

## **Rick I. Johnson**

In 2001, author and speaker Rick Johnson founded **Better Dads**, a fathering skills program designed to inspire and equip men to be more engaged in the lives of their children. Through Better Dads, Rick develops and delivers inspirational training workshops and presentations across the country for businesses, churches, civic groups, social service agencies, hospitals, prisons, and schools. Rick is a graduate of the National Center for Fathering's "Train the Trainer" program.

Rick also developed a popular seminar for single mothers and other women raising boys entitled "**Courageous Moms—Raising Boys to Become Good Men,**" which he presents throughout the United States.

Prior to becoming a full-time author and speaker, Rick was a small business owner for sixteen years, owning and operating an environmental engineering firm. He attended George Fox University, receiving a BA in Management and Organizational Leadership, and is currently completing graduate studies at Concordia University. Rick 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. He has been featured in many national publications such as *New Man Magazine*, Crosswalk.com, Christianity.com, and *Proverbs 31 Ministries Magazine*. In partnership with Revell, he has published 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*, and *The Man Whisperer: Speaking Your Man's Language to Bring Out His Best*. Rick has appeared on over one hundred radio programs and television shows around the United States.

Rick and his wife Suzanne have raised two adult children and live in Gresham, Oregon.