

# Men of Peace Self-Paced Course

Frequently Asked Questions 2.0

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#### CONCERNING THE MEN OF PEACE SELF-PACED COURSE

#### Q: How much does the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course cost?

A: The cost to purchase the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course is \$497.00 per individual course participant and is to be paid as a one-time fee at the time of purchase. Please note, we do not take insurance, nor do we offer payment plans, scholarships, or group pricing options to course participants.

#### Q: If I am dissatisfied with the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course, can I request a refund?

A: If you determine <u>within seven days of purchase</u> that you are dissatisfied with the course you may request a refund by emailing PeaceWorks (<u>revchrismoles.assist@gmail.com</u>) at which time we will refund the purchase price (<u>minus</u> <u>processing fees</u>). Once the refund has been issued, please expect five-ten business days for the refund to appear in your account.

#### Q: What is the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course?

A: The Men of Peace Self-Paced Course is the compilation of all of Chris Moles' past Men of Peace coaching content plus brand-new material. This course includes fifty pre-recorded video/audio lessons from Chris Moles spanning ten course modules and a corresponding PDF workbook. This course will walk men through the three-fold Men of Peace process of *Information, Transformation*, and *Reformation*, educating and guiding men who are ready to take ownership of their abusive behaviors and surrender themselves fully to the Lord in true and lasting repentance. Please be aware this course does not include a direct coaching component with Chris Moles. Instead, this self-paced course is designed to be used within the context of an already established biblical counseling or coaching relationship, with the abusive man enlisting the discipleship and accountability support of a local counselor, pastor, or mentor. Once purchased, each course participant will have permanent access to all course materials.

The five episodes of The PeaceWorks Podcast listed below specifically outline the Men of Peace process that makes up the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course.

- Episode #245 Men of Peace Process Information
- Episode #246 Men of Peace Process Ownership
- Episode #247 Men of Peace Process Transformation
- Episode #248 Men of Peace Process Surrender
- Episode #249 Men of Peace Process Reformation

#### Q: What results can men expect after having completed the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course?

A: This course is an educational and guiding resource that can assist abusive men in taking ownership of their abusive behaviors and surrendering themselves fully to the Lord in true and lasting repentance. The results for each course participant will span a wide spectrum of outcomes that depend entirely on the course participant and his desire for and willingness to commit to the repentance process. We cannot guarantee or predict any such outcomes.

#### Q: What forms of domestic abuse will be addressed in the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course?

A: While Men of Peace is not affiliated with <u>DAIP</u>, the course will address all abuse tactics listed on the <u>Duluth Model</u> <u>Power and Control Wheel</u> (as it is the standard in domestic abuse intervention) along with the heart issues and theological motivations associated with them.

#### Q: Are there any technology requirements for the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course?

A: Course participants must have reliable internet access via a personal computer, tablet, or smartphone to properly stream course video and audio. The course workbook can be completed electronically using <u>Adobe Acrobat Reader</u> or manually by printing the PDF document. Participants must have a basic understanding of <u>Adobe Acrobat Reader</u>, the ability to type, and the ability to download/save/email the completed portions of the workbook when requested by their shepherding team.

# Q: Will PeaceWorks provide coaching, accountability, or case management to Men of Peace Self-Paced Course participants?

A: PeaceWorks is unable to provide any individual coaching, accountability, or case management to course participants. Instead, this self-paced course is designed to be used within the context of an already established biblical counseling or coaching relationship, with the abusive man enlisting the discipleship and accountability support of a local counselor, pastor, or mentor. We believe the greatest potential for an abusive man's accountability lies in his choice to take responsibility for his repentance process and to proactively invite a variety of people (counselors, advocates, pastors, church leaders, law enforcement, etc.) to, together, act as a shepherding team. The more expansive and diverse the roles of shepherding team members, the more effective the accountability will be.

We recommend that counselors utilizing the course ask their clients to purchase and complete the course, sharing completed course work with the counselor throughout, so they can regularly meet to review and discuss it together.

#### CONCERNING MEN OF PEACE SELF-PACED COURSE PARTICIPANTS

#### Q: Is Men of Peace limited to any particular theological or denominational background?

A: The Men of Peace Self-Paced Course is intended for evangelical, confessing Christian men.

#### Q: Is Men of Peace intended only for married men?

A: Men of Peace is intended for any man who personally desires to take responsibility for and repent of the abusive patterns they've identified in themselves regardless of their current or future marital status.

## Q: Does the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course address co-occurring issues that might be present along with domestic abuse such as gambling, pornography/sex addiction, alcohol or substance abuse, etc.?

A: The focus of this course is only to address the participant's self-identified abusive patterns. We recommend that participants with distracting or debilitating co-occurring issues seek out additional counsel.

## Q: While I have identified abusive patterns in myself, I am also a survivor of past abuse. Will the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course help me process my own victimization?

A: While PeaceWorks is compassionate toward any personal trauma or past victimization an abusive man may have experienced, the goal of this course is to address a man's current abusive patterns. We recommend men seek out additional counsel if they desire to address past trauma.

#### Q: Are violent offenders permitted to purchase the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course?

A: If you are currently serving a sentence within the criminal justice system, under a protective order, or have engaged in physical violence, we'd encourage you to voluntarily admit yourself to a state-accredited Batterers Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP). You can do so by contacting your county resources and/or your local domestic abuse agency or shelter. To learn more about why we recommend BIPPs to men please listen to <u>Episode #141 of The</u> <u>PeaceWorks Podcast - *BIP Programs and Intervention*. Chris Moles and Men of Peace will not participate in pre-trial diversions and the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course is not intended to replace any court ordered interventions.</u>

#### Q: In what ways should I involve my spouse in my repentance process?

A: We encourage each married participant to involve his spouse in his repentance process to whatever extent she is willing to participate. Assuming the spouse is willing, we've found the best way to ensure her representation in the repentance process is for the participant to include an advocate (of the spouse's choosing) as a key voice in his self-assembled shepherding team. The role of this advocate would be to provide the participant's spouse with on-the-ground support and representation. We believe an advocate's involvement is critical for both the care and support of the spouse as well as the accountability of the abusive man.

#### Q: My spouse wants me to purchase the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course, but I don't believe I am abusive. Am I a good fit for Men of Peace?

A: Some men choose to humbly and honestly engage with a resource like the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course even though they are initially unclear as to how they should think about or categorize their own behaviors or ways of thinking. As a result of willingly engaging with this course content and the education it provides, such men do sometimes find clarity concerning their abusive patterns. Other men may choose to engage unwillingly with the course content, all the while minimizing, denying, or blaming others for their abusive behaviors, ways of thinking, and subsequent consequences. If you have a genuine desire to learn about domestic abuse and to consider your spouse's concerns and you are willing to engage humbly and honestly with the course content, you could definitely benefit from this resource.

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR MEN OF PEACE SELF-PACED COURSE PARTICPANTS

If you desire to take responsibility for and repent of the abusive patterns you've identified in yourself, we recommend you take advantage of the following resources:

- Am I Abusive? by Chris Moles
- Is PeaceWorks University for Abusive Men? by Chris Moles
- When Power is Misused: Finding the True Strength of a Man by Jeff Olson
- When Violence Comes Home: Help for Victims of Spouse Abuse by Tim Jackson and Jeff Olson
- <u>From Pride to Humility: A Biblical Perspective by Stuart Scott</u>
- <u>Self-Centered Spouse: Help for Chronically Broken Marriages by Brad Hambrick</u>
- The Heart of Domestic Abuse: Gospel Solutions for Men Who Use Control and Violence in the Home by Chris Moles
- <u>Telling the Truth to Yourself by Chris Moles</u>
- <u>Telling the Truth to Yourself Worksheet</u>
- <u>The Blame Game by Chris Moles</u>
- <u>The Blame Game Worksheet</u>
- Putting Off and Putting On by Chris Moles
- Six (6) Attributes that Can Replace Abusive Actions by Chris Moles
- <u>The PeaceWorks Podcast</u>

### CONCERNING SPOUSES OF MEN OF PEACE SELF-PACED COURSE PARTICIPANTS

#### Q: Does the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course take into account spousal input?

A: We encourage each married participant to involve his spouse in his repentance process to whatever extent she is willing to participate. Assuming the spouse is willing, we've found the best way to ensure her representation in the repentance process is for the participant to include an advocate (of the spouse's choosing) as a key voice in his self-assembled shepherding team. The role of this advocate would be to provide the participant's spouse with on the ground support and representation. We believe an advocate's involvement is critical for both the care and support of the spouse as well as the accountability of the abusive man.

#### Q: What if my husband does not believe he is abusive and/or will not purchase the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course?

A: If your husband is not ready or willing to take responsibility for his abuse, then he may not be ready or willing to begin the honest, hard work necessary to the repentance process. Because the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course is designed specifically for men who *personally* desire to take responsibility for and repent of the abusive patterns they've identified in themselves, your husband's lack of such desire would indicate he is not a good fit for this course.

# Q: What if my husband does choose to purchase the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course but does not choose to invite outside accountability, establish a shepherding team, and/or include an advocate to represent my concerns?

A: If your husband does not choose to invite outside accountability, establish a shepherding team, and/or ensure your representation in his repentance process by including an advocate of your choosing, then he may not be ready or willing to take responsibility for and repent of the abusive patterns he's identified in himself.

# Q: What if my husband does choose to purchase the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course and does invite outside accountability and establish a shepherding team, but the shepherding team is not addressing my concerns? Will PeaceWorks be able to assist in my husband's intervention?

A: Unfortunately due to the large number of Men of Peace Self-Paced Course participants, PeaceWorks is unable to provide any coaching, accountability, or case management to course participants. If the shepherding team is not addressing your concerns, we recommend you continue to communicate your concerns to the advocate representing you. If the shepherding team continues to disregard your advocate when they communicate your concerns, we recommend you continue to pursue your own safety and sanity.

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR SPOUSES OF MEN OF PEACE SELF-PACED COURSE PARTICPANTS

As you pursue your own safety and sanity, we recommend you take advantage of the following victim care resources:

- <u>Called to Peace Ministries</u>
- Called to Peace: A Survivor's Guide to Finding Peace and Healing After Domestic Abuse by Joy Forrest
- Darby Strickland
- Domestic Abuse: Help for the Sufferer by Darby Strickland
- Focus Ministries
- Leslie Vernick
- The Emotionally Destructive Marriage: How to Find Your Voice and Reclaim Your Hope by Leslie Vernick
- How to Act Right When Your Spouse Acts Wrong by Leslie Vernick
- Sydney Millage
- Sanctuary: Hope and Help for Victims of Domestic Abuse by Sydney Millage
- Is It My Fault?: Hope and Healing for Those Suffering Domestic Violence by Lindsey and Justin Holcomb
- God's Protection of Women: When Abuse is Worse than Divorce by Herbert Vander Lugt
- <u>The PeaceWorks Podcast</u>

#### CONCERNING SHEPHERDING TEAM MEMBERS

## Q: Why have I been asked to be a part of a Men of Peace Self-Paced Course participant's shepherding team and what are my responsibilities?

A: PeaceWorks is unable to provide any individual coaching, accountability, or case management to the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course participants. Instead, this course is designed to be used within the context of an already established biblical counseling, coaching, or mentoring relationship. We believe the greatest potential for an abusive man's accountability lies in his choice to take responsibility for his repentance process and to proactively invite a variety of people (counselors, advocates, pastors, church leaders, law enforcement, etc.) to, together, act as a shepherding team. The more expansive and diverse the roles of shepherding team members, the more effective the accountability will be. Your responsibilities will vary depending on your role on the shepherding team and the course participant's willingness to involve your particular expertise. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of the course participant including an advocate (of the spouse's choosing) as a key voice in his self-assembled shepherding team. The role of this advocate would be to provide the participant's spouse with on-the-ground support and representation. We believe an advocate's involvement is critical for both the care and support of the spouse as well as the accountability of the abusive man. We recommend the shepherding team meet regularly to review victim concerns, discuss the course participant's repentance process (including his Men of Peace Self-Paced Course work), and enact any necessary accountability and consequences.

Please note, within the Introduction section of the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course, course participants will receive detailed direction on how to build a shepherding team. Please contact the course participant you are involved with for access to these directions.

#### Q: Do shepherding team members have access to the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course materials?

A: We ask that the Men of Peace Self-Paced course content not be shared or reproduced. Access to the course itself is restricted only to the individual who has purchased the course. We recommend that men keep their team members updated on their progress throughout the course by sharing their completed course work with their shepherding team so they can regularly meet to review and discuss the content being learned and the self-reflection work being done.

We have created a Shepherding Team Support Packet as a means for helpers/shepherding team members to become familiar with the course material. Each team member must contact PeaceWorks via email (revchrismoles.assist@gmail.com) with the course participant's name and the date on which he purchased the course. After this, PeaceWorks will provide each shepherding team member with a Shepherding Team Support Packet containing two components:

- a five-part PDF document which includes information on shepherding team structure, educational and support resources for shepherding team members, FAQs, the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course Participant Check-list, and finally a copy of the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course Reflection and Application Workbook
- audio files of the Men of Peace Self-Paced Course Education Modules

#### Q: Does PeaceWorks provide education or support to shepherding team members?

A: To shepherding team members desiring ongoing education and case support, we offer monthly and annual subscriptions to PeaceWorks University. PeaceWorks University is our online membership site, which exists to train and support people helpers in a variety of ministry contexts to address domestic violence with the gospel of peace. PeaceWorks University has two main components: education and equipping through our online membership site and community building, peer support, and networking through our private PeaceWorks University Facebook Community group. <u>Click here to learn more about PeaceWorks University.</u>

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR SHEPHERDING TEAM MEMBERS

If you're going to engage abusive men in coaching process, we'd recommend you take advantage of the following educational resources:

- The Heart of Domestic Abuse: Gospel Solutions for Men Who Use Control and Violence in the Home by Chris Moles
- Domestic Abuse: Recognize, Respond, Rescue by Darby Strickland
- Is It Abuse?: A Biblical Guide to Identifying Abuse and Helping Victims by Darby Strickland
- A Biblical Counselor's Approach to Marital Abuse: Road Map to Reunification by Julie Ganschow and Bill Schlacks
- IBCD Domestic Abuse Observation Videos featuring Chris Moles and Jeremy Pierre
- Called to Peace: A Survivor's Guide to Finding Peace and Healing After Domestic Abuse by Joy Forrest
- Is It My Fault?: Hope and Healing for Those Suffering Domestic Violence by Lindsey and Justin Holcomb
- God's Protection of Women: When Abuse is Worse than Divorce by Herbert Vander Lugt
- <u>The Heart of Domestic Abuse: Step by Step Abuser Intervention for Biblical Counselors</u> This twelve-unit online course from Chris Moles (based off his book, *The Heart of Domestic Abuse: Gospel Solutions for Men Who Use Control and Violence in the Home* - see above), was created to prepare church leaders and biblical counselors to recognize domestic abuse and respond to abusive men with the help and hope of the gospel. By completing this course, participants will be equipped with the knowledge and skills required to call abusive men to repentance and provide necessary accountability. Please note, this course is already included with each <u>PeaceWorks University</u> membership (under Core Curriculum) at no additional cost.
- <u>PeaceWorks University</u>: <u>PeaceWorks University</u> is our online membership site, which exists to train and support people helpers in a variety of ministry contexts to address domestic violence with the gospel of peace. PeaceWorks University has two main components: education and equipping through our online membership site and community building, peer support, and networking through our private PeaceWorks University Facebook Community group. <u>Click here to learn more about PeaceWorks University</u>.
- <u>The PeaceWorks Podcast</u>