

## Rick I. Johnson

### Biographical Information



Rick founded **Better Dads**, a fathering skills program, based on the urgent need to empower men to lead and serve in their families and communities. Rick's books have expanded his ministry to include influencing the whole family, with life-changing insights for men and women on parenting, marriage, and personal growth. Inspiring and equipping through innovative multimedia presentations and seminars, Rick's resources, methods and personal approach have been transforming the lives of men, women, and their families for over ten years.

Rick speaks at many large conferences across the US and Canada including MOPS International conventions, Promise Keepers Canada events, Design 4 Living women's conferences, and Iron Sharpens Iron men's conferences. He is a popular keynote speaker at men's and women's retreats and conferences on parenting and marriage. He is a nationally recognized expert in several areas having been asked to deliver papers at venues such as the 2007 County of Los Angeles Child Abuse Prevention Conference and the 2008 State of New York Fatherhood Conference.

Prior to becoming a bestselling author and speaker, Rick was a small business owner for 16 years, owning and operating an environmental engineering firm. He attended George Fox University receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Organizational Leadership, and has a Masters Degree in Education from Concordia University. He is a veteran of the United States Navy, has served on the Board of Directors for several community and business associations, and coaches high school basketball in his spare time. Rick has been featured in many national publications such as New Man Magazine, Crosswalk.com, Christianity.com, Christianity Today's Men of Integrity, Relevant Magazine, Pentecostal Evangel, Thriving Family, and Proverbs 31 Ministries Magazine.

He is the bestselling author of the books, *That's My Son: How Moms Can Influence Boys to Become Men of Character*, *Better Dads Stronger Sons: How Fathers Can Guide Boys to Become Men of Character*, *The Man Whisperer—Speaking a Man's Language to Bring Out His Best*, *That's My Teenage Son: How Moms Can Influence Boys to Become Good Men*, and *The Power of a Man: Using Your Influence as a Man of Character* all by Revell Publishing. His book, *Becoming Your Spouse's Better Half: Why Differences Make a Great Marriage*, is being used by many churches across the country for their couples study groups. Rick's newest book, *That's My Girl: How a Father's Love Protects and Empowers His Daughter*, is due for release January 2012.

Rick has appeared on over 200 radio programs and television shows around the United States. He is the former co-host of a live, weekly radio show and a frequent guest host of other local programs. Rick is actively involved with the men's and family ministries as well as speaking from the pulpit at his church in Gresham, OR.

Rick and his wife Suzanne have two (nearly) adult children and live in Gresham, Oregon.