



- February 2003 Newsletter -

Dear Friends,

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10). Have you ever wondered why Jesus said both things in the very same breath? Over time we all come to have some serious doubts about the intentions of God toward us. What does God want for *you* this year? Life, he says. Then why does it seem so rare? Most people are struggling just to survive. Right, says Jesus. Because you are at war. There is a Thief, and he’s trying to take your life away.

The context of our days is battle...we must *fight* for the life God wants for us. If we could see that more clearly, we’d be a lot farther down the road to the life we want. The life we need. The healing, the freedom, the restoration. “You don’t have to live like a refugee,” sang Tom Petty, “but everybody’s got to fight to be free.” Exactly. Precisely. Everything I do, everything Ransomed Heart offers is to that end. So, at the start of the year, I wanted to give you a “heads-up” on the new things coming to you from our community.

Ransomed Heart Events - Spring 2003

The Sacred Romance Conference - St. Louis, MO - March 7-8

It all started with The Sacred Romance, and this remains one of our favorite encounters with God. Its an unforgettable journey through film and music to recover life's greatest treasure - your heart, and the heart of God. *This will be our only Sacred Romance conference for 2003.* So its worth getting to St. Louis – make an adventure out of it!

Wild at Heart Conference - Washington DC - February 21-22, 2003

Okay, only the Wild One would call us to take the message of Wild at Heart into a major city – Washington, DC, no less, at the Washington Convention Center. Can you believe it? We’re going in response to his call, and we’re giving it the full deal. This is a great opportunity for you to bring your fathers and sons, your friends and allies who can’t make it to our four day Wild at Heart Boot Camp in Colorado.

Wild at Heart Boot Camp - Frontier Ranch Colorado - March 27-30, May 1-4

We’ll do four boot camps this year; these are our spring dates. And they sell-out *fast* (as in, like, 24 hours). In order for a man to get his heart back, he's got to take a journey. One that involves risk, and danger, and a point of no return. The Wild at Heart retreat is a four-day quest into the recovery of your masculine soul, and the guys who come through this experience will tell you: Its awesome. Its incredible. You will *never* be the same.

Wild at Heart *Advanced* - Platoon Leader's Training - Colorado

A wildfire is spreading. Jesus is raising up men to lead other men. Local militias. And this is the next level of training, reserved for graduates of the Boot Camp. A much smaller, much more

intensive retreat designed to equip men to rescue other men. At the Advanced we go deeper into the Four Streams that Christ uses to ransom men: Healing, Counseling, Deliverance and Discipleship. This is the core of the lessons we've learned in our own journey and battle over the past ten years. The January event sold out in 43 seconds. We'll do two more this year – check the website for dates.

Ransomed Femininity – August, Colorado Springs

Our first women's event last fall was incredible. Beautiful. Women were met by the Lover of their soul. Many tears, tremendous healing. We wondered if it would be like what we've seen at Wild at Heart. It was...only, distinctly feminine, and really rich. We'll do two events this year for women, one in August and the other in November. Last fall sold out in 30 minutes, so check the website for further details. In fact, go now to www.ransomedheart.com to find out how to register for all these events!

New Resources!

Wild at Heart: A Band of Brothers is an eight-part film series now available on VHS and DVD. Its like bringing the experience of the boot camps into your living room, for your group of guys. The team shot this at Bart's ranch last September. Very, very powerful.

Ransomed Femininity Live! Here's the CD audio set from our November retreat. Eventually, it will become a book. But for now, this is the only place you can find this amazing teaching on what God meant when he created Eve, and how he ransoms her. You can find more information about these and other resources in the "Books and Tapes" section of our website.

I hope you can join us for one of our events this year. I promise – it will do your heart great good. And please let this be a prayer sheet for you this spring; its only with your help that we can ransom the hearts of God's beloved.

Finally, ask God if he might have you support Ransomed Heart financially. We're a non-profit ministry and we rely on our allies to help us in this fresh work of God. Stasi and I gave birth to Ransomed Heart in our basement only a year and a half ago, and its already having an impact around the world. We couldn't be more excited about supporting this ministry, and we ask you to help us fight for Ransomed Heart with your prayers and your gifts, as it fights for so very many people.

With thanks – to God, and to you,

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