

5.8.2021

## **INTO THE BREACH #2**

### **Spiritual Warfare - Why the Devil Wants You to Fail**

Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic Men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in an imperfect and broken world. The video presentation we are about to see was produced by the Knights of Columbus and illustrates the gravity of our duty as men of Christ and offers us an invitation to renew Christ based masculinity.

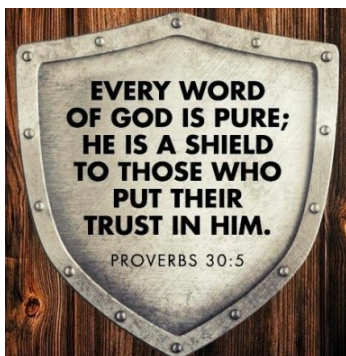


The life of a believer is a Spiritual Battle. We men have multiple spiritual weapons in the fight against Satan, and the stakes are high. Men have experience with abuse and addiction and finding forgiveness and freedom in Christ. Let us learn from these redeemed souls.

What does it mean to be a Christian man? What is your role in getting your Spouse, Children and Loved Ones to Heaven? Why is fatherhood, fully understood, so crucial for every man? How do we understand and develop our perception of God?

Why are you here? To know God. To love God. To serve God. As a man, you are called to share the faith. You are called to live the faith. It's time to discover your role as a Catholic man in today's world.

One day when we die, we are hoping to hear those words, "Well done my Good and Faithful servant. Enter the Kingdom of Heaven". How do we perfect the life that has been given to us so that we may hear that message when our life is over?



The episode discusses how the challenge of living as a man of God, is made very difficult because Satan wants us to fail. He is looking to call you a Hypocrite. God knows our Sins, but He calls us by our Name. The Devil knows our Name, but he calls us by our Sins.

However, we "were made for this fight" by God. Why might a man feel unqualified or unprepared to fully embrace an authentically masculine role? In life, have you ever experienced a moment where you thought, "I'm in over my head here"? How did you get from there to "I've got this"?

What tools are available to help men better understand and grow in their faith and fulfill their roles as men, Catholics, husbands, fathers and leaders?

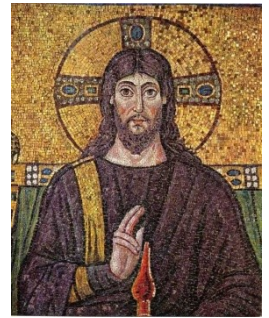
Let us pay close attention to Holy Scripture and Catechism. May God bless us with His Wisdom, His Work and the wherewithal to complete the mission He's given us. Amen.

## **Holy Scripture**

### **Romans 8:5-11 – The Flesh and the Spirit**

For those who live according to the flesh are concerned with the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit with the things of the spirit.

The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace. For the concern of the flesh is hostility toward God; it does not submit to the law of God, nor can it; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **Romans 12:1-2 – Sacrifice of Body and Mind**

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of the Lord

## **Catechism**

### **CCC 1776 – Moral Conscience**

Deep within his conscience, man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . . . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths.

## **Modern Comment**

### **Why the Devil Wants You to Fail**

YouTube Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fU-nAULL8Y>



Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic Men which urges us to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis. This direct and uncompromising video illustrates the gravity of our duty as men of Christ and offers an inspiring invitation to renew authentic masculinity.

Call to Battle – Find additional time for prayer or reading of Scripture this month and ask Jesus and the Holy Spirit to form your mind and heart in the light of the Gospel. Exercising self-control over the body builds self-control over the will, and therefore resistance to bad habits and temptations. Use the Power of the Holy Eucharist, the Power of the Sacraments and the Power of Prayer for the good of God.

Read about the life of one of the saints who exemplified manliness: St. Joseph, St. George, St. Thomas More and St. John Paul II come to mind, but there are many others. Identify how this saint exhibited manliness and write down specific, concrete resolutions on how you can emulate him.

Imitate Christ! Jesus Christ shows us the fullness of what it means to be a man. Pick one of the Gospels and read a short portion, at least a few verses, each day. Meditate on these passages to discover the ways in which Christ exhibits true manliness and better understand how to be a man of God.

**Questions to Focus on:**

1. What is THE Duty of a Catholic Man? What does Christ teach us about Spiritual Warfare?




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2. Is there someone you have looked up to that presents authentic masculinity? Why?

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3. What's your role in getting Spouse, Children and Loved Ones to Heaven?

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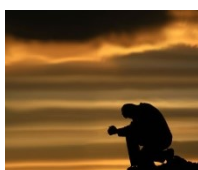


**Men's Group Calendar**

**A Man who never quits is Never Defeated. We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.**

5/21/2021	Leadership Meet	9:30AM Meeting Room 1
<b>6/12/2021</b>	<b>MEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>JUNE &amp; JULY</b>	<b>SUMMER VACATION</b>	<b>NO SATURDAY MASS</b>
8/27/2021	Leadership Meet	9:30AM Meeting Room 1
<b>9/11/2021</b>	<b>MEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>

**NOTE: A Rosary starts in the Reservation Chapel immediately following the meeting.**



## The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruination of souls. Amen.



**Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing. Come dwell in my heart.**

**Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.**

**Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Give them your Joy, Peace and Mercy. Where there is doubt, release in them renewed confidence in the Holy Spirit. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.**

**You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen. And AMEN.**

Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts. Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love & serve one another.

It is not about us, it is about reaching out in love.

Go to the Author of Life.

Go to the Sacraments of Confession & Communion often.



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