

A FATHERHOOD BLUEPRINT
FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

NEXT IN LINE

THE FATHERHOOD THAT GOD IS PREPARING YOU FOR

THE
that's my DAD
— PROJECT —

**BREAKING CYCLES OF GENERATIONAL
FATHERLESSNESS AND INSPIRING
FATHERS TO BECOME GREAT DADS**

For the Student:

Before you press play, slow down and lock in. This isn't something to rush through—it's a chance to really think about life, family, and the kind of man you want to be.

Watch the video closely.

Then take your time walking through the questions—both multiple choice and discussion. Your answers matter. So does your story.

For the Teacher:

First off, thank you. By leading this, you're helping break cycles of generational fatherlessness and inspiring young men to become great dads one day. That's no small thing.

Here's how it works:

- You'll find the video in two spots:
 - On our website: thatsmydadproject.com/highschool
 - On the USB flash drive included in your packet
- Hand out the question sheets *before* you play the video.
- Let the guys fill them out as they watch—no need to pause or rush.
- Afterward, take a few minutes to talk through 2–3 of the discussion questions as a group. Feel free to even venture from those and begin a conversation around the content of the video and the teenagers' own experiences.

That short conversation might just be the most powerful part. We've designed the length of each video to leave room for this. These young men will be reflecting on their own dads, their experiences—good, bad, or complicated—and maybe, for the first time, they'll picture themselves as fathers. And when they do, we hope a dream starts to take shape: to be a great dad.

WHAT'S UP, MAN.

One day, whether you realize it yet or not, you'll have the chance to be a father—and the decisions you make right now are shaping the kind of dad you'll become.

The truth is: 1 in 4 kids grows up without a father, and those without a dad are twice as likely to drop out of school, four times more likely to live in poverty, and seven times more likely to end up in prison.

That's why we created a powerful new curriculum packed with real-life stories from men who decided to break the cycle and build something better. These aren't boring lessons—they're wild, raw, and full of the kind of moments that will stick with you for life.

Have you ever thought about how your relationship with your dad—whether it was painful, joyful, or a mix of both—is shaping you right now? Are there parts of his example you want to carry forward... and parts you know you want to leave behind? What kind of legacy do you want to create for your future kids?

We want to help you start wrestling with these questions today—while there's still time to build the kind of future you'll be proud of. You're going to absolutely love these incredible stories—and they just might change your life forever.

SCOTT HILTON

MIND-BLOWING STATS. READ THESE SLOWLY.

90% of runaway kids come from fatherless homes.

63% of youth suicides come from homes without a father.

85% of kids with behavioral disorders didn't have a present father.

71% of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

Children from fatherless homes are 9 times more likely to drop out of school and 20 times more likely to be incarcerated.

Teen girls without fathers are 7 times more likely to get pregnant as teens.

If a father goes to church, there's a 75% chance the kids will keep going as adults.

01

BARRY'S STORY

The Day Dad Caught on Fire

Barry made a promise to his daughter that he wouldn't miss her gymnastics meet. Hours later, he was caught in a fiery explosion—literally engulfed in flames. Most people would've gone to the ER... Barry went to the meet. What happened next left scars—but also a legacy. His story still echoes in his daughter's heart, and it just might change how you think about fatherhood.

1. Why was Barry's face shaded for the interview?

- A. He is in witness protection.
- B. He is a lottery winner and doesn't want people asking him for money.
- C. His face was badly burned in an accident and does not want to be seen in public.
- D. Barry still has family where he lives and did not want to hurt anyone by telling his story.

2. What did Barry's parents have in common?

- A. They were both alcoholics.
- B. They really loved their son Barry and always put him first.
- C. Barry's parents liked riding motorcycles.
- D. They sang together in the church choir.

3. What kind of memories does Barry have as a child of his dad?

- A. Barry liked riding in his dad's jeep.
- B. Barry and his dad ate at Waffle House every Saturday.
- C. Barry had no memories of his dad because he abandoned Barry at 3 months old.
- D. Barry's dad always bought him a birthday cake.

4. What happened to Barry after his dad moved out?

- A. Barry and his mom moved into a brand new home.
- B. Barry's and his mom moved to Orlando and she got a job at Disney World.
- C. Barry went into foster care.
- D. Barry's mom remarried and Barry lived mostly with his grandparents.

5. Who was Barry's first positive role model?

- A. School principal
- B. His granddaddy
- C. Football coach
- D. Next door neighbor

6. As a teenager who did Barry start going to church with?

- A. His girlfriend
- B. Mom
- C. Best friend from school
- D. Science teacher from school

7. When did Barry and his dad have any contact?

- A. Dad came to high school graduation.
- B. Barry's dad lived in California and was in an accident. They began talking by phone.
- C. Barry and his dad took a vacation together.
- D. They got together working on a motorcycle engine together.

8. As a teenager and young adult why did Barry want to stay away from his home?

- A. Because his mom was an alcoholic and the house was always chaotic.
- B. Barry had a hard mattress and couldn't sleep on it.
- C. The neighbors played loud music all night.
- D. Someone else was always sleeping in his bed.

9. Where did Barry sleep on Saturday night?

- A. At the local jail
- B. In his Uber
- C. Under a bridge
- D. At his girlfriend's parents house on the sofa

10. Who was a positive role model in Barry's life when he started dating his girlfriend?

- A. His pastor
- B. A local radio announcer
- C. His girlfriend's dad
- D. His basketball coach

11. What was the condition Barry could sleep on his girlfriend's sofa on Saturday nights?

- A. Barry had to cut her grass.
- B. He would have to go to church on Sunday.
- C. He had to make A' and B' on his report card.
- D. Barry had clean the gutters on his girlfriend's house.

12. What did Barry do when he got to meet his dad?

- A. Shared pictures of his family.
- B. Barry told his dad what a good athlete his daughter was.
- C. Shared the gospel with his dad.
- D. Barry talked to him about a home remodeling project he was doing.

13. What did Barry's dad want to do after they met a couple of times?

- A. He wanted to move in with Barry and his family.
- B. He wanted to buy Barry a new car.
- C. He wanted to meet Barry's daughter.
- D. Barry's dad asked to borrow money from Barry..

14. When Barry's dad found out he didn't have pancreatic cancer what did he do?

- A. He joined the church.
- B. He threw a big party.
- C. He took a trip to Hawaii.
- D. He began to abuse alcohol again.

15. Why did Barry's daughter only meet her granddaddy one time?

- A. He moved far away
- B. He began to drink again and would not be a good role model for his granddaughter.
- C. He had a contagious disease
- D. He had no time for her

16. What does Barry always do?

- A. He attends all his daughter's sports activities.
- B. Cuts his grass every Saturday.
- C. Delivers meals to the needy.
- D. Works out 3 times a week.

17. Why did Barry's daughter tell him he didn't have to come to her gymnastics competition?

- A. He had worked all night.
- B. The competition was 3 hours away
- C. He had an accident and was burned earlier in the day..
- D. He had the flu.

18. What did Barry's daughter say about her dad?

- A. He was always late for supper.
- B. He likes to play the guitar.
- C. He is a good softball player.
- D. That he is always there for her.

19. If Barry could write a script on his relationship with his dad what would it be?

- A. That his dad would become a good role model.
- B. That Barry's dad would never call him again.
- C. Barry and his dad would open a motorcycle shop together.
- D. They would always spend Christmas together.

20. Why is Barry such a great role model for his daughter?

- A. Because he knows the pain of having a dad that never put him first and never wants her to experience that.
- B. He wanted to be a good role model like his dad.
- C. So he could brag to his neighbors what a great role he is
- D. He wanted to win the father of the year award.

Discussion Questions

1. Why was Barry able to forgive his dad for never being there for him?
2. If Barry's father in law had preached to him instead of showing by actions what it meant to be a Christian do you think Barry would have become a Christian?
3. If you had a dad like Barry's how difficult would it for you to be a positive role model?
4. Do you think Barry still suffers the pain of his dad abandoning him as a baby and never being a good dad to him?

5. Barry lived on the wild side for a while and sometimes is tempted to drift back there, but he has a group of men that hold him accountable and help him stay straight. What does this tell us about the importance of accountability in a man's life?

6. Should we all have a small group of friends that's always able to tell us the truth about ourselves and is always looking out for our best interest?

02

ARTHUR'S STORY

Break or Build

Arthur grew up searching for the kind of father he never had—someone steady, present, and safe. His journey took him through pain, survival, and a few moments that could've easily broken him.

But somewhere along the way, he made a quiet decision to become the man he always needed. Now, his story is helping young men rewrite their own future.

What he lived through—and how he responded—will challenge everything you think about strength, fatherhood, and legacy.

1. What city did Arthur grow up?

- A. Gadsden
- B. Anniston
- C. Birmingham
- D. Attalla

2. Who raised Arthur?

- A. Dad
- B. Aunt and Uncle
- C. Mom
- D. Foster parents

3. What was Arthur's mother's job?

- A. Secretary
- B. Domestic Cleaned houses
- C. Waitress
- D. Nurse

4. What age was Arthur when he was told he would have to move, get a job and be his own?

- A. 16
- B. 18
- C. 21
- D. 24

5. When Arthur was growing up who cooked dinner most of the time?

- A. Fast Food/McDonald's Burger King
- B. Arthur's mom
- C. Next door neighbors
- D. Walter

6. What were Arthur's plans after graduating from high school?

- A. Get a job and move out
- B. Go to college
- C. Join the military
- D. Work for his mother

7. What was Arthur doing when his friend stopped and gave him a ride?

- A. Walking down the road kicking a can
- B. Riding his bicycle
- C. Washing his car
- D. Playing football

8. Where was Arthur's friend going when he gave Arthur a ride?

- A. To see some girls
- B. To register for college
- C. Pickup groceries
- D. Get his car serviced

9. Who told Arthur about Pell Grant?

- A. His Pastor
- B. His coach
- C. His friend
- D. His mother

10. Who helped Arthur get a loan to pay for college before his Pell Grant was available?

- A. His mom
- B. His coach
- C. His grandparents
- D. His Doctor

11. What did Arthur have in his dorm that he never had at home?

- A. Desk
- B. Carpet
- C. Window Blinds
- D. Air Conditioning

12. What was the first college Arthur attended?

- A. University of Alabama
- B. Auburn University
- C. Gadsden State Community College
- D. Jacksonville State University

13. Who taught Arthur to wash a car?

- A. Car mechanic
- B. Truck driver
- C. Bootlegger
- D. Sunday School teacher

14. What kind of men taught Arthur life skills?

- A. All kinds of men
- B. College graduates
- C. Men in the church
- D. Football coaches

15. What was the most painful moment in Arthur's life?

- A. Losing his wife and several relatives to Covid
- B. Growing up poor
- C. Not having a car when he turned 16
- D. A football injury

16. How has Arthur been able to deal with the pain of losing his wife?

- A. traveling around the world
- B. having parties all the time
- C. Going fishing
- D. His personal relationship with Jesus Christ

17. What made Arthur want to be a good dad?

- A. Because his dad was a good role model
- B. So people would brag about what a good dad he was
- C. Because Arthur knew the pain of not having a dad at home
- D. So he could get a good job

18. What did Arthur say was the most important trait to being a good dad?

- A. Making a lot of money
- B. Driving an expensive car
- C. Being a college graduate
- D. Always being there for your child

19. What was Arthur able to do for his mom the last 20 years of her life?

- A. Buy her a home and take care of her when she was sick
- B. Take her for an airplane ride
- C. Help her grow a garden in her backyard
- D. Bought her a sports car

20. What was one comment Arthur's daughter said about him?

- A. He gave a lot of money
- B. He always made me cook
- C. He was always there for me and helped me solve problems
- D. He never visited my school

Discussion Questions

1. Imagine if Arthur's dad had been living with him when he was growing up. How might Arthur's childhood and life have been different?
2. Discuss ways Arthur was able to flip the script in his life.
3. How did his mother's work ethic impact Arthur's life?
4. How did the life skills Arthur learn from the men in his neighborhood affect his life?

5. How did Arthur take advantage of the opportunities he was given?

6. Arthur discussed how painful it was growing without a dad. What traits did it take for Arthur to be a successful dad?

03

CHARLIE'S STORY

I Blamed Myself for Dad's Death

Charlie grew up in a packed house without his biological father—and when his stepdad suddenly passed, he carried the crushing belief that it was somehow his fault. That guilt followed him for years, shaping how he saw himself and what he believed he deserved.

But through quiet resilience, hard-earned faith, and a few unexpected turns, Charlie began to rewrite his story. From football fields to factory floors to a principal's office, his journey is proof that pain doesn't have to be the end of the story. This is one you don't want to miss.

1. Charlie was one of 9 children 6 boys/3 girls. What kind of clothes did Charlie wear?

- A. New Clothes
- B. Clothes from the church
- C. Hand me downs from his brothers
- D. Clothes ordered from Ebay.

2. Who was the father figure in Charlie and his siblings' lives?

- A. The neighbor next door
- B. Men in the church
- C. Foster dad
- D. Stepdad

3. What did Charlie steal from the Nickel and Dime Store?

- A. Caps for his play gun
- B. Plastic flowers for his Mom
- C. A baseball
- D. Candy bar

4. What did Charlie think was going to happen after he stole the caps?

- A. His stepdad would spank him.
- B. Something bad was going to happen.
- C. He would be arrested for shoplifting.
- D. He would be suspended from school.

5. What happened the night he stole the caps?

- A. The police were looking for Charlie.
- B. Their house caught fire.
- C. The Pastor came to see Charlie.
- D. Charlie's stepdad died in their house.

6. How did Charlie feel when his stepdad died?

- A. He felt guilty. He thought his stepdad died because he stole the caps.
- B. Lonely because he missed his stepdad.
- C. He was afraid his mother would blame him for his stepdad dying.
- D. Charlie was scared he would go to jail.

7. What kind of scholarship was Charlie offered to pay for college?

- A. An academic scholarship
- B. A football scholarship
- C. A scholarship in swimming
- D. A scholarship in cross country running

8. How long did Charlie play college football?

- A. 1 game
- B. 2 years
- C. 1 year
- D. All four years

9. Who told Charlie he should try football and quit if he didn't like it?

- A. His girlfriend
- B. His coach
- C. His mother
- D. His brothers

10. When Charlie quit football what did he do next?

- A. He continued with his college education
- B. He moved back home to be close to his family.
- C. Charlie went to work at McDonalds.
- D. He started a landscape business.

11. When did Charlie reveal his secret that he thought he was responsible for his dad dying?

- A. While filling out a job application
- B. He told his mom shortly after stepdad died.
- C. When he got saved 35 years later, he revealed his secret.
- D. While registering to play high school football

12. What happened after he revealed his secret about thinking he caused his step dad's death?

- A. Charlie's family would not speak to him.
- B. He lost his job.
- C. Charlie had to move out of the state.
- D. He felt relieved by revealing the secret he carried for so many years.

13. Who was Charlie's role model as a child and teenager?

- A. Stepdad
- B. Pastor
- C. Neighbor
- D. Grocery store manager

14. What were Charlie's plans after he graduated from high school?

- A. Sell used cars
- B. Get a job to help relieve his mother's financial burden
- C. To get married
- D. Join the Army

15. Who constantly urged Charlie to play college football?

- A. His brothers
- B. Sunday school teacher
- C. Next door neighbor
- D. Coach Saunders from Jacksonville State University

16. Why did Charlie's mom rarely go to his football games ?

- A. Charlie's mom always worked at the concession stand.
- B. His mom always went to see his siblings play sports
- C. Charlie's mom had a lot of other things that took priority.
- D. Charlie's mom wanted to go to the grocery store during Charlie's games .

17. What did Charlie think about football after his 1st practice at JSU?

- A. He was going to be a football star at JSU.
- B. He could be a football coach after graduating from JSU.
- C. He wanted to succeed as a student and athlete.
- D. He never wanted to play football again.

18. Who did Charlie call after his 1st football practice at JSU?

- A. His mother
- B. His oldest brother
- C. Favorite high school teacher
- D. A childhood friend that taught him to throw a spiral.

19. How did Charlie become a success in life?

- A. He had a really high IQ
- B. He married a wealthy woman.
- C. He did his best at whatever opportunities came his way and trusted God to guide His steps.
- D. He worked 20 hours a day

20. Who was Charlie's main role model until he was 12 years old ?

- A. His mom
- B. Pastor
- C. Basketball coach
- D. His stepdad

Discussion Questions

1. Charlie's step dad died when Charlie was 12. Why do you think it is so important for every moment to count when you're a role model?
2. Discuss some of the characteristics Charlie's stepdad passed on to him that made him a good role model.
3. Charlie carried a lot of secret guilt believing he was responsible for his step dad's death. Why is it so necessary that we don't keep secrets and be able to live with a clear conscience?
4. Charlie had a hard life growing up. How would Charlie's life have been different instead of making the most of every opportunity he would have been full of self pity because of the tough things that happened to him growing up?

5. Charlie's step dad was a good role model for hard work. After he passed away Charlie's siblings that were old enough to work got jobs to help pay the bills and keep the family together. What could have happened to the family if they had not had a strong work ethic?

6. Charlie's children all said their dad was always there for them and gave them wise advice for whatever situation they were in. How important is it for children to have role models that are always there for them?

04

JAMES ANDERSON'S STORY

A Truck Stop in Texas

James grew up in a home where stability came and went, and by the time he was a teenager, trouble had a tight grip on his life. A single night, a speeding ticket, and a knife in the wrong place almost cost him everything—including 55 years of freedom. But what seemed like rock bottom became a turning point.

Through heartbreak, jail time, and hard choices, James slowly rebuilt what he once thought was lost. His story is raw, real, and full of the kind of lessons every young man needs to hear.

1. Who primarily raised James?

- A. Grandparents
- B. Foster Parents
- C. An older brother.
- D. His mom

2. What was James's mom's primary goal in raising him?

- A. To keep him away from his dad
- B. To provide James with the best life she could
- C. To make him the smartest boy in class
- D. To show him how to work hard and make money

3. What did James feel at age 10 when his parents divorced?

- A. Relieved that he would only have 1 parent living at home.
- B. He was afraid he would go hungry.
- C. He felt hurt and numb and asked the question to himself now what.
- D. Wondered if his parents still loved him.

4. Why did James move in with his dad when he was 15?

- A. Because he and his mom were always arguing.
- B. When James got a part time job close to his dad's house.
- C. Because he was failing in school.
- D. Because he wanted his dad to teach him to hunt.

5. When James moved in with his dad how did he describe him?

- A. His dad did what he could but still left a lot on the table.
- B. He never did anything to help James.
- C. As a great guitar player.
- D. His dad was the perfect role model.

6. How did James describe himself at 15?

- A. A great student
- B. A good quarterback on the football team
- C. Not a good kid always in trouble
- D. Interested in girls

7. When was James' dad there for him? ‘

- A. Hardly ever
- B. Anytime James would call his dad he would be there for him.
- C. When James mom would ask James dad to check on him.
- D. Only if he was bored and had nothing else to do

8. How did James try to get back into good physical shape?

- A. Running 5 miles every morning
- B. Lifting weights
- C. Martial Arts
- D. Walking and eating healthy

9. How did James repeatedly get in trouble with his car?

- A. Street racing
- B. Running people off the road.
- C. Driving with his lights off at night.
- D. Getting 9 speeding tickets between the age of 16 and 18.

10. Why was James arrested?

- A. Hitting a car and leaving the scene
- B. Drunk driving
- C. Holding a knife when a policeman pulled him over for speeding
- D. Driving on the wrong side of the road

11. When did James begin a change in his life?

- A. When he was 18 and getting ready to be sentenced to possibly 55 years in prison
- B. After he wrecked his car
- C. When he became the best martial arts student in his class
- D. After his dad kicked him out of the house

12. When James was sentenced to prison how long did he have to stay in?

- A. 25 years and no early release?
- B. He received a suspended sentence and spent no time in jail .
- C. He was sentenced to 5 years but only had to serve 1 year in jail.
- D. He was sentenced to 10 years and early release in 7 years with good behavior.

13. When James got out of jail what did he want to change about his life?

- A. He wanted to become a good role model.
- B. He wanted to make his parents proud.
- C. He was afraid he would die if he kept breaking the law.
- D. He wanted to get married and be a good husband.

14. How did James' life change after he got out of jail?

- A. He joined the church.
- B. He started a motorcycle club.
- C. He became a lineman for Alabama Power Co
- D. He was unfaithful to his wife and they divorced.

15. Who talked to James about Jesus?

- A. The police officer that arrested James.
- B. A friend of James from his hometown that he ran into at a truck stop in Texas.
- C. His dad
- D. His wife

16. How did James' life change after he gave his life to Jesus?

- A. His life got much worse.
- B. He got a better job.
- C. His life wasn't perfect and he does have struggles but he gives everyday to Jesus.
- D. He and his parents got closer.

17. What was one thing that all James boys said about him?

- A. He was never home enough.
- B. His favorite hobby is to watch NFL football.
- C. He always leads and teaches by example.
- D. He really enjoys carpentry.

18. What is one thing that James' dad taught him?

- A. He taught him carpentry and that allowed James to provide for his family.
- B. How to drive a truck
- C. Cook
- D. Play the guitar

19. What is one sacrifice James made for his family?

- A. He sold his motorcycle.
- B. He worked 2 jobs.
- C. .He walked 4 miles round trip everyday to work so his wife could keep their car.
- D. He ate only one meal a day.

20. What advice did James offer about life?

- A. Never get married.
- B. Get married, stay married and love your wife.
- C. Never give your kids an allowance.
- D. Carry them to church.

Discussion Questions

1. When James' parents divorced he said he felt hurt and numb. Would you feel the same way James did or would you feel differently?

2. Because we are responsible for the choices we make, did James have any excuses for him being a bad kid or did it have anything to do with the choices he made?

3. James' sons praised him for being a good dad for loving them and teaching them by example. Do you think James would be a hero to his sons if he had continued to be in trouble with the police all the time?

4. What were some of the ways that James possibly helped his son develop a passion for music?

5. James and his sons have always had some kind of building or repair project going on at their house. How important do you think it was for James' dad to teach him how to do carpentry?

05

JAMES KELLEY'S STORY

I Wouldn't Change a Thing

James's childhood was marked by loss, abuse, and a system that moved him from home to home—but he never stopped dreaming of a family to call his own. Just when it seemed like love and stability were out of reach, a turning point came at a boys home tucked in the hills of Alabama.

There, a quiet but powerful relationship began to rewrite everything he thought he knew about trust, gentleness, and what it means to belong. His path wasn't easy, and heartbreak didn't stop after the rescue—but what came next is nothing short of remarkable. James's story is proof that even the most broken beginnings can lead to a legacy of love, healing, and generational change.

1. When did James live with his dad?

- A. From the time he was born.
- B. When he started middle school
- C. James moved in with his dad at age 5 because his mother had died.
- D. James never lived with his dad.

2. When was James first abused?

- A. While he was living in his 1st foster home.
- B. He was abused by his dad at age 5.
- C. After he joined a gang.
- D. When he got in trouble at school.

3. Where did James go when he left his dad's house at age 10?

- A. He went to live with his aunt.
- B. He had to go to reform school.
- C. He moved in with a family down the street.
- D. He lived with his grandparents.

4. How was life different when James moved in with his aunt?

- A. His aunt took him to church every Sunday.
- B. They would watch movies and pop popcorn every Friday night.
- C. James' aunt was a positive mentor for him.
- D. There was no difference .James' aunt abused him just like his dad did.

5. How did James learn his strong work ethic?

- A. By doing small jobs, he learned that he didn't have to wait for someone to give him something he could earn the money and buy it himself.
- B. Working at McDonalds part time.
- C. Disregarding school and working 10 hours a day.
- D By waiting for someone to always help him.

6. Who helped James paint a house while at Eagle Rock?

- A. His brother Raymond
- B. Andy who later adopted James.
- C. His friends at Eagle Rock
- D. His teammates on the football team.

7. What happened to James' brother Raymond?

- A. He drove trucks all over the country.
- B. He was a pastor.
- C. He was killed in an accident when his car exploded.
- D. He managed a barbecue restaurant.

8. When was James adopted?

- A. After he graduated from high school.
- B. When he moved out of foster care.
- C. After he left his aunt's house.
- D. While he was in the 4th grade.

9. How did James cope with the death of his brother Raymond?

- A. He began to abuse alcohol.
- B. He started running everyday to help him take his mind off his brother.
- C. He depended on his friends and family to help him through the grief.
- D. He began working a lot of overtime so he wasn't so focused on losing Raymond.

10. Before Andy and Belinda adopted James how did they know he wanted to be adopted?

- A. He would wash their cars and cut the grass just like a son would.
- B. James would stay with them on weekends and always leave some of his things there when left.
- C. He would always offer to clean the kitchen after dinner.
- D. Because he always told them how much he wanted to be adopted.

11. What does James want to know about people when he meets them?

- A. What can he learn from them?
- B. Are they wealthy?
- C. Do they have a job?
- D. What kind of car do they drive?

12. What excuse did James' dad and aunt give for abusing and neglecting him?

- A. Because James always misbehaved at home.
- B. He always got bad grades.
- C. He was always in trouble at school.
- D. Because that was how they were raised and saw no need to change.

13. What are some characteristics of Belinda the woman that adopted James?

- A. Gentle and kind hearted.
- B. Bossy
- C. Short tempered
- D. Nervous

14. What was one of the first things Andy the man that adopted James taught him?

- A. You have to yell to get people's attention.
- B. The only right way is my way.
- C. You can be a big strong guy and still be gentle.
- D. Always work toward a goal.

15. Besides being abused and neglected by his dad and aunt what is the most painful thing James has experienced?

- A. Never making enough money.
- B. Not being able to find a job.
- C. Waiting to be adopted.
- D. Losing his brother Raymond in an accident.

16. What is the greatest thing in James' life today?

- A. His wife and two sons .
- B. His latest job promotion.
- C. His new house
- D. Teaching a carpentry class at school.

17. What does James want to give his boys?

- A. Everything they want.
- B. James can make enough money so his boys never have to work.
- C. To teach them everything he knows.
- D. A trip to Disney World twice a year.

18. What is one of James' favorite sayings?

- A. The early bird gets the worm.
- B. Every person is the main character in their own story.
- C. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
- D. Don't let any grass grow under your feet.

19. What was one of the most important things James learned when he came to Eagle Rock?

- A. Always clean your plate.
- B. Take a shower every day.
- C. Wash your bed sheets once a week.
- D. A strong work ethic.

20. Where was the place James first experienced unconditional love?

- A. Eagle Rock
- B. His Aunt
- C. His adopted parents
- D. His first foster parents

Discussion Questions

1. If you faced the abuse and neglect James did from his biological dad would you ever be able to forgive him?
2. What do you think James' life would be like today if he had not had so many positive mentors?
3. Why do you think James is so committed to being a positive role model for his boys?
4. Do you think James being adopted gave him a great sense of belonging ?

5. Has James flipped the script meaning has he broken the legacy of neglect and abuse experienced by he and his siblings and also his dad and aunt for at least 2 generations?

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JAMES SPANN'S STORY

Dad Abandoned Me When I Was 7

When James was just five years old, his father walked out and never returned—leaving behind a silence that would echo for decades. Raised by a struggling single mom, James learned early how to survive, but the weight of abandonment never fully left. What began as a broken childhood slowly transformed, thanks to unexpected voices of encouragement and a powerful moment of surrender.

Years later, he would come face-to-face with the man who disappeared—and what happened next changed him forever. Today, James is not only a household name during storms—he's a quiet force of healing and hope for kids walking the same lonely road he once did.

1. Where was James Spann from?

- A. Los Angeles CA
- B. New York City
- C. Washington D.C.
- D. Greenville AL a small rural community

2. How did James find out his dad abandoned his family?

- A. His mom told him.
- B. His dad told him he was leaving.
- C. He read it in a letter.
- D. He was told by the lady that lived next door.

3. What memories does James have of him and his dad?

- A. Working on cars
- B. Going fishing
- C. Painting the house
- D. Visiting the zoo

4. How did James feel when his dad left?

- A. Hurt, crushed and abandoned.
- B. James was glad his dad was gone.
- C. James wished he would come back.
- D. James was afraid it was his fault he left.

5. What was the size of James family after his dad left?

- A. James, his mom and four sisters.
- B. James, his mom and two brothers.
- C. James., his mom, 3 brothers and 3 sisters
- D James and his mom.

6. How did life change for James and his mom after his dad left?

- A. They took in a boarder to help save money.
- B. They were broke .
- C. James began mowing lawns and working as a caddy at the country club.
- D. They had to borrow money from his grandparents.

7. When James was in the 4th grade why did he and his mom move to Tuscaloosa, Alabama?

- A. So his mom could finish her college education.
- B. To move back in with his dad..
- C. For his mom to begin a new job.
- D. To be near his grandparents.

8. How did James feel about moving to Tuscaloosa?

- A. He was mad.
- B. He was excited about going to a new school.
- C. He didn't want to make new friends.
- D. He wanted to move back home.

9. Who became a positive role model for James in the 5th grade?

- A. His Pastor.
- B. The postman.
- C. His high school principal.
- D. The police chief.

10. What was one good thing that happened after James' dad went away ?

- A. James learned to work hard and to finish whatever he started.
- B. His mom was so much happier.
- C. James joined the football team
- D. James and his mom got to eat out a lot more.

11. How did James' school principal help him?

- A. He gave him a weekly allowance.
- B. He encouraged James with positive affirmation and built up his confidence.
- C. He took James hunting.
- D. They played golf together on the weekends.

12. What did James say the only thing in life that matters is?

- A. Making a lot of money
- B. Earning a college degree .
- C. Having a beautiful wife.
- D. Your relationship with God and serving other people.

13. When James was 37 what did God lead him to do?

- A. Go find his dad and share the gospel with him.
- B. Start a church.
- C. Buy his mom a house.
- D. To be a meteorologist.

14. When James found his dad what did he learn about him?

- A. That he remarried and had 4 children.
- B. He was a millionaire.
- C. He was suffering from alcohol dementia.
- D. He just bought two new sports cars.

15. How does James think his life would be different if he had never met his school principal?

- A. He might be a college professor.
- B. He could have been a truck driver.
- C. He might have been an all night D J or ended up in prison.
- D. He would have never graduated from college.

16. What gift of discernment does James have?

- A. He is able to find great places to fish.
- B. He can always tell when it is going to rain.
- C. He always picks the winner of the football National Championship.
- D. He can look in a child's eyes and tell if they are hurting on the inside.

17. What advice did James give to his sons?

- A. Find out the passion that God has laid on your heart and do it.
- B. Always take the job that pays the most.
- C. Be sure to join the country club
- D. Always buy a big house.

18. What did James' sons say about him?

- A. He always watches the weather channel.
- B. He is not a good cook.
- C. James has always been there for them.
- D. He is the fastest runner in the family..

19. What would James tell a young boy whose dad had just abandoned him?

- A. You can be anything you want to be, your dad doesn't determine who you'll be.
- B. Take care of your mom.
- C. .Make good grades .
- D. Always take out the garbage .

20. How was James able to be a good husband?

- A. He never spent time at home.
- B. He has a patient wife full of grace and mercy.
- C. He watched television all the time.
- D. He never helped around the house.

Discussion Questions

1. Why was it important for James to find his dad after not seeing him in 30 years?
2. How was James able to forgive his dad for abandoning him and his mom and still feel the pain of being deserted by his dad over 30 years ago?
3. How do you think it was possible for James to be a loving husband and great dad without ever having an example of a loving husband and dad ?
4. What impact do you think James has on the children he speaks to at schools?
5. What do you think James' legacy is to his family and his community?

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JEROME'S STORY

Dad Died When I Was 6

When Jerome lost his father at just six years old, the world around him shifted—and so did something inside him. Grief, anger, and confusion took root, leading to years of sleepwalking, rage, and a desperate search for the man who was suddenly gone.

But in the middle of the pain, God brought men into Jerome's life who showed him what true fatherhood looked like. What started as trauma slowly turned into a calling. Today, Jerome is pouring into boys just like he once was—and his story will move you in ways you don't expect.

1. How did Jerome's dad pass away?

- A. Car accident
- B. Fell out of a tree
- C. Lung Cancer
- D. Hunting Accident

2. What was a problem Jerome had often after his dad died?

- A. Bad Grades in school
- B. He had no friends
- C. Lots of chores
- D. Rage issues (Anger)

3. Did Jerome think of his dad as a hero?

- A. Yes, because he was in the war and won a Purple Heart.
- B. No, because he never spent time with Jerome.
- C. Yes, because he always drove a fast car.
- D. No, Jerome's dad spent all his money on drinking.

4. What was Jerome's dad's occupation?

- A. Owned a trucking company
- B. House painter
- C. Country music singer
- D. Tire salesman

5. What was one of the memories Jerome has about things he and his dad did together?

- A. They would wash cars together.
- B. Cook breakfast together on Saturday Mornings.
- C. Jerome would sometimes ride with his dad in his truck.
- D. Go fishing together at night.

6. When Jerome's dad died how did the family's lifestyle change?

- A. Jerome's mom had work cleaning houses and sewing to provide for the family.
- B. Jerome had to quit school and get a job.
- C. Jerome's mom found a million dollars and bought a big house.
- D. Jerome's family had to move in with his grandparents.

7. When Jerome began to sleepwalk, he went to a neighbor's, what was he looking for?

- A. Food
- B. His dad
- C. Money
- D. Baseball Glove

8. Why did Jerome go down to the front of the church to pray?

- A. Because he wanted to know he was saved
- B. To show the church people how good he was
- C. To make his wife happy
- D. He wanted to be a preacher

9. Why was it hard for Jerome and his wife to be happy in their marriage?

- A. She had a better paying job than Jerome
- B. They only had money for one car
- C. Jerome had committed his life to Jesus Christ and his wife had not.
- D. The babies were always crying

10. After Jerome committed his life to Jesus who mentored him in loving and obeying the Lord?

- A. His coworkers
- B. His daughters
- C. TV preacher
- D. The men in his church

11. Why did Jerome want to be mentored by the men in his church?

- A. They were all rich
- B. Their families were perfect
- C. Because he wanted to follow Jesus and help him to become a good role model for his family.
- D. They all played golf together

12. How long did it take for Jerome to overcome the anger of losing his dad?

- A. Early adulthood when he accepted Christ as Lord of his life
- B. By picking on people at school
- C. Staying busy all the time
- D. Playing football at school

13. Why did Jerome say that his 2nd wife Kathy was such a brave woman?

- A. She ran marathons
- B. She had three jobs
- C. She works on cars
- D. She married Jerome and he already had two daughters.

14. What did Jerome say it took to be a great dad?

- A. To have a loving marriage and be unified in faith and discipline to Jesus
- B. Make sure your kids are always perfect
- C. Always remind them of things they have done wrong
- D. Buy them whatever they want

15. Jerome was asked if he could thank his dad for something, what would it be?

- A. Thanks for never spanking me
- B. For always letting me have my way
- C. For being a great role model
- D. Always letting me sit behind you while you drive the truck

16. Why was it hard for Jerome's mom to work after Jerome's dad died?

- A. She wanted to be a stay at home mom
- B. She liked shopping all the time
- C. She had a disability that made working difficult
- D. She enjoyed staying at the beach all the time

17. What person did Jerome call survivor?

- A. His mother had a disability that made it very difficult to work
- B. His pastor
- C. A coworker
- D. Wife

18. How did Jerome know about Jesus when he was a young child?

- A. He listened to TV preachers
- B. His sisters told him
- C. His mom was his 1st Sunday School teacher and taught him about Jesus
- D. His school principal

19. How long did it take for Jerome to quit sleepwalking?

- A. 3 months
- B. 1 year
- C. 3 years
- D. He still sleepwalks

20. What was one of things his daughters said about him?

- A. He loved to attend football games
- B. He never spent much time with them
- C. He enjoyed painting old cars
- D. He was a great role model and pointed them to the truth

Discussion Questions

1. Jerome was only 6 years old when his dad passed away. Jerome had many feelings of rage and loneliness. How would Jerome be able to overcome those feelings?
2. Why is it so significant for dads to be good role models when their children are young?
3. Did Jerome become a better role model for his children after he gave his life to Jesus?
4. When Jerome married his 2nd wife, why was it so important that she was a Christian?
5. Why do you think it was so valuable for Jerome to be mentored by the men in his church?

6. When Jerome was an adult he wrote down every memory he had of him and his dad together there were 12 memories. Are memories important and do they affect our lives?

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MIKE'S STORY

I Ran Away From Home

Mike never met his biological father—and the man who adopted him brought a storm of instability and violence into their home. As a teenager, Mike was caught in a cycle of fear and frustration, even running away to escape the chaos.

But something in him refused to let the past have the final word. He made a quiet vow to be the kind of dad he never had, and that decision would change everything. Mike's story is a powerful reminder that even when you come from brokenness, you can become the one who breaks the cycle.

1. What kind of relationship did Mike have with his biological dad?

- A. Mike's biological dad was a great role model.
- B. Mike didn't have a relationship with his biological dad because his dad passed away 3 weeks after Mike was born.
- C. He taught Mike how to lift weights.
- D. Dad always carried Mike to church.

2. What kind of home did Jim McClellan (Mike's adopted dad) grow up in?

- A. He came from a warm and loving family.
- B. His dad was a gentle patient man.
- C. Jim's family spent a lot of quality time together.
- D. Jim's dad was an abusive alcoholic.

3. How much education did Jim McClellan have?

- A. He dropped out of school in the 8th grade.
- B. He graduated from high school with honors
- C. He attended trade school to become a welder.
- D. He attended college for 2 years.

4. What sport did Mike excel in?

- A. Football
- B. Golf
- C. Tennis
- D. Bowling

5. What was Jim McClellan's attitude about Mike playing sports?

- A. Jim was always cheering for Mike.
- B. Jim donated money to the teams that Mike played on.
- C. Jim discouraged Mike from playing positions that give him any popularity.
- D. Jim always bragged to his coworkers what a great player Mike was.

6. What was Mike's home life like growing up?

- A. It was a loving home to be raised in.
- B. Jim created a home of alcoholism, along with physical and mental abuse.
- C. A home where all the kids enjoyed having their friends visit.
- D. Sitting around the dinner table and having great conversations.

7. When Mike and a friend ran away from home what did they run out of first?

- A. Clean clothes
- B. Money
- C. Food
- D. A place to stay

8. What happened to Mike's younger brother Jimmy?

- A. He became a pro football player
- B. He was a church choir director
- C. He was found dead in the river, possibly caused by suicide.
- D. He became a carpenter.

9. Who protected Mike's mother from the physical abuse by her husband?

- A. Mike's brother Jimmy
- B. The neighbors
- C. The police
- D. Mike would occasionally step in to try and protect her.

10. When Mike defended his mother from his dad what did she say to Mike?

- A. Pack your bags and move out.
- B. Go apologize to your dad.
- C. Call the police.
- D. Thank you

11. How did Jim's negative attitude about Mike playing sports affect Mike?

- A. It made Mike feel he couldn't succeed in sports.
- B. It robbed Mike of his self esteem.
- C. It spurred Mike to be the best player he could be.
- D. He wanted to focus more on academics.

12. What is Mike's occupation today?

- A. Chiropractor
- B. Computer repair business
- C. Used car salesman
- D. Soccer coach

13. What is one of the generous things Mike was able to do?

- A. He gives free haircuts.
- B. He built a soccer field
- C. He donates blood every week
- D. He donated a house to the Eagles Boys Ranch.

14. What position did Mike play on the football team?

- A. Quarterback
- B. Middle linebacker
- C. Field goal kicker
- D. Wide receiver

15. What is Mike's son studying to be?

- A. Musician
- B. Marine Biologist
- C. Chiropractor
- D. Chemical Engineer

16. Mike's daughter has won awards in what college sport?

- A. Soccer
- B. Basketball
- C. Softball
- D. Golf

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17. Mike made a decision that his family life would be different than the family life he had growing up. How was his family life going to be different?

- A. He would take his family to Disney World every year.
- B. His home would not have addiction or physical abuse in it.
- C. His family would have game night twice a week.
- D. The family would wash the car every Saturday morning.

18. What was Mike's son's favorite story about him and his dad?

- A. A beach trip
- B. Hiking in the mountains
- C. Shooting his first deer and Mike was telling him exactly where to shoot the deer.
- D. Bicycling to Atlanta GA about a 100 miles away from home.

19. What did Grace say her dad taught her?

- A. Seeing what a Godly man looks like by seeing her Dad.
- B. .How to fly fish
- C. How to repel down the side of a mountain
- D. How to water ski

20. What did Grace say that her dad does to anybody he sees?

- A .He will talk to anyone he comes in contact with.
- B. He will give you a free cup of coffee.
- C. He will tell you jokes until you laugh.
- D. He shows people our pictures on his phone.

Discussion Questions

1. What were the differences in the home life Jim McClellan grew up in and the kind of home life he raised his family in if any?
2. Mike and his brother Jimmy grew up in the same house together. Why do you think their lives turned out so differently?
3. Both of Mike's children said their dad spent time with them. Do you think it important for dad's to spend time with their children and if so why?
4. Jim McClellan never had a positive role model growing up. How do you think that affected his life ?

5. After a Promise Keepers Conference Mike felt led to pray with his staff every morning at the staff meetings. What kind of impact do you think that has on his staff?

6. Mike McClellan is a very positive person a great believer in community service but his number one goal is being a good role model for his children. How do you think Mike being a positive role model to his children has affected them?

TOMMY'S STORY

Dad Destroyed Our Family

Tommy grew up in chaos—his father was the town drunk, and home was often a place of destruction, not safety. For generations, alcoholism and abuse had plagued the men in his family, stretching back nearly 100 years. But one conversation with his father cracked something open in Tommy, revealing that pain often hides behind the bottle.

Years later, Tommy would face a life-altering decision that tested everything he believed about success, sacrifice, and legacy. His story is a powerful picture of what it looks like when one man finally says, “Enough,” and changes the story for everyone who comes after him.

1. Where were Tommy's ancestors from?

- A. East Gadsden
- B. Southside
- C. Glencoe
- D. Attalla

2. What was the one thing that kept Tommy's dad from being a good role model?

- A. Addiction to alcohol
- B. Never being home
- C. Being lazy
- D. Being arrested

3. What phrase did Tommy's dad say to him?

- A. You can steal just don't get caught
- B. The early bird gets the worm
- C. Don't let any grass grow under you
- D. Do as I say not as I do

4. What did Tommy's dad tell his mother when Tommy turned 14?

- A. Tommy is not going to church any more with you, he's going with me
- B. Tommy and his dad would play golf on Sunday
- C. Tommy is quitting school
- D. Tommy needed to wash cars on Sunday

5. Where was Tommy when he was sent to go help his dad?

- A. Cutting grass
- B. school
- C. church
- D. Playing basketball

6. When Tommy went to help his dad, what was the 1st thing his dad said to him?

- A. Where have you been
- B. Did you walk
- C. I knew you would come
- D. Where is your mother

7. What did Tommy ask his dad as he was helping him from the bathroom?

- A. Why are you destroying our family?
- B. Where is your truck?
- C. How long have you been drunk?
- D. Where were you born?

8. What business was Tommy's dad in?

- A. Fixing cars
- B. Bartender
- C. School teacher
- D. Landscaper

9. Why did Tommy want to be a musician?

- A. To make lots of money
- B. To please his dad
- C. To be famous
- D. To win awards

10. What did God say to Tommy when he was about to sign a music contract in Nashville?

- A. This is going to make you happy
- B. This will make you the best dad
- C. If you sign this contract you will lose your wife and your life
- D. You will sing all over the world

11. When Tommy came home from Nashville, what did he tell his wife?

- A. He was going to take his daughter to church on Sunday
- B. He was going to buy a bar
- C. He was going to college
- D. He was going to be a bricklayer

12. What did Tommy do when he was on the road for 7 years playing music?

- A. Tommy gave guitar lessons
- B. He began to drink a lot like his dad
- C. He worked as a waiter
- D. He went to church every Sunday

13. As of now what is Tommy's occupation?

- A. Elder
- B. Teacher
- C. Nurse
- D. Pastor of a church

14. What was the turning point in Tommy's life when things got better?

- A. When he refused to sign the contract in Nashville and returned home
- B. When he went home at age 14 to help his dad
- C. Graduating from high school
- D. Getting married

15. Who in Tommy's life did he credit to helping him be strong?

- A. Wife
- B. Coach
- C. Mother
- D. Daughter

16. How did Tommy's daughter have her 1st child?

- A. Found the baby on the doorstep
- B. Adopted
- C. Born into the family naturally
- D. From a foster family

17. What was the name of the Penguin Tommy's granddaughter built at Build a Bear?

- A. Happy Day
- B. Mr. Sunshine
- C. Little Tuxedo
- D. Happy Feet

18. Who sent Tommy to check on his dad?

- A. His mother
- B. Mr. Boshell, the principal
- C. The Police
- D. His Pastor

19. What was Tara most proud of her Dad?

- A. He gave his life to God and loves his family
- B. He is a workaholic
- C. He has a beautiful home
- D. He is a really talented singer

20. What did Tommy advise any man, young or old, that is lost and overtaken by addiction?

- A. Check into rehab
- B. Move in with a friend
- C. Get a high paying job
- D. Give your life to Jesus and be delivered from addiction

Discussion Questions

1. Alcohol and abuse destroyed young Tommy's family. Do people ever start drinking thinking it could destroy their family?
2. If Tommy had not given up alcohol what do you think Tommy's life would look like today?
3. Tommy's mom endured physical and verbal abuse for so many years from her husband. How was she able to stay in the marriage for so many years and where do you think her strength came from?
4. Think about what kind of impact Tommy's mother had on his life. How would you describe this impact?

5. Compare Tommy's legacy to Tommy's dad's legacy.

6. What did Tommy mean when he asked his dad why are you destroying our family?

TONY'S STORY

Fatherless Boy Becomes Father to Many

Tony Reddick only saw his father twice in his entire life—once as a baby and once as a teenager. Raised by a single mother in public housing with eight siblings, Tony faced more adversity by age ten than many do in a lifetime—including losing vision in one eye.

But even as a boy, he quietly studied the men around him, piecing together a vision of the kind of father he one day hoped to become. His journey would take him far beyond what anyone expected, through doors few get the chance to walk through. Today, he's leading thousands—and his story is living proof of what's possible when pain meets perseverance.

1. What kind of dad did Tony Reddick have?

- A. A dad that was a positive role model
- B. A dad who always supported Tony in sports
- C. An absent dad that Tony never met until he was 17
- D. A dad who taught Tony to drive a truck

2. What was Tony's home life like as a child?

- A. Dad did not provide for his family so money was really limited.
- B. Tony and his siblings always wore designer clothes.
- C. Each child had their own television and bedroom.
- D. Tony got a new car when he turned 16.

3. Who raised Tony?

- A. His Dad
- B. His older brothers
- C. His mom
- D. Foster parents

4. Who were the men that mentored Tony?

- A. Sunday school teachers
- B. Basketball Coaches
- C. 3 men in Tony's neighborhood
- D. The man that delivered groceries to their home.

5. What unique characteristic did the men have that mentored Tony?

- A. They were policeman
- B. They all deer hunted together.
- C. The men traded for a new car every year
- D. The men all lived at home with their wives and biological children.

6. What was Tony's first big break in life?

- A. He was offered a scholarship to St. Sebastian Preparatory School.
- B. SGA president of his high school class.
- C. High School Valedictorian
- D. Winning a college basketball scholarship.

7. How was Tony selected to receive a scholarship to Saint Sebastian's?

- A. He lived close to the school.
- B. Tony was one of the three top students in his 7th grade class.
- C. He was good at academics and sports.
- D. His mom knew somebody that put a good word in for Tony.

8. How did Tony respond when his mom asked him if he wanted to attend Saint Sebastians?

- A. He wanted to think about it for a few days.
- B. He wanted to wait a year before he went.
- C. He said yes he wanted to go.
- D. He wanted to know if his brother could go with him.

9. How did Tony travel back and forth to St Sebastian's everyday?

- A. Limousine
- B. Uber
- C. Walking 2 miles then riding a train and then a bus one way.
- D. He rode with classmates in a van.

10. How was Tony different from most other school superintendents?

- A. He played basketball during his lunch time.
- B. Mentored boys after school.
- C. Cooked supper for the school faculty.
- D. Planted a garden at the school.

11. How did Tony stay in contact with his dad?

- A. Tony visited him every Sunday.
- B. Tony always took his dad fishing on Tony's birthday.
- C. Tony would call his dad on most Father's Days and on his dad's birthday.
- D. They ate lunch together once a month.

12. What was the book about that Tony wrote?

- A. Being in a gang.
- B. How to be a good school superintendent?
- C. Growing up in Boston, Massachusetts.
- D. The book was about fatherhood and growing up without a dad.

13. What was the one thing Tony was proud of about his dad?

- A. Tony's dad kept all the newspaper articles about Tony until he died.
- B. He sent Tony money on his birthday.
- C. Tony was his dad's favorite son.
- D. Tony's dad bragged to his friends about all Tony's success.

14. How was Tony a positive role model to his children?

- A. He bought them anything they wanted.
- B. By never being home with his kids.
- C. Always giving of his time and talent.
- D. Leaving work early to go play golf.

15. Why did the two brothers that Tony mentored occasionally call him?

- A. To invite him to a graduation or celebrate a promotion they received at work.
- B. To ask for money
- C. To be bailed out of jail.
- D. To invite him to go deep sea fishing.

16. Where did Tony meet his wife Belinda?

- A. At a football game.
- B. College
- C. Burger King
- D. Church

17. How did Tony respond to a mother that had told him those are my boys?

- A. Those kids are trouble.
- B. Your boys are on drugs
- C. Those are my boys too.
- D. Your sons are great football players.

18. What did both of Tony's children say about him?

- A. He was always late for supper.
- B. He loves his family and leads by example
- C. He exercises five days a week.
- D. His favorite food is hamburgers.

19. Who did Tony give credit to for making him the person he is today?

- A. His oldest sister.
- B. His dad
- C. His favorite professor
- D. His mom

20. What was one of the reasons Tony said his mom was so great?

- A. She raised children by herself.
- B. She played the piano at church every Sunday.
- C. She grew a vegetable garden every year
- D. She sold fruits and vegetables from her garden to people passing by her house.

Discussion Questions

1. Should Tony have felt bitterness towards his dad for never living at home and abandoning him?
2. Why do you think Tony always tried to be a great dad to his children?
3. What did Tony see in the men from his neighborhood that made them good role models?
4. Why has Tony been so dedicated to mentoring boys without dads?
5. What are some of Tony's habits that make him a good role model to his community and his family?

TYLER'S STORY

Reunited with Dad Over 10 Years Later

Tyler's early life was steeped in chaos—abuse, addiction, and constant upheaval from one unstable home to another. Just when it seemed his story was destined to follow the same broken path, a boys' ranch gave him the structure and hope he had never known.

Then, at 16, a phone call changed everything: his biological father—who hadn't seen him since he was two—had finally found him after 14 years apart. That reunion became a turning point, not just for healing the past, but for shaping the kind of man Tyler would become. Today, he's a proud and present father to his little girl—proving that love, hard work, and second chances can change everything.

1. When Tyler was born what kind of home was he in?

- A. His parents were loving and caring.
- B. His parents never lived together.
- C. Tyler's parents had 3 more children and loved them all unconditionally
- D. Tyler's parents loved to party and therefore neglected him.

2. Since Tyler's parents lived apart what kind of arrangements did they make about much time each one would spend with Tyler before he was about two years old?

- A. Tyler lived mainly with his mom and saw his dad on weekends.
- B. Tyler never saw his parents; he was in foster care.
- C. Tyler's mom abandoned him so his dad was the only parent he knew.
- D. Tyler lived with his aunt and saw his parents once a month..

3. What happened to Tyler at age 2?

- A. He was in a car accident and unable to walk for a year
- B. He started acting in commercials.
- C. His mom moved Tyler to Texas with a man that would become his stepfather.
- D. He was lost in the woods 2 days before being rescued.

4. How was Tyler treated by his mom and stepdad?

- A. They were a great couple that loved Tyler.
- B. Tyler's mom and stepdad were horrible parents and arrested for drugs.
- C. Tyler's mom and stepdad had a daughter that was also abused.
- D Tyler's mom and stepdad would neglect Tyler when they were on drugs.

5. When Tyler was six how did his life change?

- A. He was adopted by a loving family
- B. He and his step sister moved in with his step dad's aunt and uncle.
- C. He was a star player on his Pee Wee football team.
- D He won a golf tournament for kids under 7.

6. What kind of work did Tyler do for his step uncle?

- A. He would mow grass and use a weed eater.
- B. Washed cars.
- C. He cleaned offices at night.
- D. Grilled and sold hamburgers.

7. What kind of life did Tyler have with his step aunt and uncle?

- A. His step uncle was physically and mentally abusive.
- B. The step uncle was a kind and loving man.
- C. Tyler's step uncle spent a lot of quality time with him.
- D. His step uncle would make him work all day with just one drink.

8. What were the positives about the step uncle?

- A. He would take Tyler fishing on weekends.
- B. He always attended Tyler's school activities.
- C. He read the Bible to Tyler every night.
- D. He taught Tyler how to work hard when Tyler was only 7 years old.

9. What disease or condition did Tyler have?

- A. Allergic to pollen
- B. ADHD
- C. He was blind in one eye.
- D. He had a constant cough.

10. What were the results of his condition going untreated?

- A. He had difficulty following directions.
- B. He had a tough time focusing in the classroom.
- C. It caused him to get into fights.
- D. He would have to take naps in the afternoon.

11. After Tyler went to detention several times what happened?

- A. His step uncle sent him to a psychiatrist.
- B. He had to move to a smaller school.
- C. His step uncle made him sleep in a tent.
- D. The step uncle said they did not want him to ever live with them again.

12. What did Tyler do after his step uncle said they did not want him anymore?

- A. He moved to Eagle Rock Boys Ranch
- B. He ran away and joined the circus.
- C. He went back to school and was elected SGA president .
- D. He joined a motorcycle gang.

13. What happened to Tyler in the 10th grade?

- A. He stole a car and went to jail.
- B. He started a business selling fruits and vegetables.
- C. He loved guns and became an expert marksman.
- D. He dropped out of school and earned his ged..

14. What did Tyler think about Eagle Rock Boys Ranch when he moved there?

- A. It was the 1st time he lived in a place with structure.
- B. He had no privacy and didn't fit in.
- C. He did not like sharing a bedroom with anyone else.
- D. He always tried to respect the adults at Eagle Rock.

15. What did Tyler do after he got his GED?

- A. He moved to California to look for his biological dad.
- B. He got a job and has been promoted through the ranks to supervisor.
- C. He depended on his girlfriend to pay his bills.
- D. He joined the Marines.

16. What did Tyler learn from his step uncle that served him well?

- A. To always work hard.
- B. It's okay to be lazy.
- C. To always get as much education as you can.
- D. Save your money and do not go in debt

17. When did Tyler decide to make the most of every opportunity and to be a good provider?

- A. When he started saving money to buy a Corvette?
- B. He wanted to buy a house.
- C. When he held his baby daughter for the 1st time.
- D. When he was offered the opportunity to go back to college.

18. What does Tyler want for his daughter?

- A. To be the smartest girl in class.
- B. To be the best dressed girl in school.
- C. To never be abused or neglected like he was and to always know he loves her..
- D. To be a champion equestrian.

19. Who did Tyler get a facebook message and afterwards a phone call back?

- A. His mom called from prison.
- B. The step uncle that had abused him.
- C. The IRS
- D. His biological dad's wife.

20. What happened to Tyler after he received the phone call?

- A. He owed 5000.00 dollars in back taxes.
- B. He flew to California the next day to meet his biological dad.
- C. He sold his motorcycle
- D. He bought a house

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think Tyler's feelings were for his biological dad?
2. What was the impact on Tyler for the years of abuse he endured?
3. If Tyler had not gone to live at Eagle Rock Boys Ranch would his life be any different?
4. Tyler's biological dad searched for him for 16 years. With this in mind do you think that Tyler will be able to have a good relationship with his biological dad?
5. What kind of relationship do you think Tyler and his dad have now?

WALTER'S STORY

Dad Lived Down the Street. Nobody Told Me.

Walter grew up without a father—even though his biological dad lived just down the road. No one told him, and by the time they finally met, it was awkward, rare, and left more questions than answers. As a young man trying to figure life out, he found himself drawn into a family that operated differently—one led by a strong, steady man who showed him what real manhood looked like.

Through firm guidance, hard conversations, and even surprise lawn mower lessons, his father-in-law filled a role Walter never knew he needed. His story is a powerful reminder that even when your own father is absent, the right example can help you become the man—and father—you were meant to be.

1. What was missing in Walter's life until he was 18?

- A. Mother
- B. Grandmother
- C. Dad
- D. Sister

2. Where Did Walter begin conversations and close friendships?

- A. Grocery Store
- B. Barber Shop
- C. Gas Station
- D. School

3. Who was the man that Walter began to have conversations with and develop a close relationship?

- A. His Pastor
- B. His Teacher
- C. His Cousin
- D. His uncle Preston Nix

4. Why was Walter sad when he was growing up?

- A. Because he missed not having a dad like other kids.
- B. He wanted to go on vacation with him.
- C. He wanted to have a dad who would buy him toys.
- D. Walter wanted to learn how to play sports.

5. Why did Walter dislike seeing his birth certificate when he registered for PeeWee football?

- A. The space where his father's name was blank.
- B. The birth certificate listed Walter's weight when he was born.
- C. The birth certificate listed his mother's address.
- D. The birth certificate listed where he was born.

6. What was Walter getting ready to do and how old was he when he met his father for the first time?

- A. Join the Army/age 17
- B. Be a truck driver/age 19
- C. Got to college/ age 18
- D. Be a choir director/ age 24

7. What kind of accident was Walter's dad in?

- A. He was hit by a car crossing the street
- B. He fell off a ladder
- C. He was shot in a hunting accident
- D. He was burned in a house fire

8. Where was Walter's dad when he and Walter developed a relationship?

- A. Nursing Home
- B. Football Game
- C. Driving a truck
- D. Buying a house

9. What was the most important thing that Walter's dad did?

- A. Bought Walter a new car
- B. Started his own business
- C. Walter's dad got married
- D. He asked Jesus to come into his life and be saved

10. Who urged Walter let go of the resentment he had for his father?

- A. His mother
- B. His aunt
- C. His Pastor
- D. His Uncle

11. Who was with Walter's father when he asked Jesus into his heart?

- A. Walter and his coach
- B. Preston Nix, Walter, and Walter's grandfather
- C. Walter's pastor
- D. Walter's brother and sister

12. Where did Walter and his mother go every Saturday?

- A. The laundromat
- B. Church
- C. Movies
- D. McDonald's

13. What did Walter at age 8 tell his mother about the girl he saw at the laundromat?

- A. She was a cheerleader
- B. She went to Walter's school
- C. She was always in trouble
- D. She could be his wife someday

14. Where did Walter and Cynthia go to school when they began to date?

- A. General Forrest
- B. Gadsden High
- C. Emma Sansom
- D. University of Alabama

15. Where did Cynthia's Dad, Mr. Etheridge, invite Walter when he came to their house?

- A. Watch football on tv
- B. Rake leaves
- C. Come to the table and eat dinner
- D. Stay outside and play with the dog

16. What did Walter come to think about Mr. Etheridge?

- A. He was lazy
- B. He worked all the time
- C. He saved money
- D. He was a great father figure and role model for Walter

17. Where did Mr. Etheridge tell Walter he was going to see him?

- A. Walter's home
- B. His church
- C. His mother's house
- D. On Walter's job

18. What did Mr. Etheridge buy Walter?

- A. Shotgun
- B. A new set of tools
- C. a Lawnmower
- D. A Barbecue grill

19. What kind of work does Walter do now?

- A. Truck driver
- B. Pastor
- C. Teacher
- D. House Painter

20. Where did Walter grow up?

- A. Tuscaloosa Court
- B. Southside
- C. Rainbow City
- D. Attalla

Discussion Questions

1. Because Walter's dad didn't live him, Walter sought positive role models to fill the void of having a missing dad. How important was it for Walter to seek positive role models?
2. How important was it for Walter to let go of his resentment of his dad?
3. When Walter came home with a football injury, he was able to spend time talking to his dad. What was the significance of him spending this time with his dad?
4. How can friends, with a dad at home, be supportive of guys like Walter who don't have a dad at home?
5. What were positive characteristics in Mr. Etheridge's life that influenced Walter to be a great father?

6. Growing up in a family without much money, what were some of the things Walter did to improve his chances for success?

**ANSWER
KEYS**

Barry

1. D
2. A
3. C
4. D
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. A
9. D
10. C
11. B
12. C
13. C
14. D
15. B
16. A
17. C
18. D
19. B
20. A

Arthur

1. D
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. A

7. A
8. B
9. C
10. A
11. D
12. C
13. C
14. A
15. A
16. D
17. C
18. D
19. A
20. C

Charlie

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. C

10. A
11. C
12. D
13. A
14. B
15. D
16. C
17. D

18. A
19. C
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James A.

1. D
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. C
9. D
10. C

11. A
12. C
13. C
14. D
15. B
16. C
17. C
18. A
19. C
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James K.

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. D
5. A
6. B

7. C
8. A
9. C
10. B

11. A
12. D
13. A
14. C
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18. B
19. D
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James S.

1. D
2. A
3. B
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5. D
6. B
7. A
8. A
9. C

10. A
11. B
12. D
13. A
14. C
15. C
16. D

17. A
18. C
19. A
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Jerome

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. C
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. C

10. D
11. C
12. A
13. D
14. A
15. C
16. C
17. A
18. C
19. A
20. D

Mike

1. B
2. D

3. A	14. A	2. A	13. D
4. A	15. C	3. C	14. A
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6. B	17. A	5. B	16. D
7. B	18. B	6. A	17. D
8. C	19. A	7. A	18. C
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12. A	Tony R.	11. D	
13. D	1. C	12. A	
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15. C	3. C	14. A	
16. A	4. C	15. B	
17. B	5. D	16. A	
18. C	6. A	17. C	
19. A	7. B	18. C	
20. A	8. C	19. D	
	9. C	20. B	
Tommy M.	10. B		
1. B	11. C	Walter S.	
2. A	12. D	1. C	
3. D	13. A	2. B	
4. A	14. C	3. D	
5. B	15. A	4. A	
6. C	16. B	5. A	
7. A	17. C	6. C	
8. D	18. B	7. A	
9. B	19. D	8. A	
10. C	20. A	9. D	
11. A		10. B	
12. B	Tyler H.	11. B	
13. D	1. B	12. A	