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# **IMPACTUS MEN'S CONFERENCE 2023**

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EVENT PROGRAM**



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ Doors Open
- 8:45 - 10:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ Session 1: Steve Carter
- 10:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ Break
- 10:25 – 11:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ Session 2:  
Dr. Rick Reed
- 11:30 - 12:50 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch
- 12:50 – 2:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Session 3:  
Andrew Beresford
- 2:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Break
- 2:40 – 3:45 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Session 4:  
Dr. David Macfarlane

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Our core beliefs and statement of faith as Impactus will not change. Our vision remains the same today as it did many years ago – “To see every man becoming, growing, and living as A disciple of Jesus Christ.”

How we communicate and the tools we use to point men to Jesus will change, including fewer conferences and more digital content.

Our world is changing, and we are changing with it. Please note that “we are changing,” but NOT the gospel or the need for the gospel in the lives of men around the world.

Extensive research has shown us that in order to reach the next generation of men, a new name, a new look, and a new direction are necessary. We won't abandon the men who have attended Promise Keeper Canada conferences for over 25 years. We want to minister to your sons and grandsons – and feel the best way to do so is online-focused as Impactus.

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# SESSION ONE



## STEVE CARTER

Steve Carter is the best-selling author of *The Thing Beneath The Thing* and host of the Craft and Character podcast, a coach to communicators who are looking to find their unique voice or take their next step of growth in speaking. Steve teaches regularly at churches, conferences, and various businesses around the country.

He is the former lead teaching pastor at Willow Creek Community Church and currently serves as a teaching pastor at Forest City Church. He lives outside Chicago, Illinois, with his wife and two kids.

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## RICK REED

Dr. Rick Reed serves as the President of Heritage College and Seminary in Cambridge, Ontario. He joined Heritage College & Seminary on January 1, 2013, after serving for fourteen years as Senior Pastor at the Metropolitan Bible Church in Ottawa. At Heritage, Rick teaches in the areas of preaching and pastoral theology. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Biola University, Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Reed is committed to using Scripture and his ministry experience to glorify God in the training and equipping of men and women for life and ministry. In 2023,

Dr. Reed accepted the opportunity to move into the role of Chancellor of Heritage College & Seminary. He is also the author of *The Heart of the Preacher*.

Rick is married to Linda, who directs the Heritage Centre for Women in Ministry. The Reeds have three grown children.

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# SESSION THREE



## ANDREW BERESFORD

G. Andrew Beresford is passionate about loving people and leading them to Jesus, challenging them to grow deeply in their relationship with Him. He has a heart for the Nations and is committed to building the local church, which he believes to be God's most powerful vehicle for evangelism on Earth. Together, Pastor Andrew and his wife planted and pastor ServeCity Church in the Greater Toronto Area.

He also serves over 800 churches as the General Overseer of Church Planting for the Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship, International.

Aside from his relationship with Jesus, most important to Pastor Andrew is his family. He's been married to his lovely wife, Pastor Chantal, for over fifteen years and together they have three children: Gabriel, Noah and Claire.

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## DR. DAVID MACFARLANE

Dr. David Arrol Macfarlane is a pastor, author, and evangelist who has led churches in Ontario and British Columbia.

David has addressed thousands of people at events, conferences, and in churches around the world and across Canada. He has appeared on numerous TV shows such as the 700 Club, 100 Huntley Street, and It's a New Day, plus numerous radio programs.

"I want to give Christians hope, that the Gospel hasn't lost its power," David said. "People are looking for hope and we need to show them how relevant Christianity is."

David has written for or been featured in numerous publications including Decision magazine, Christian Week, and Faith Today. David's latest book *Ignite Your Life: Living for Significance* shares how to live looking outward and in the process, live richer and fuller Christ-centred lives.

A former Director of National Initiatives for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada, he now teaches at N2N Christian University, where his courses are offered for church leaders and pastors in five languages in over fifty developing countries.

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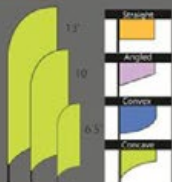
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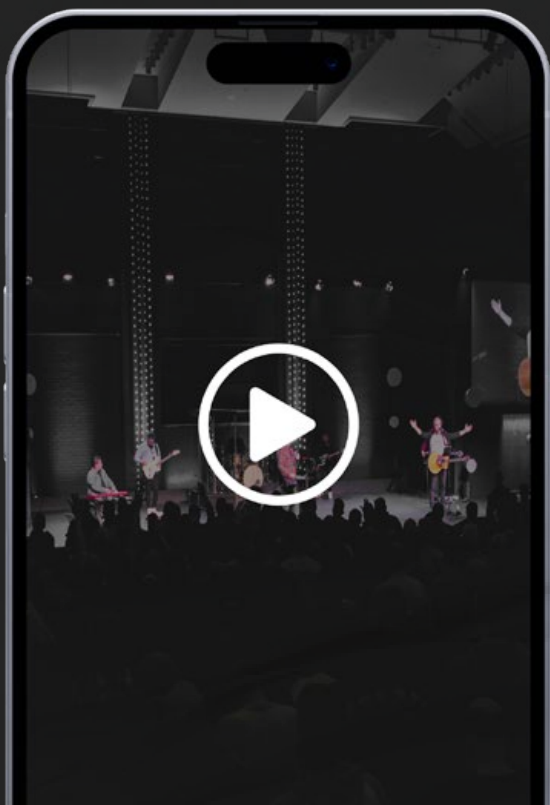
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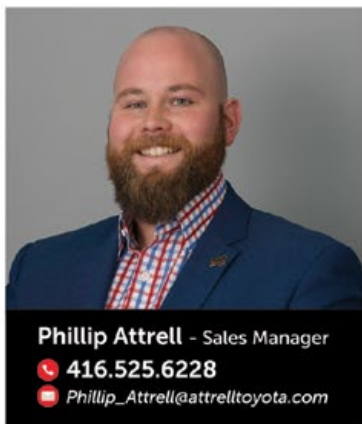
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# STUDY GUIDE

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# STUDY ONE:

## Steadfast Communion

**Read: Lamentations 3:22–23; Psalm 62:5-6**

When a man steps up to propose to his beloved and ask her to marry him, it is with the promise that he is committing to love her and be with her forever.

Although we know in our fallenness that such promises tragically don't always last, the intention and sincerity are always there at the beginning: I will love you, protect you, provide for you, and walk with you forever.

Such a commitment takes guts, and no man has been there who doesn't remember the butterfly nerves that built up to that moment. Love takes strength, courage, and commitment when we pledge it—and even more to live it out.

Our earthly love requires these things and gives a picture of God's love. God, in His perfection, shows us His strength, courage, and commitment as He creates us, provides for us, protects us, and most clearly, demonstrates this great love for us in the self-sacrifice of the Cross (Romans 5:8).

Unlike us, God's love is always perfect, stable, and trustworthy. He loves us at our best and equally at our worst. He is faithful in all things, and the steadfast love of the LORD for His people never, ever changes. He is the firm Rock we stand on and the Faithful One who deserves our trust.

### **Reflection/Discussion Questions:**

1. What different words come to mind when you think of the term “steadfast”? What do these words teach you about God? How many of them apply to you?
2. What is an example from your life of experiencing God’s steadfast love?
3. What are the most effective ways that you experience/connect with God? What are some things that interfere with that connection?

### **Application Questions:**

1. Write out what God’s steadfast love means to you in a sentence or two.
2. What steps can you take to show others that same kind of love?

# STUDY TWO: Steadfast Community

**Read: Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10**

You've likely seen the symbolism of someone taking a stick and easily snapping it in half, and then taking a whole bundle of sticks together and being unable to crack the group of them.

It's a nice picture of a doubtless truth: we are stronger together than apart.

On the day the Church was born, God's faithful people "were all together in one place" when the Holy Spirit suddenly fell and birthed a new community of faith (Acts 2:1-4). The gathering together of believers was important.

This community was to be a place where people of different gender, race, and social status would all be united into one family, worshipping the one God in the Name of the one Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:28).

In community, we encourage one another, strengthen one another, correct one another when needed, and support one another (e.g. Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; James 5:19-20; etc.). Since no single person has all of God's strength or gifts, we use the gifts we have been given to bless others and allow others to bless us with their gifts in return (1 Corinthians 12:4-31).

We cannot do this alone; we need one another. Christ's Church is a loving, committed community that will let the world know that we are His disciples as we love and support one another (John 13:35). Men need this community, even when our rugged individualism would tell us differently. We all need brothers to lean on, and when we find solid Christian community, we can find this blessing.

### **Reflection/Discussion Questions**

1. What is the best version of this sort of faith community that you've ever been a part of? What makes it the best?
2. What are some challenges of living in a faith community like this? How might we overcome those challenges?
3. In what ways can men contribute to this sort of community?

### **Application Questions**

1. What steps can you take to help make your faith community the best version of itself?
2. How can you be an encourager to others in your faith community today?



# STUDY THREE:

## Steadfast Commitments

**Read: Ephesians 5:25; Proverbs 17:17**

Canadian comedian Norm MacDonald once quipped, “On the Internet, I have 160,000 friends. In real life, I have 2.”

That sounds about right for most guys, at least the “real life” part. Our tendency to make many of our relational interactions via screens has connected us more in some ways and left us more disconnected in many others.

In a culture that emphasizes “me” and encourages shallower connections, men are fighting against the current when it comes to living out steady and committed relationships.

By contrast, Jesus came to the earth (John 1:14). He came to us. He walked among the people. He looked them in the eye. He took the time to connect. He asked lots of questions. He demonstrated His commitment to others in a hundred different ways throughout the Gospels, never more clearly than at the Cross (John 3:16).

Jesus lived a life of obedience to the Father and a life of putting others before Himself (John 14:31; 1 John 3:16; Philippians 2:5-11). His commitment goes all the way to His own death at Calvary. That’s how committed He is to you and me.

And men are called to follow His example: whether it be in your marriage, your parenting, your extended family, your friendships, your work relationships, etc.—we are like Jesus when we commit to others the way He committed to us. We are like Him when we are faithful and consistent. We are like Him when we put others before ourselves. We are like Him when we sacrifice for the sake of another.

We are like Jesus when we live like He did—as a steadfast and faithful man of God.

### **Reflection/Discussion Questions:**

1. In what relationship(s) in your life has someone demonstrated their commitment to you? How do you know they were/are committed?
2. In what ways did Jesus show commitment to the people He encountered?
3. What does the life of Jesus teach us about how we should act towards others?

### **Application Questions:**

1. What relationships in your life get the most steadfast commitment from you? List some of the things that you do that make this so.
2. What relationships in your life could use some attention in this area? What elements from the previous question's list could you apply to them?

# STUDY FOUR:

## Steadfast Consistency

**Read: Psalm 25:21; Psalms 101:2-3; 1 Corinthians 9.26; Ephesians 6:10-11**

A wise man once said, “The best time to start a new habit was yesterday. The second-best time is today.”

If we want to make a change in our lives, there is no other way but to make a decision and take a step in a new direction.

But we don’t just take one step—we take another and another and another after that. Those singular steps add up, and ultimately, we find ourselves in a whole new place.

The commitment and consistency required to walk out our faith and convictions are similar. God’s grace has come to us, and it calls us to change our lives (Titus 2:11-14). Doing so comes down to many individual moments, individual decisions, and individual movements to follow a particular path. We walk with integrity when we regularly and reliably keep going in the same right direction over time.

Consistency is the key (Galatians 6:9). This steadfastness must permeate every aspect of our lives: from our thoughts to our actions, from our emotions to our speech, from our relationships to our recreation, and from our online habits to our offline desires. This faithfulness creates healthy boundaries, breaks free from bad behaviour, lives in obedience to God, and enjoys the fullness of Christ’s freedom.

We commit ourselves to the way of Christ and to faithfully living out what He calls us to (1 John 2:6). As we do, we too become steadfast men of God who walk in holiness and integrity, just as He did.

## **Reflection/Discussion Questions**

1. How are our integrity and our faithfulness linked? Why is this so important?
2. What are some examples of Jesus walking with integrity, even in the face of adversity?
3. What does the life of Jesus teach us about what God wants from us?

## **Application Questions**

1. What is one area of your life that you feel you consistently live out with integrity? List some reasons that have helped you succeed in this area.
2. What area of your life could use some attention? What are some steps that you can start taking, even today?

# STUDY FIVE:

## Steadfast Calling

**Read: Matthew 28:19; 2 Timothy 3:17; Galatians 1:10**

Being a spectator is great. Whether it's a hockey game, a movie theatre, a wedding, a TV show, or whatever the case may be, it's a wonderful experience to sit back and observe, cheer and support, take it all in, and participate in the background as one of the crowd.

The Christian life, however, is not a spectator sport.

It is just that— a life. Something meant to be lived out, not observed from a distance.

This calls us to roll up our sleeves and get busy. There are people to encourage, prayers to be prayed, ministries to serve, and a community to engage with. The work of the Lord is waiting, and men need to step up and engage in it (1 Corinthians 15:58).

There is also a sea of humanity out there who need what Christians have. Jesus said, "The fields are ripe for harvest..." (John 4:35). There are people out there without the hope and blessing of Christ in their lives, and they need someone to tell them about Him (Romans 10:14). Someone in your life is ready to hear the Gospel of Jesus right now. Will you be faithful to share it?

Our vision at Impactus is "To see every man become, grow, and live as disciples of Jesus Christ" – that's not just for every man in the church, but for every man in the community, too. Men are called to be bold in their faith and confident in their calling to share the love and grace of Jesus. Will we be those men?

**Reflection/Discussion Questions:**

1. In what ways are you being faithful to your calling to your family?
2. In what ways are you being faithful to your calling to your church?
3. In what ways are you being faithful to your calling to your community?

**Application Questions:**

1. If you had to define your sense of your "calling" in a sentence or two, how would you write that out?
2. How does your sense of calling stack up to how well you are living it out in each of the three areas previously discussed in the last set of questions?

# NOT SURE WHAT TO DO NEXT?

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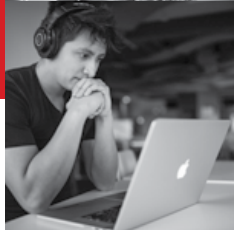
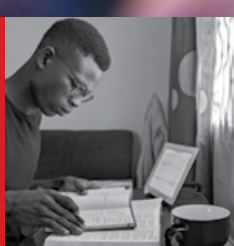
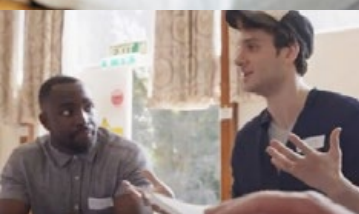
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