keith] Jesus dealt with his body His brain that thinks. Jesus confronted the thinkers of His day and taught what was not true, confronted the unhealthy aspects of the church. Jesus not only knew what He was against but He was able to clearly express what He was for. Will you do this?

[Roy] Jesus communicated regularly with God so that His heroic actions could occur as a result of God’s power. He understood the scriptures and used them as an important guide in His life. Will you do this?

[Keith] Jesus dealt with His mind’s Warrior. He finished what he began and was strong enough to deal with those who opposed His positive influence. He fearlessly did what was necessary to protect others. Will you do this?

[Roy] Jesus dealt with His mind’s friend. He led with a compassionate spirit and He dealt with individuals who were different from Him and needed the Love of God. Despite His powerful presence He was able to tenderly relate to those who needed His healing touch. Will you do this?

[Keith] Jesus dealt with His mind's King. He choose right over wrong. Made good judgments, set specific goals and chose wise strategies. Will you do this?

[Roy] Jesus dealt with his mind's lover for he was willing to sacrifice his needs in order to help others. Will you do this?

[Keith] Jesus dealt with His chain mail. He put His early history and family into perspective an appreciated these relationships. He was honestly aware of His families difficulties and did not use where He came from as an excuse. He reached out to his family during crisis moments and took care of them. Will you do this?

[Roy] Jesus dealt with his Armor. He discerned the hidden motivations of the people around Him. He stepped towards those who were safe and yet set boundaries with those who would harm Him and spoke the truth in love to all. Will you do this?

[Keith] Jesus dealt with his body and His instincts. He experienced pain for our good. He fought against the unhealthy, the dominance of the church, fled those with negative agendas. Both protected and sacrificed Himself, bonded with others and yet maintained His own viewpoint. He controlled his sexual impulses, enjoyed the pleasures of his day. He experienced pain for our good. Will you do this?

[Roy] Jesus dealt with the shadows influence by continuously reflecting the value God gave Him and acting in a dignified manner with self-control and self-discipline. Jesus stayed away from acts that were demeaning and behaviors that limited the powers of God in his life. Will you do this?

{Keith] Jesus left a legacy by fulfilling his calling and encouraging others to use Him as a role model for their lives. You and I are God's legacy as we go out positively to affect the world beyond His death on the cross. Will you leave a legacy to those in your world that you have touched so that they can see Jesus Christ through you? Will you do this?

[Roy] Jesus dealt with Himself by facing the numerous life options that were offered Him all around Him. Making responsible choices, He stayed focused on what matters the most. Will you do this?

[Keith] This day gentlemen you stated your willingness to be a complete and whole follower of Jesus Christ as a Knight of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

[Roy] God has called you to follow the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ marching orders. These marching orders are clear.

[Keith] You are called by God to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself.

Go – Be and do this.

[Roy] We salute you on your graduation day!