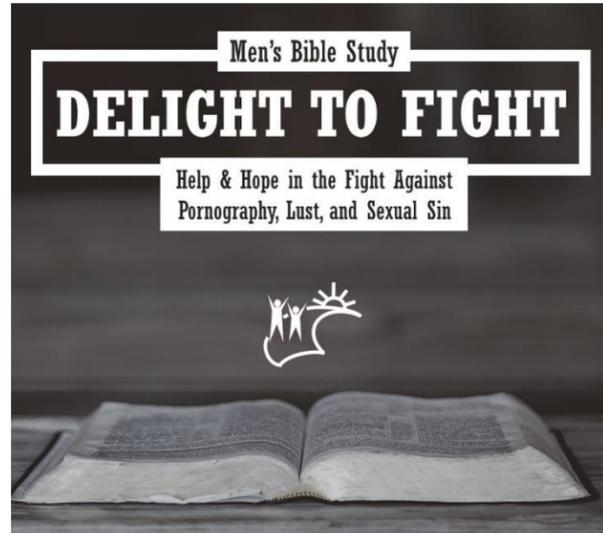


“The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” – Romans 13:12

HELPING MEN FIGHT

In May, your support helped us launch our new **Delight to Fight Men’s Bible Study**. The focus of this study is to help men find help and hope in the fight against pornography, lust, and sexual sin.

The name “Delight to Fight” doesn’t mean that we enjoy fighting. Instead, it means that delight is the way or method by which we fight sexual temptation in our lives. Through the help of the Spirit, we turn away from lesser things by leading our hearts to see Jesus Christ as the greatest delight, joy, and passion in our lives.



“We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

- C.S. Lewis, *Weight of Glory*

YES, I WILL HELP CONNECT A HURTING PERSON WITH A MENTOR!

Your financial support for ATLAS ensures that hurting people won’t have to walk through their struggles alone. You can donate to ATLAS in one of three easy ways:



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Mail your donations to:

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PO BOX 1511
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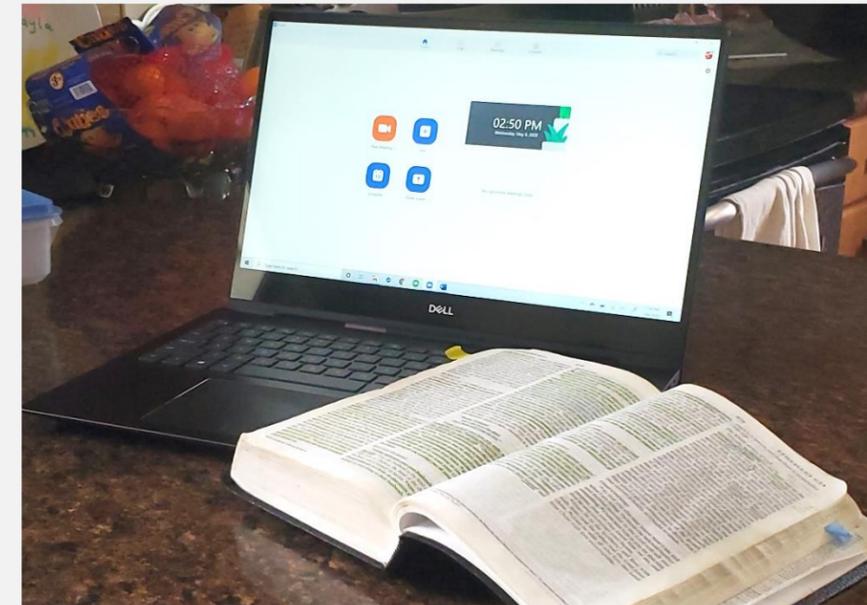
AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

Request an automatic **monthly withdrawal authorization form** to donate monthly directly from your bank account.



MENTORING FROM A DISTANCE

WHILE METHODS CAN CHANGE, WE’VE SEEN OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS HOW ESSENTIAL THE ATLAS VISION IS IN HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH STRUGGLES.



In each of our ATLAS Mentor Workshops we regularly emphasize the importance of face-to-face meetings and only using technology to supplement but not replace those meetings. But then the COVID-19 crisis came along

and things changed in a hurry. The sudden changes over the past few months made three things clear as they relate to the work we do of discipling people through mentoring relationships at ATLAS. **(Continued on Pages 2-3)**



**WALK IN LOVE,
AS CHRIST LOVED US &
GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US**

Ephesians 5:2

Our vision at ATLAS is to have a caring Christ-follower available for anyone in need. We walk *with* people through the struggles of life to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.



MAINTAIN THE MISSION

Uncertainty has reigned in many people's lives over much of the past few months. **The confusion, anxiety, and fear we've seen has made the need for the ATLAS vision very clear.**

Many people today, maybe more so than ever in their lifetime, have needed a steady, assuring, hopeful voice in their lives. They've needed someone to talk to and help them process mentally, emotionally, and spiritually the unprecedented events related to COVID-19.

For those we mentor, our ATLAS staff

and mentors have been that steady voice in their lives.

As we move through this crisis, we remember Christ's mission for his church. **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."** (Matthew 28:19-20)

Even while the world changes around us, our mission as Christians must remain constant. This hurting world needs the hope found in the message of the gospel and it needs to encounter

that hope face-to-face through God's people.

For ATLAS, this means continuing to disciple people through one-on-one mentoring relationships. It means continuing to help hurting, struggling people find refuge and strength in God. It means continuing to equip more Christians to engage in one-to-one mentoring relationships.

The circumstances of the world don't change our mission. The same Savior who warned us of wars, famines, earthquakes, and persecution in Matthew 24, is the very same Savior who gave us the mission to make disciples. He's also the same Savior who promised to be with us always, even to the end of this age.

**THANK YOU FOR
EVERYTHING YOU
HAVE DONE FOR ME
AND MY FAMILY!**

- ATLAS MENTEE



MAINTAIN THE MENTOR

This season of quarantine also brought the reminder that for staff and volunteers to be able to help others through an uncertain time, we need to be resting in our ever-certain God ourselves.

Changing schedules, learning new technologies, job worries, and countless other changes brought new stress to everyone's life. This all reminded us that mentors need someone they can talk to too. Mentors

need the love of a church family just like a mentee. Mentors need to rest in the grace of God daily too. A mentor's need for God is great also. Because as Jesus said, **"Apart from me you can do nothing."** (John 15:5)

MIX THE METHODS

It is hard to think of a single business, school, church, or organization that has not changed something about the way they do their work over the past month. To continue providing services, methods have had to change.

For the mentoring relationships you support, it has meant that technology we encouraged to be only supplemental (texts, phone calls, video calls) now has taken a more primary role in some relationships.

Tom, one of our volunteer mentors, encouraged "Cop Coffees" (sitting in your car talking to another person sitting in their car) to still have safe, in-person interactions. We now do these frequently also.

A partnership with Refuge Church in Willmar has also helped us meet physical needs (groceries, rent, utilities, etc.) of people we mentor while we meet their spiritual and emotional needs through our mentoring relationships.

A crisis requires creativity. **If our message of hope in Jesus Christ remains constant, we can mix the methods to find ways to most effectively mentor people.**

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