

THE CHRISTIAN BOOK FOR MEN.

FOREWORD

At CVM we are in the business of telling blokes about Jesus. By every means possible, the emphasis is on supporting, encouraging, resourcing and equipping men's groups and local churches in their evangelism to men. For thirty years, God has used CVM to win thousands of men into the Kingdom, but for each this is just the start of a journey. A journey littered with highs and lows, laughter and tears, celebration and pain.

The fact is, becoming a Christian is not the easy option; when we make that decision to follow Jesus we're not given some sort of "Get Out of Jail Free" card or special immunity from the dark and dangerous stuff of life. Instead, at the risk of mixing metaphors, we stand high above the parapet wearing a huge target on our back. In Volume One Chapter Three Chris Neal puts it like this: *"You have - without necessarily realising it - walked onto a spiritual battlefield, where the forces of good are at war with the forces of evil."*

Acknowledgement of what it is we step into as new Christians is perhaps underplayed. Add to that the tendency men can have of walking a path of denial or setting about to 'fix the problem' (without the aid of the instructions of course), and you have a journey heading in the wrong direction.

Where are you on your journey? How prepared for the stuff of life are you? Who is alongside you in the battle? What weapons should you carry and are you properly trained in their use? I believe that ***The Christian Book for Men*** will help you to answer these and, I pray, many other questions about what it means to live as a man of God. The truth and wisdom of God's word, the Bible, underpins everything that you'll read in the pages ahead and all of it is helpfully woven together with stories from Chris' own journey.

As an evangelist, I also share the author's great passion to see men disciplined, trained, and transformed by obedience to the Word of God. I pray that this book will help to keep your journey heading in the right direction and thereby that you will discover everything God has planned for you. Evangelism is most effective when we are good and authentic witnesses to what God has done in our lives through the Lord Jesus. By placing Jesus at the centre, we live as God created us to be and, by His grace, are able to inspire others to embark on their own life changing journey.

Every blessing,

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