



Charlie and Scott were childhood friends and begin the interview with a tribute to their fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Gayla Taylor. Charlie was one of nine children. They lost their dad when Charlie was five years old. Not only that, but Charlie then lost his stepdad when he was twelve. In the interview, he tells the sad story of how he lived, for many years, carrying false guilt that his actions had caused his dad's premature death. Charlie talks about the challenges of growing up with 9 kids living in a three-bedroom house and how his mom was only able to attend two of his high school ball games. Charlie had to go to work straight out of high school but less than a year later, a persistent college coach convinced him to play football at Jacksonville State University. He went on to earn a business degree and had a successful career in the business world before going back to school to get a teacher's certificate. He later earned a doctorate in theology and is currently a middle school principal and the pastor of a church. Charlie is truly one of our script flippers.

Carried Guilt for Dad's Death