



# I N F L U E N C E R S

— CENTRAL COAST —

A Letter from Jim Pennington, Regional Director

In the spring of 2012, I hit the lowest point in my life. After a life of worldly success, I was broken, empty and alone. At age 50 I was separated from my wife of 28 years, and my relationships with my children were estranged. I had not only lost my nest egg, but I had lost my nest. My pursuit of the American dream had finally failed me. Everything

I had selfishly worked so hard for was gone. I had come to the end of my own self-sufficiency, and I surrendered my life to Christ.

I was introduced to my Creator through the lives of some Godly men involved in the Influencers ministry in Bakersfield Ca. They showed me, by example, that if abided in Christ and He in me, I could have peace and joy in any circumstance. No longer did I feel I had to separate my business life from my spiritual life, and my family life from my personal life. I went on a journey with these men to be in close proximity to Jesus and allow Him to live through me. These were real men of God, not phony “religious” men. They chased after Jesus daily and surrendered their lives to His will, and put Him first in their lives. I was introduced to my Heavenly Father and learned that He loved me unconditionally. He wanted me to have a personal relationship with Him. He didn’t want me to just believe in Him, but He wanted me to believe Him and His Word. I also learned He had a plan for me and my self-imposed, imperfect life.

Over the course of the next couple years God restored my marriage, my family, and my business. I am so thankful for God’s love and interest in me. I am also thankful for the Influencers ministry and the “real” men of God that walked with me through this trying time of my life. Subsequently my wife and I moved to the Central Coast of California in the fall of 2014. Since moving here, I felt called to organize an Influencers-Pismo Beach to give other men the opportunity to intimately know and walk with God. Though it is truly a blessing and so awesome to be living a honeymoon of a marriage with my wonderful wife and to also have fully restored relationships with my children and grand children, my life’s purpose is to point men to Christ. Through the “Journey” ( weekly discipleship groups ) and other Influencer’s ministries, it is my passion to see God make a difference in men’s lives and in the lives of their wives and families.

Influencers-Pismo Beach wants to help men be the spiritual leaders in their homes, the way God intended it to be. We all have a circle of influence, large or small, employees and co-workers, friends and neighbors, but it starts with surrendering ourselves to God and influencing our families in a positive way. Whether you are in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th quarter of your life, God can use you to make a difference in His kingdom. If you are searching for answers to life's questions, the secret lies in the Creator of this world- your Papa! Please join the many men on the Central Coast who are experiencing what it truly means to have an abiding relationship with Jesus- men who are real about their relationship with Jesus and learning to influence their families and others in a positive way.

*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

In His service,  
Jim Pennington