

Real Men

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During the impeachment hearings some years ago a politician was asked to explain why the president did what he did. She responded, "Men will be men." The implication is that men have a base nature from which they can't escape – a lecherous, self-indulgent need for gratification. Is that really true? What makes a man a man?

The Bible is clear--we are created in the image of God. Sin has marred that image. Christ has repaired the image. When men receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord He gives them back their true selves. He, in essence, resurrects our true identity as men. What makes a man a man? Christ is our model for manhood – He had a 'cause' to die for – atonement for the sins of the world, a challenge to embrace—the suffering of the cross, and love ones to protect-- the redemption of mankind. As men, we too have a cause to die for, a challenge to embrace, and love ones to protect. Take any one of these away and you rob a man of his true identity.

What cause, larger than yourself, are you prepared to die for? What challenge does God want you to embrace? Who has God called you to protect? You may not need to look any further than your home.