

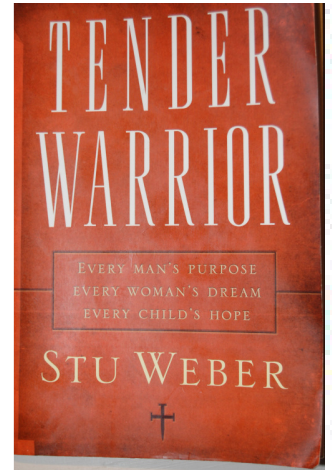
This “blog about men’s books” by Dietrich Gruen is a regular feature of this bulletin board.

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Now to review ever-so-briefly a best-seller from that Promise Keeper era, **Stu Weber’s *Tender Warrior***.

This classic has stood the test of time, as men’s groups still buy it by the case load, two decades later, now with updated material and two new chapters.

Why? Because **he touches and activates the tender heart of all men, much to the delight of the wives and children of those men.** Because of its balanced portrayal of guys, good for young and old alike, this book is the place to begin exploring what makes a man. Using common experiences and biblical images, Stu Weber paints a dramatic and compelling picture of men in terms of four ancient, universal archetypes: King, Warrior, Mentor, and Friend. As these four facets of manhood come to define you, more and more, you’ll be fulfilling God’s purpose for your life and family.



The book would be a “quick read,” except for the arresting questions that cause you to see yourself, think and act differently. Complete the exercises—with wife, kids, accountability partner, your God. Go deep before going on.

Read and reflect on Chapter 2 (being a scout with “provision”), and you’ll be more than a provider for today, but also watching out for what lies ahead. Chapter 4 (on staying power, with its focus on Job’s great strength) will help you in keeping your commitments. Your wife will want you learning to “speak Woman” (the subject of Chapters 7-8). My sons and I will benefit from Weber challenging men on fathering, legacy-building and letting go (Chapters 9-11).

After reading this book, this month I took more initiative as an attentive house-husband and was more pro-active in embracing changes on the health and career front, together.

About Stu Weber: He is senior pastor of Good Shepherd Community Church near Gresham, OR. He’s a much-in-demand international speaker (“No Regrets” Conference 2011) and author of the popular *Four Pillars of a Man’s Heart*, *The Heart of a Tender Warrior*, *All the King’s Men*, and *Along the Road to Manhood*.

If you want more than this teaser blog about a great men’s book, or others I happen to be reading, just go to www.thegruengroup.weebly.com. Also, if you want to buy it, go to <http://www.amazon.com/Tender-Warrior-Gods-Intention-Man/dp/1576733068>. But if you go either place, the point is to not just read book reviews, but the book itself. Whether or not this review (and related book!) helps in scratching where you itch, I’d love to hear from you. **Dietrich**

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