

A black and white photograph of a group of men sitting on a leather sofa in a modern living room with brick walls and wooden floors. The men are engaged in conversation, with some looking towards the center and others looking at each other. A coffee table is in front of them. The word "DEFINED" is overlaid in large, light blue, sans-serif capital letters, centered horizontally and partially obscured by a thin white horizontal line.

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A BetterMan Courageously
Follows God's Word

PART 1



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A black and white photograph of a hand holding a sword. The sword is held vertically, and a cloud of fine dust or particles is suspended in the air around the blade, creating a dramatic effect. The background is dark, and the overall mood is somber and intense.

SESSION 2

A Man and His Sword



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- God uses His Word to reveal to us who we really are and to transform us into who we need to become.

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 - Instead he trusts in himself, believes the devil's lies, and brings **death** to himself and the world.

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B. Like Jesus, God wants us to step forth and draw and use our swords! He wants us to bring the Bible to bear in our everyday lives.

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D. Drawing and using our sword is how we win the **fights** of this life.



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