

# ReignMakers Ministry

**Life integrated discipleship in all conversations.**

ReignMakers is a rags to riches ministry. We desire to take the men and women of this world and transform them from corrupted rags to kings and priests.

Our imagery is of a forge, a place of hard work and sweat. A place where purpose is forged into lifelessness. At this “Forge”, we **stabilize, redeem, discipline, optimize, and weaponize individuals for work in God’s kingdom**. Our forge is a place of controlled intensity and violence in which you are made ready to serve your Lord. As you hold fast to God’s word and submit to His power (**honor**), engage your brothers (**love men**), **forge** it into your being, unleash its power(**impact**) and stand fast in battle (**obey God**), you are living out the ReignMakers High Five.

We produce several weapons that help us with our mission.

The arrow - which reminds us to engage when the enemy seems a far ways off.

The sword - which we use when we are engaged man to man.

Shields as we stand together with a common energy

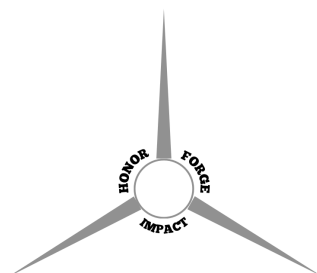
Catapult - which we use to drive deep into the enemy camp and crush its gates.

Forge - the places we gather to fellowship, refresh, prepare and from which we go forth.

## **High Five. (arrow)(also the image of a hand slap) -**

- High Five is
  - Our mission statement
    - It says “we obey **God** and **love Man**, and are committed to **Honor, Forge**, and **Impact**, the way of a disciple”.
    - Hear O Israel, the Lord is One, Love the Lord your God(obey God) with all your Heart (honor), soul (forge) and strength (impact), in the same way love your neighbor as yourself (love man)
  - a greeting, a concluding remark, an affirmation and a goodbye
  - an action brothers can perform for unity and celebration
    - Hand slap
  - The motivation for and 3 part structure of our bible study design.
    - Honor - what can we learn about God, ourselves, and His plan for us.
    - Forge - what needs to change in us to resemble Jesus and walk as he walks
    - Impact - what direction do I need to move to bring men into the kingdom.
- Our high five image (see below) is an arrow imagined from the front.
  - If the feathers are different sizes, the arrow will not fly straight.
    - We must practice honor, forge, and impact equally to be effective
  - The diameter of the shaft determines the mass of the arrow. God is the invisible center
  - The shaft represents men aligned together by purpose. More men, the greater the size of the shaft. The more impact God can have through us.
  - When we are all moving the same direction, our impact is precise and penetrating.

**High 5**



**The ReignMaker Sword is used to forge men. It has 5 stages of development.**

- **Stabilized:** stabilize the man to withstand the impact of enemy attacks and cycling.
- **Weaponized:** temper and sharpen the man to crush the serpent and kill the snakes.
- **Optimized:** Equipped the man to present the Gospel clearly and share his testimony.
- **Redeemed:** Reset the CNS to crave the spiritual realm and avoid danger in the physical realm.
- **Discipled:** Reforge the man through the 16 elements to stoke his fire and shed the snakeskin.

This weapon is applied to the 4 parts of man individually: heart, soul, mind, and body, because we are complex beings. One man may be redeemed academically, but physically unstable. Balance is essential here just as with the high five.

- Sword work is:
  - engaged in one on one settings especially for unstable individuals
  - Can take place in alloy groups (3-4 men)
  - Can take place in shield walls (6-12 men)
    - Intensive courses
    - Retreats
  - Can be used for campaigns such as reaching the homeless.
  - As instructional tools sent via PodCast and social media outlets
  - Book media such as “Crushing the Serpent”
- It is costly financially, takes time, is emotionally heavy, and can be heartbreaking.
- It is virtually absent from the church

### **The 16 Elements (Forging tools and shield wall)**

Forging tools help us to forge new identities from common steel into fierce weapons. Instead of big churchy words, these elements are common to everyday life. They help us understand faith simply. In each column and row is a group/unit. For instance, in the rows below, the groups are ;

- Heart elements that focus on understanding and aligning with God.
- Soul elements that focus on our identity, role and place within the community.
- Mind elements that challenge our thinking patterns and where we focus our thoughts
- Body elements that help us separate the spiritual world from the physical world.

	<u>Submission Discipline</u>	<u>Proclamation Discipline</u>	<u>Man Focused Principles</u>	<u>God Focused Principles</u>
Heart	Simplicity	Gratitude	Mission	Honor
Soul	Confession	Journal/reflection	Generosity	Piety
Mind	Silence	Communicate Scripture	Creativity	Truth
Body	Fasting	Fellowship	Action	Worship

- Submission elements free us from the tug of the flesh, traps of the world and the lies of Satan.
- Proclamation elements teach us how to grow spiritually and spread the goodness of God.
- Man focused elements teach us how to bless others and grow God’s kingdom.
- God focused elements help us forge our new identity into an honorable son of God

### **Catapult. (Media outreach)**

The desire is to create a network of speakers/storytellers under the Reignmakers forge icon. It is my hope that by recruiting people to this shared platform,

- Each participant will be able to enjoy a larger audience through partnerships, call out, promoting each other’s shows, programs, and outreaches.
- We can connect people with gifts to those who need assistance

- We can make funds available for those without means
- We can translate materials to increase outreach populations
- Larger followers allow connection with larger networks increasing our reach.
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When people feel they belong in a ministry and believe its principles, they will guarantee its success. And they won't be working hard and looking for innovative solutions for the leaders, they will be doing it for themselves. *When men align with the same understanding, each will choose their own WHAT (the ministry weapon they will use to make an impact). The goal of ReignMakers is to share a vision, but serve as teams.*

- *Some will serve locally and meet with the homeless, in alloy groups, in shield walls,*
- *Some will podcast,*
- *Some will convert sermons into native languages. (Japanese, Spanish, Hindi, Pakistani, Chinese)*
- *For me, I will heal those who struggle with broken nervous systems due to trauma, families, and war through camping, locally, and by giving online messages of some kind.*

The role of the leader is to create an environment in which great things can happen. Pulling together a team of like minded people and giving them a cause to pursue ensures a greater sense of teamwork and camaraderie.(99)

I believe that the catapult outreach vision provides a foundation for innovation at both the HOW and WHAT levels. ReignMakers has followed this same path. Innovation in the church is challenging because the general majority determines the course and feel of the church and its mission not the innovators. ReignMakers plans to be a team of innovators who challenge tradition and seek new ways to use the SWORD both locally and .

Great organizations become great because the people inside the organization feel protected. The strong sense of culture creates a sense of belonging and acts like a net. (105) It is imperative that we create safe places and communities. That we not only have the back of people that we are mentoring, but also one another. We must be a place of truth and love. We must be willing to let people fall that are not yet at the final lesson of their brokenness. We must bind together with support to overcome the violations and corruption that will come against us.

#### ReignMakers Houses

It is a vision of ReignMakers forge that we establish lower cost housing where men can stabilize, resurrect and discipline. Where they can have support, encouragement and learn true fellowship. It is the hope that through these houses, men will learn their place in the body of Christ and be optimized to serve and eventually be weaponized for impact.

## ReignMakers Foundation Stones Podcast.

Welcome to your “Journey through the Fire” workbook. The journey is simply your intentional interaction in the forge. Many of you have walked with Jesus a long time. This study, this journey, may be a hotter, more engaging, ask more from you than others. Or maybe not. My hope is that it will challenge you to push deeper into yourself and draw you closer to the Trinity.

The design for this workbook is engagement. In the church service. We hear a message. We leave, and we might remember it. We might talk about it on the way home. We might even talk about it in a group. That is often not enough to work it from the head, into the heart and forge a new reality.

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| ● 10 % of the things we hear (If we are actively listening)         | Podcast                             |
| ● 40% of the things we read   | Workbook                            |
| ● 70% of the things we discuss/study                                | Challenge questions and alloy group |
| ● 90% of the things that we teach, especially when asked questions. | Discipleship                        |

As we look at this data, the right hand column presents the tools that are built into ReignMakers forge. As we work through the podcast, we will present tools for forge groups and discipleship. But those come in time. My hope is that the mature among us will take the lead early. We are putting together on-line options, so reach out through the sight by becoming a member. The fees help fund the ministry and provide availability. This ministry is still 100% volunteer.

Part of me loves games. I am very creative. I want these lessons to be engaging. So at times the content will be puzzles, quizzes and such. They are not intended to be trick questions or even challenging. Today's quiz is to prompt you to study enough to remember it better. To bump the 10% to the 40%. To kick it up to 70%, ask if this makes sense. Propose an alternative definition. Talk about the idea in a group. To take it to 90%, talk to your kids, your spouse or make it a watercooler topic.

The foundation stones for this podcast are listed below. Connect the left column with its match.

Simplicity	The church has lost its focus on character and is instead a place of activity.
Highest Honor	God's design is simple, but the corruption of the world is complex
Priority of the Realms	God deserves our entirety. Our High Five (more on this later)
Character	We no longer understand how the corruption of the fall impacts us and how the tools in Scripture work to set us free.
Submission	We have lost focus on the spiritual realm. We filter the word of God through the physical realm and this creates chaos in our theology.

## ReignMakers Foundation Stones Podcast transcript

High Five and welcome to ReignMaker forge.

Thanks for joining. I know you have many options for listening. I appreciate that you are giving this podcast, "Empowering the Damascus Man," your time today. I have done my best to make it thought-provoking and worth your attention.

I hope you're asking, "Why should I give you my time?" I expect that you are seeking a deeper connection with God and topics beyond the 3-year sermon cycle. I pray that you keep coming back because the podcast is forging in you new realities and a deeper faith.

Our first series dives into the Trinity for 5 episodes to establish that God needs to be the center of our universe. And secondly, that connection is God's priority. We are releasing the Trinity Series starting September 14. We will take a break until January and release the Second series which covers "How the fall impacts connection.

"The first episode of the Trinity series explores the unity within the Trinity and how that connectedness establishes God's worthiness as the foundation of our faith. Episode 2 reveals how and why we should connect with God. Episode 3 shows how to connect to ourselves by giving God our heart. Episode 4 presents concepts of connecting with others through God's Spirit. And episode 5 concludes with a nuts and bolts exploration of connection with the substance of God within Scripture.

For this episode, I want to cover the 5 foundation stones of this podcast and why they matter to ReignMakers Forge. These stones are core beliefs that we use to interpret the word of God. One term that can be used to group these terms is Biblical worldview. They are highest honor, simplicity, priority of the realms, character and submission.

Highest Honor is our first stone and our cornerstone- God operates in a realm far above ours. He is our creator and because of this one fact, deserves our gratitude and devotion. Our High Five (which is our mission directive) reminds us of Highest Honor as does our systematic theology. When we elevate the Trinity above ourselves, set our minds on things above, and forge our character on His word, we begin to look like him and to take on his honor.

Simplicity is our second stone - God designed the world to be simple, but when corruption entered the world with the fall, everything got complicated. In order to get back to God's simple design, we need to connect with God, ourselves and others. We need to get free of corruption: attitudes, behaviors, actions, coping strategies and choices that separate us from God. Spiritual disciplines are tools that strategically restore us to God's design.

Our third stone is focused on grasping the Priority of the Realms - We have lost focus on the spiritual realm. We filter the word through our understanding of life in this physical realm instead of an eternal perspective. This has weakened our churches. ReignMakers focuses on establishing the spiritual realm as the foundation for reality so that the truth is established in the proper order.

Character is our fourth stone- Congregations have lost the focus of character development and abiding in God and is instead a place of activity. We do things that the world does and put a Jesus stamp on them to get people into church. We spend more energy convincing people to join us than leading them in transformation. Discipleship is an inefficient process. Our traditional models of church are not able to support individual development and the extensive mentoring required to transform lives.

Submission is our last stone - We are unwilling to do hard things. Jesus says that he came to bring a sword to families, meaning to sever physical bonds that impair spiritual connection with him. In congregations today, we are so focused on keeping doors open by creating experiences. Authentic faith requires that we let go of the world. It means walking with someone to stabilize their foundation. ReignMakers uses the submission disciplines of simplicity, silence, confession and fasting to sever bondage and to connect with God, our own hearts and then with others.

On these foundation stones of ReignMakers Forge we create the tools and weapons that connect us to God, our spiritual foundation. In order to give you as many tools as I have, I have written a workbook with lessons that compliment each podcast. By offering this transcript and lessons, hopefully you will engage with the material and experience real transformation. Access the archived workbooks by joining the ReignMakers community or downloading the current workbook at no cost the week an episode is released.

I suggest listening through the episodes to see if you are comfortable with the content, and then, if worthwhile, repeating the episode while forging through the workbook. Preferably, I hope you will reach out to the ReignMakers community, or recruit your own forge members to sharpen yourself and each other while wrestling with these ideas.

This podcast is more than just audio, it is a discipleship tool, which includes the podcast, 1-3 minute hammer strikes, workbook and group interaction. Every other Monday a new episode cluster will be released. The podcast on Monday and then, five shorter hammer strike minicasts are released on the remaining Mon, Wed, and Fri of the 2 week cycle to keep you engaged.

Ideally, listen to and read the materials the day they are released, MWF. Then on TuThS study the highlights, complete the challenges and engage your group. That provides 6 quiet time moments each week and a day to attend services and honor the Sabbath.

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- 40% of the things we read. That includes reading the transcripts of the podcast and hammer strikes and reading through the work book lesson
- 70 % of things we study and discuss.

- And 90 % of the things we teach or share with others.

As part of our discipleship, we have 3 areas of focus. Honor, Forge, Impact. These provide guidance and balance for our development as believers. These 3 areas correlate with the podcast discipleship tool.

Honor reminds us that everything we do is to glorify God. We honor God as we listen and read about him. Honor leads us into connection with God.

Forge is the work we do to move our honor from our head to our heart. We are forging change when we study God's word, sharpen our brother, and internalize the lesson of the workbook. Forge leads us in connection with ourselves.

Impact happens as we convey to others what we have learned and invest in their honor, and encourage their forging. It is when we seek to impact others that we enter into the greatest self development and connection with God. Impact guides us in connecting with others.

One big challenge for believers is to keep their faith life in balance. Churches do a good job of providing content to develop honor. Some people take the opportunity to forge in personal and small group Bible studies, but impact is tough. Churches think that service is impact. They plug people into roles. Impact needs to be born out of the heart. It must emerge from the work of forging.

ReignMakers forge believes that discipleship must be individualized. Honor, forge, and impact take time, cultivation, and discovery. It happens outside of the structure but in partnership with the congregation. We provide camping EPICs, Seminars, and events to connect people but also help them discover their own heart and connection with God. Authentic faith is not efficient. It can not be imparted through a sermon once a week. That is why we have built this tool the way we have.

We realize that this will be hard. It will be hard to commit. It will be hard to execute. It will be hard to let go of something in your schedule that you enjoy to make time for it. But the reward for the effort you put in is worth every sacrifice you make.

For those of you who listened to the soft release of the first episode, thank you. I have pulled that down and revised it based on feedback.

There is a workbook for this episode that provides some foundational materials for ReignMakers including the HighFive and