

RAISING BOYS IN A **KRYPTONITE** WORLD



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GENESIS 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,

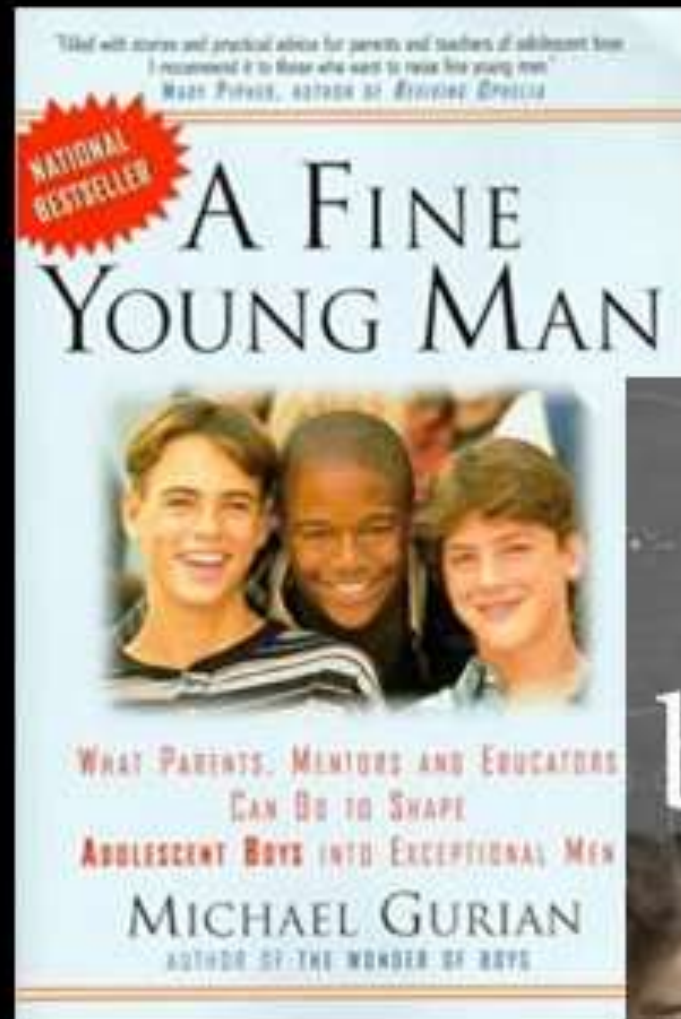
GENESIS 1:26-27

and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So he created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

- *Male/Female both created in the image of God - equal*
- *Created male/female - different*



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- *Nature*

- *Nurture*

- *Culture*















***Why do boys
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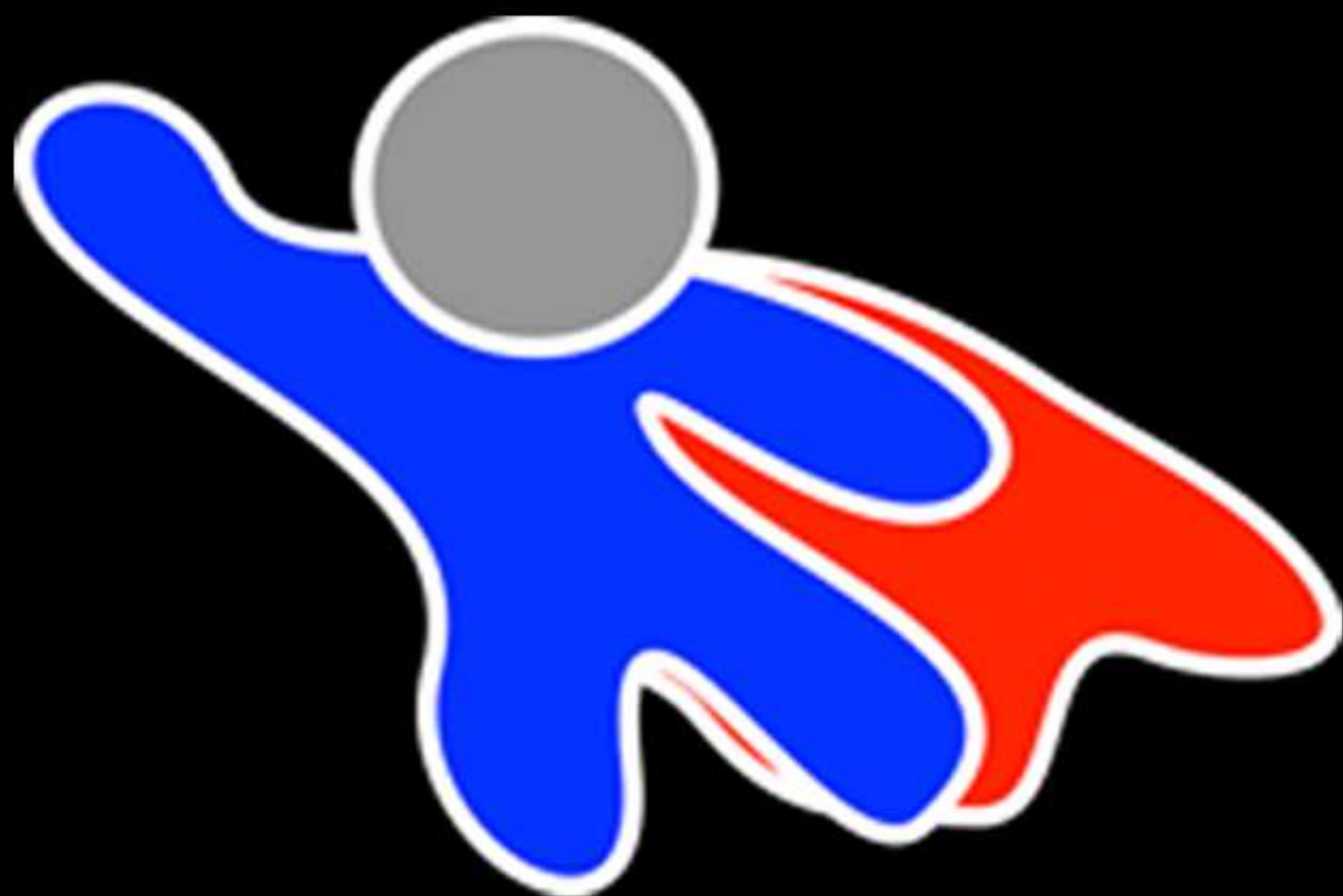
TESTOSTERONE

- *Aggression hormone*
- *Energy hormone*
- *Action hormone*
- *Risk-taking hormone*



TESTOSTERONE

is a
POWER
hormone



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS



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- 1. Can leap tall buildings
in a single bound.**



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SUPERMAN



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

2. Can crawl up walls.



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SPIDERMAN



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

- 3. Uses a hammer
to beat down his enemy.**



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THOR



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

4. Uses his speed to catch the bad guys.



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

4. Uses his speed to catch the bad guys.

THE FLASH



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

5. Is good with Arrows.



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**THE
GREEN ARROW**



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

**6. Uses the latest technology,
often hidden in his
utility belt.**



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BATMAN



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

7. Can fly in a suit of armor.



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IRON MAN



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

**8. His strength turns
him green.**



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

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THE HULK

A large, 3D-rendered red button with a metallic base and two screws. The word "QUIZ" is written in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the button.

QUIZ

SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

9. His incredibly small size gives him an advantage over his enemies.



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ANT MAN



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

10. Experimental science made him strong and good with a shield.



SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

10. Experimental science made him strong and good with a shield.

**CAPTAIN
AMERICA**

A large, 3D-rendered red button with a white border, mounted on a silver base with two screws. The word "QUIZ" is written in bold white capital letters across the center of the button.

QUIZ

SUPER POWERS/SKILLS

BONUS:

**What robs Superman
of his Superhero power?**



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KRYPTONITE

QUIZ

A red, circular push button with a metallic base and two screws. The word "QUIZ" is printed in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the button.

CHALLENGE FOR BOYS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

- ***Growing up in a world increasingly permeated by kryptonite***
- ***Growing up in a world robbing him of his God-given purpose in life***

KRYPTONITE

is expressed, in part,
through a growing bias
against testosterone.

On another Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered.



Luke 6:6-9

The scribes and the Pharisees watched Jesus to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him.



Luke 6:6-9

Even though he knew what they were thinking, Jesus said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there.



Luke 6:6-9

Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or destroy it?"



Luke 6:6-9

**Boys are growing
up in a world that
increasingly
EMASCULATES
men**

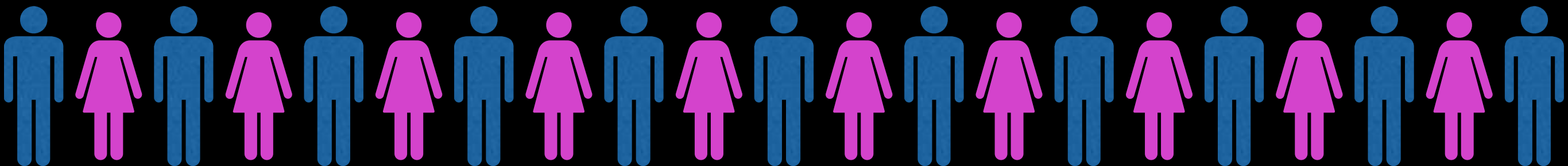


We see

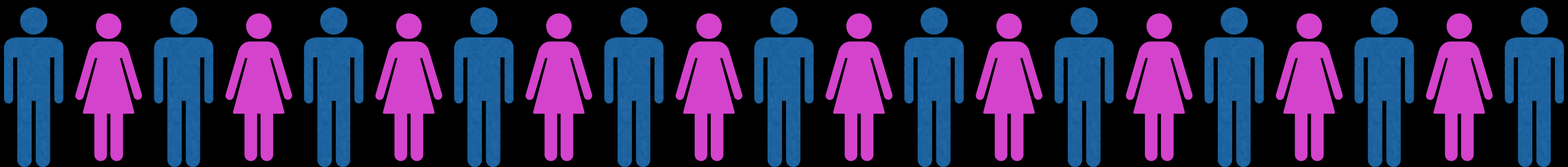
KRYPTONITE

expressed in an
unintended bias
against boys
in school.

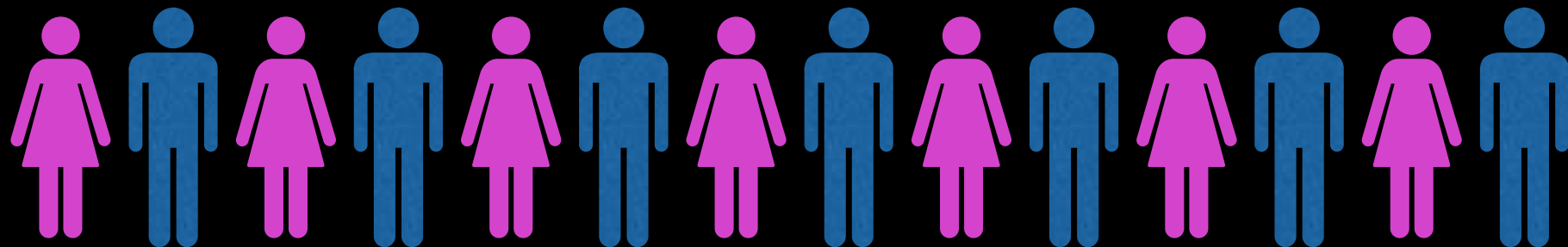
- ***70% of all D's and F's go to boys***
- ***Boys are 60% more likely to be held back in kindergarten***
- ***For every 100 girls suspended from elementary and secondary school, 250 boys are suspended.***
- ***For every 100 girls expelled, 355 boys are expelled.***



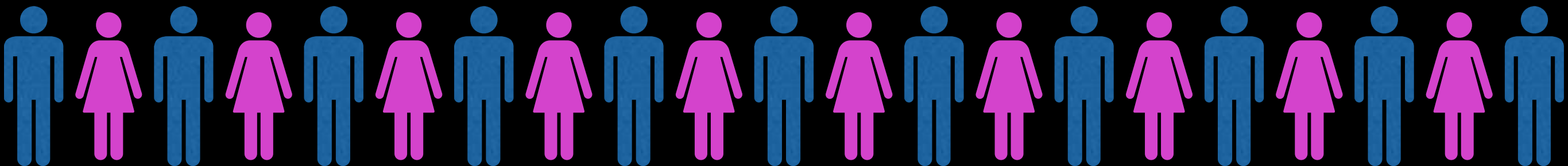
- ***For every 100 girls diagnosed with a learning disorder, 276 boys are so diagnosed.***
- ***For every 100 girls diagnosed with an emotional disturbance, 325 boys are so diagnosed.***
- ***Boys are 3 TIMES as likely to be treated for ADHD***



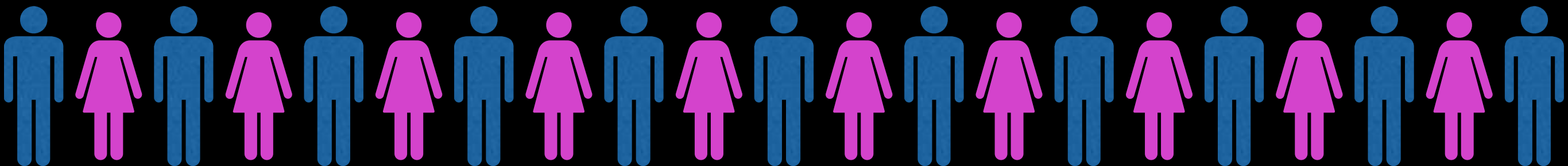
- **85% OF STIMULANT ADDRESSING MEDS ARE PRESCRIBED TO BOYS IN THE U.S.**
- **Over the last 20 years, the reading skills of the average 17 year old male have declined.**
- **Colleges have reached a tipping point with 60% of enrollees being women**



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- *The U.S. government has invested \$0 to help get boys caught up.*



KRYPTONITE

is expressed in the
lack of a vision for
authentic
manhood.

- ***No longer the provider***
- ***No longer the only sperm bank***
- ***Many had no dad***
 - ***40% of boys grow up without a dad***
 - ***U.S. most father-less nation of industrialized world***
- ***Many become the stereotype***



WHERE WILL THESE MEN GET JOBS?

- **80% of the fastest growing jobs will require post-secondary education or training**
- **In this recession, 80% of jobs lost were to men**
- **In 2009, the majority of workforce for first time is women**

WHAT KIND OF JOBS WILL THEY BE?

- ***Almost 1 in 4 boys with college educated parents can't read a newspaper with understanding.***

***WHAT KIND OF WOMAN WILL
WANT TO MARRY THAT KIND
OF A MAN?***

CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH

- **70% - 90% of boys leave the church in their teens and early 20's.**

Most never come back.

I) 21st Century boys are lost.



- 1) 21st Century boys are lost.**
- 2) The Church stands positioned to fight for our boys**



- *Put on the mantle of manhood*
- *Surround with mentors*
- *Lead/Guide*
- *Set free*
- *Cheer them on*



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