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My first experience with masculine spirituality started with the 2000 MROP and ended at the 2001 MROP. After completing the day of death in 2000 I was called away due to the death of my wife's father. That night I was completely alone on the mesa at Ghost Ranch under that incredible night sky when I was given a glimpse of exactly how ill prepared I was to become a MAN. I was 48 years old and realized I needed help.

I spent the next year being open and willing to guidance from many great sources and when I returned to Ghost Ranch for the 2001 MROP I was a different person. In my mind, I had spent a year sitting in the tomb of the death experience and was ready for the days of grief and resurrection. I had another spiritual experience during my time in the desert. After knowing for a year that I couldn't do it myself, I now knew that I was completely supported and that I wasn't supposed to do it by myself.

The people in my life were pleased with the new man that returned home in 2001 but I didn't know anyone else who'd experienced anything similar. I started creating men's work opportunities eventually connecting with a few MROP men in San Antonio and in a few years I was a part of the movement to put on the first MROP in Texas. The men I know through this men's work are the ones who have taught me what it means to be a MAN. I have been truly supported by my brothers on the journey of illumination and by my elders, teachers and the ancestors.

I have witnessed much in the 13 years of my involvement. Because I have seen the fruits of the spirit realized in myself and others, I keep suiting-up and showing-up. I also see the immense need for a healthy masculine spirituality in our culture, world and indeed, in the web of life.

My first and necessary step on the masculine journey was to admit where I was lacking or powerless (I thought I could do it alone) and to be open to something new and surprising. The results I got were truly a breakthrough and totally unpredictable. So if you're new to masculine spirituality and ready to take a few simple steps you'll be amazed at how the adventure unfolds in your life and the lives of others.