AWAKEN
MEN'S RETREAT

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Camp Living Waters
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What Is Awaken?
Awaken is a 4-day retreat experience designed for 12 men to step away from the noise and distractions of everyday life and reconnect with God, rediscover their purpose, and build authentic brotherhood.

Why Was Awaken Created?
At the core of every man is the desire to know who he truly is and where he belongs, but in today's world, many men are carrying silent burdens:

- Pressure at home
- Stress at work
- Broken relationships
- Spiritual uncertainty
- Isolation
- Shame
- Fear
- Unanswered questions
- The weight of trying to hold everything together alone

Many men spend years carrying pressure silently. They provide, lead, protect and keep moving forward. Yet beneath the surface, many are wrestling with questions they rarely say out loud:

- Who am I really?
- Why do I still feel disconnected?
- Why do I feel like I am carrying everything alone?
- Is there more to my relationship with God than this?

Many men even spend years attending church while still feeling disconnected, spiritually exhausted, or uncertain about their identity and purpose. Most men never talk about these things out loud—not because they don't feel them, but because they don't know how to express them or where it is safe to do so.

What is the Purpose of Awaken?
Awaken creates an environment where men can step away from the noise of life, lower their guard, and encounter God in a real and personal way. It is designed to help remove the pressure and constant demands of life long enough to hear God clearly again. Through Biblical truth, prayer, worship, reflection, encouragement, and honest conversations, men are invited to discover their identity in Christ and better understand what it means to live as a son of God through a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

Awaken is not about perfection. It is not about religion. It is not about pretending to have everything together. It is about becoming the man God created you to be.

One of the most common things men hear before attending Awaken is: "Trust the process." This phrase can sometimes feel unclear when someone is searching for honest answers. Here is what it means: Awaken is a journey. Attendees move through an experience that unfolds step-by-step over several days. Certain elements are intentionally protected because discovery, reflection, and personal encounters with God are part of what makes the experience meaningful.

But this should be clearly understood:
Awaken is rooted in Biblical principles, Christian brotherhood, prayer, worship, encouragement, personal growth, and discipleship.

There are no hidden agendas. There is no manipulation. There is no pressure to perform.
The goal is simple: To create space for God to work in the hearts of men.

Who Is Awaken For?
Awaken is for men from all walks of life. Whether you are:

- Deeply rooted in your faith
- Spiritually struggling
- Newly following Christ
- Rebuilding your life
- Carrying burdens
- Simply hungry for something more

You are welcome. You do not need to have everything figured out. You simply need to be willing to show up.

Why Should a Man Consider Awaken?

- Your life matters
- Your relationship with God matters
- Your marriage matters
- Your children matter
- Your future matters

For many men, Awaken becomes a defining moment — where striving begins to give way to surrender, where isolation begins to give way to brotherhood, and where a man begins to realize he was never meant to walk through life alone.

The Impact Of Awaken

When a man changes, families change. Marriages become stronger, fathers become more present, and men begin leading with humility, strength, integrity, courage, and compassion. Churches and communities also become stronger when men become spiritually healthy and live with purpose.

Many men who attend Awaken leave with:

- Renewed faith
- Restored hope
- Deeper relationships
- Lifelong friendships
- Confidence in their identity in Christ

They leave behind questions, pain, and skepticism and come home knowing who they are, Whose they are, and the belief that God still has purpose for their life.

Our Commitment Moving Forward

Awaken is not meant to be a single weekend experience. We believe men need ongoing brotherhood, support, discipleship, and connection long after the retreat ends. This is why we are committed to building:

- Follow-up
- Relationships
- Leadership
- A stronger community of men who continue walking together after Awaken

No man should feel forgotten. No man should feel left behind.

This Is Your Invitation

If you feel God calling you toward something deeper… If you are tired of walking alone… If you are hungry for purpose, truth, brotherhood, spiritual renewal, and a deeper understanding of your identity and sonship through a real relationship with Jesus Christ… **Then maybe now is the time.**

Awaken is not about hype; it is about encounter.
Not to become a different man overnight, but to take the next step toward the man God created you to be.
And your story may be just beginning...

IF YOU'VE READ THIS FAR AND BELIEVE GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU INTO THIS JOURNEY, HERE'S HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP:

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