

# SOLDOUT

m i n i s t r i e s

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## From the Board Chairman

Lavon Bontrager

Gal.6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

I have been thinking recently about how we tend to give more attention to negative thoughts than positive ones. Sometime ago I went through some circumstances that really caused me to think about this. I had done some speaking and was involved in ministry that drew several positive comments which had me feeling good about life. Then a brother pulled me aside and informed me of an accusation that was made against me. The next several days were tough ones as I tried to slice and dice the negative comment every which way to see if it was true. I ended up feeling downright depressed and was praying and asking God to show what He thought about me. I was struck by the reality that we can hear one positive comment about ourselves and a negative one around the same time and we will believe the negative one and be impacted by it far more than we will by the positive one. I also read that for the average person 80% of our thoughts are based on something negative.

I challenge us to stay positive and ask God to help us know what to do with the negative things we hear. He created us in His image so let's embrace who He made us to be.



Rick Rhodes, Daryl Petersheim, Jesse Hershberger, Lavon Bontrager & Mark Miller

**Board Update:** It's been around a year ago that Rick Rhodes reached out to several brethren to assist him in forming a board for his ministry (formerly called R Family Ministries) as he felt the need for more accountability and help in providing structure and direction for the ministry. SOLDOUT Ministries was formed and we acquired a 501c3 status so we are able to receive charitable donations. We ask that you keep this ministry in your prayers. Pray for spiritual protection for the Rhodes family, as well as direction for the board as we consider how this ministry can best impact God's Kingdom. ◇

## Ministry Update

Rick Rhodes

I am in the midst of teaching a 10-week series entitled Leadership Lessons from Heroes of Faith at Encourage Men. Around 200 men meet every Tuesday, September-November, at 5:30 am, for a time of input together and then small group accountability. We are filming this series and making it into a video resource along with study guides for an ongoing resource. This series should be available in January 2023.

I am also developing a four-session series for our 2023 SOLDOUT Youth Conferences. The theme this year is "On A Journey". The vision behind this series is that life is not a destination, but a journey. We will look at God's purpose and plans for our journey, as well as how to travel with passion and peace. Through our 6 SOLDOUT Youth Conferences in 2023, as well as the video series of this teaching, we have the opportunity to reach many people. Please pray for the development of this series!

In December of 2017, our family moved from Thailand to Reading, PA to do full time evangelistic ministry. The Lord has provided many open doors for preaching the Word, teaching, and equipping the church through resources that we have developed. In 2021 a board was formed to provide direction and accountability to this ministry. We changed our ministry name from R Family Ministries to SOLDOUT Ministries, as the vision and opportunities for this ministry are greater than just the Rhodes family. We vision partnering with other evangelists and teachers to use their gifts and studies to develop resources for the church. Please keep this ministry in your prayers! ◇



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## SOLDOUT Ministries Schedule

January – June 2023

January 13 & 14

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Lancaster, PA

January 26-29

Hebron Conservative Mennonite

Alliance, OH

February 15-18

IMPAC Communication Conference

Wirtz, VA

February 24 & 25

SOLDOUT

Sugar Creek, OH

March 3 & 4

SOLDOUT

Wallenstein, Ontario, Canada

March 9-12

Bethany Fellowship Church

Kokomo, IN

March 16-18

Charity Mission Conference

Lancaster, PA

March 26-29

Bethel Fellowship

Berlin, Ohio

April 7-9

SOLDOUT

Brownsville, Oregon

April 21 & 22

SOLDOUT

Goshen, IN

May 5-7

Church At Cross Keys

Gordonville, PA

May 27 – June 4

Revival Meetings

LaBorie Grenada

June 7-10

IMPAC Communication Conference

Sugarcreek, OH