

"As I was walking up to the door on that July morning of 2022, I kept telling myself how dumb I was for being here. I left that place a different man!"
- Loren Martin

"That July morning of 2023 as I walked into the conference room, I suddenly almost lost control of my emotions. I felt the presence of a mighty God, His gentle Holy Spirit nudging me to believe that I was LOVED! The Holy Spirit again is ALIVE and WELL in me!" - Joseph Yoder



JULY 18 & 19 Wausau Wisconsin

We are pleased to invite you to the fourth FYI
(Finding Your Identity) Men's Conference!

This conference has been very much a men's conference. And while it will continue to remain that way, we are excited to announce a special feature in 2024! Our wives are invited for part of Day Two! Many men who have started their own journey of healing and freedom have been asking for help in supporting their wives as they deal with trauma and betrayal resulting from their husband's sexual sin. We have sensed this burden, and after much prayer and consideration, we feel God leading us to have a special couples' session.

After this joint session, the men and women will have separate breakout groups to process what they've learned. We encourage you to consider this prayerfully and bring your wives if possible. We do not have activities planned for the women on day one, so please keep this in mind when making travel and lodging plans. We are confident it will be well worth attending!

Day 1

8 - 8:30 a.m. Singing/Worship

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Opening Statements Nat Yoder

8:45 - 9:15 a.m. **I FAILED! NOW WHAT?** By Julius Yoder

I woke up in the early morning hours many miles from home in a large city—my head throbbing, sick at heart. I thought of the past few days. How did I get to this point so far from God? I groaned. My heart ached for my family at home.

"Why do I do this to them?" I asked myself. "When I get home, I will never do this again."

"Julius," I said. "Be honest. How many times have you said that exact phrase? You have said that thousands of times over the past twenty-five years."

I drew comfort out of that phrase. It made me feel better to tell myself I would never do it again. But I always did. I was powerless. There must be something better than this sin. How empty and devastating it was! But what? Where could I find something better? "Plus," I told myself, "God can never use me. I have been to the depth of sin." I groaned in utter despair. I looked at the empty bottle from last night. "I need a drink. I am helpless to stop; plus," I thought, "it will help me get out of this horrible darkness."

I had utterly ruined my life. "What now? How can I ever become a man of God?" But God wasn't done with



the story of this man who felt like his life was an utter failure and a sexual wreck! **Come to the FYI conference in July to hear the rest of the story.**

Coffee Break

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **Shame – The Lie that's Crippling Your Life** by Joel Yoder

Have you ever felt crippled spiritually, mentally, and emotionally? That feeling of despair as you try to reach your full potential and fail. The small glimmer of hope quickly vanishing as you hit the ground once again. Wondering why you have such a strong desire to succeed and do what's right, seemingly to no avail. And while the desire to follow Christ is intense, you question whether you're even a Christian.



This has been my journey and is the experience of many men in the church. When we take an honest look at shame, chains are broken, lies are exposed, and we start to advance beyond the cycle of bondage.

Learn how you can go on to truly feel and fill your God-given purpose in life.

10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Break out session

11:15- 11:45 a.m. **The Lie of Pornography** by David Martin

Our first parents were placed in a garden with every blessing imaginable. No good thing was withheld from them. But there was a serpent in the garden whispering the lie that they could have more. That God was withholding some good thing from them. And when they listened to that lying voice, they lost the blessing they had rejected and were cast out of the garden.



Every couple that enters marriage enters a precious private garden. It is a garden of untold blessing and delight. But the serpent still whispers. "You are missing out you could have more."

That serpent is pornography. And the man that listens to that lying voice will bring untold curse upon his garden, and may even be cast out.

Come learn how to recognize and reject the lie.

11:45 - 12 Noon. Announcements

12 Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Worship/Singing

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Father/Son session. Steve & Zach Schroepfer. **Title:** My Dad is My Best Friend



2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. **The Three-Step Process for Lasting Freedom** by Arthur Nisly

Arthur Nisly has invested over two thousand hours in one-on-one encounters with men on Zoom to help them walk in freedom from sexual addiction. He observes the "mile markers", or the indispensable skills that he believes must be learned and skillfully practiced in order to consistently win this battle!



If there is a volunteer, he will model how we can learn to identify the times, places,

and emotions that trip us up so that we can stop the sinful behavior. He will guide us to identify and understand the negative emotions, lies, and situations that drive these sinful behaviors. Finally, with the help of a volunteer and a “real-life” situation, he will try to not just “tell us to” but “show us how” to take these burdens to God in desperate prayer and **learn to listen for His Life-Changing Perspective.**

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Break out session

4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Open Mic testimony. Announcements.

5:00 p.m. Dismissal

Day 2

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Singing/Worship

8:30 - 8:15 a.m. Announcements

8:15 - 9:15 a.m. **The Three-Step Process for Lasting Freedom** by Arthur Nisly

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **How Our Wives get Overlooked** by Phil & Janelle Herschberger

While a husband may have many helpful resources available as he battles sexual sin, his wife is often left in isolation, searching for ways to find healing. A husband's moral sin is devastating to a woman's trust, respect, and emotional health. We will tell some of our story to share the detrimental effects of porn on our marriage, the lies we believed, and how we've joined hands on the path towards a healthy marriage.



10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Breakout Session for men and women.

11:45 - 12 noon. Announcements

12 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Note, wives with their men from 9:30 through end of 1:30 worship/singing).

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Worship/Singing

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. **Loving the whole woman** by David Martin

The Bible says that "He that loveth his wife, loveth himself." This is true. But there is an opposite truth hidden in that statement. He that loveth himself loveth not his wife. A man that arranges his marriage around his own pleasure will hurt his wife immeasurably, and miss the greatest blessing that he could receive. Your wife is given you to teach you how to love, and as you learn that lesson, innumerable blessings are revealed to you.

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. **A Year in Review** by Josh Reiff

Are you stuck in a vicious cycle of sexual bondage? Is the devil telling you lies such as, “You’re the only one that struggles with such perverted thoughts and actions. You can’t ever tell anyone about this because your life will be ruined.” Or “This is the only way to relieve the pain and stress of life, so you may as well keep it a secret.”?

That was my life just a short time ago. I'm excited to share how Jesus Christ has exposed those lies, and how His truth, power, and love have set me free. One of the biggest obstacles to sharing my struggle was the fear of the gossip,



slander, and shame that may come from it. After my experience with confessing to a small group and then my experience at FYI 2023, I'm excited to say that God broke that fear. I'm here today to share this story. I believe that if we create safe places in our churches and communities, men need not live with the same fear that I did. If you are a pastor, father, or a friend who feels helpless in walking alongside a brother struggling with sexual immorality, **I encourage you to attend this conference and we can all learn together.**

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break

2:45 - 4:30 p.m. Open mic testimony

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Wrap up