

The Story Behind Men A.L.I.V.E.

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It all began in 2014, in my living room in Brighton. I opened my home for a simple brotherhood dinner and Bible study. Six to eight men would gather weekly — hungry for fellowship and deeper understanding of the Word. The bond grew naturally, as did our desire for something more than surface-level church life.

In 2016, after moving to Cobham, Surrey, we continued with these gatherings. The Bible studies, dinners, and honest conversations formed what we called a Men's Stronghold Group. Our weekly attendance rose to 16–20 men. Through the Covid-19 pandemic, we met consistently via Zoom, diving into timely and challenging topics like Artificial Intelligence, Biblical Chronology, and The Last Days. These studies carried us through two difficult years, spiritually and relationally stronger than ever.

From 2021 to 2024, we transitioned to more casual breakfasts at Wetherspoons in Guildford, where I had now settled. Though the meetings were less structured, the friendships — many now nearly 10 years strong — remained. But something was stirring in my spirit.

I began to see clearly: many men in church do not truly belong. They attend services, support their wives and children, and go through motions — yet deep down, they are isolated, bored, and spiritually asleep. Their dreams lie dormant, their calling is unclear, and temptation knocks too often. There's a hunger for more... but no clear path forward.

Then, in early 2025, during a trip to Singapore, God confronted my own apathy. I repented for years of omission — for not doing more with the men He had placed around me. It was there that the vision of Men A.L.I.V.E. was born:

A clear call to awaken men from the fog of passivity and reignite the fire of the Gospel — not just with more teaching, but with action, outreach, and transformation.

On June 17th — my birthday — I dedicated this vision to the Lord. And now, we prepare to officially launch Men A.L.I.V.E. on September 2nd 2025, with structure, materials, and a clear mission: To keep men alive — in Christ, in the Church, in their families, and in the community.

Back in Guildford, on Tuesday, July 15th, I gathered my group of men in the living room and shared this vision. It was a simple introduction — to be reviewed and revised before launching. But that night marked the beginning.

I'm deeply grateful to Jesus Christ, who has given me this opportunity, and to the brothers who've walked this journey for over a decade, and those who've joined more recently. You are the firewood — and God is lighting something new among us.

Thank you for reading our story.

Come and join us — and catch fire for God and His Kingdom.