

SHOWNOTES - David Williams (04/50)

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Welcome to the that's my dad podcasts got in the studio with us today, David Williams, David's an old friend of mine, and we could probably talk about how we met for just a minute, David, I see a big smile. I know where you're headed.

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That's because you remind me of it every time. No, everybody was just a number you know.

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So David was a all star athlete in high school, he happened to have the misfortune of playing for a team that was my, my school's rivalry. Yeah. So we've had this battle going on for 40 years now about the night where there's there's some discrepancy as to who hit who the hardest, but David wasn't running back and I was a defender and I guess that's about all we need to say about that. Because we're collision there was a collision. Yeah. And to this day, nobody can really agree with who took the brunt of that damage. It was so that's how we met back many many years ago. And then David went on to have a college football career was a running back and and then went on to almost had a pro career. I think he blew in the out of the Dallas Cowboys camp then kilise tendon. Yeah, blew

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it out. Actually playing in a student teacher basketball game. Yeah. Yeah. And after that, they said, Hey, come and try out. You go,

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there you go. Dallas Cowboys down the drain. So



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I had prayed about that. And I said, God, I said, now if you know, if all it takes his hard work, I'm gonna do that. Yeah. Sad. If you don't want me to go pro, you're gonna have to show me you know. And of course, I was blaming that student teacher basketball game. So when stepped on my heel, snapped the Achilles. And even after that, I still, you know, it's just a minor setback. Yeah. And so when I was offered the try out, I said, Well, if I don't go, I'll always wonder what if, and if I do go, they won't be seeing the full. David Williams. They'll be seeing a rehab David. And it was actually chain Gailey who ended up coaching Dallas, but he was with the Birmingham fire there. Yeah. So that's how that happened. And after that, my life went in another direction. That's

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right. I don't think you've wasted it, though. By any by any means. Well, I



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don't I don't believe I mean, being a believer. We know that God's in control and he orders or steps direct our path. So no, I mean, being in his wield is where where I want to be.

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Let's talk about your dad. Let's start there. They called him see boy, right? Yes. And see boys are was military guy. So I'm just gonna kind of leave let you roll. Okay. Tell us about your dad.



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Well. They called him see boy, and I never knew why. And I asked him why. And, you know, I'd like to know the origin of nicknames, you know, but no one could ever tell me. And I remember I was in first grade and the teacher pulled me out in the hall. She said, What's your dad's name? And I told her, see what she said. No, I can't miss it. That's all I've ever heard anybody call him other than me calling them bad. Yeah. Didn't know his name was David. Just like mine. Yeah,

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there's like 15 and David, keeping it in the family. My



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sons David. And he was David his dad's David is just a bunch of us. So but he was just very firm. Very tough. But, you know, someone says, How do you spell love, and they said, T I M E. And he gave me time, you know, he would come home and we would play catch you alluded to 15 years ago, you and your dad playing catch up and and we would play catch every day. And I thought, well, we're just bonding we're just playing catch. I didn't know that he was doing the Mr. Miyagi, you know, you know, wax on wax off and he was okay, now you run this route. And I would do that and then say, Okay, now this time, I need you to do that. And I will do this. He said, now do a stiff arm and he was showing me all this stuff. Now at the time he was doing this, I'd never played organized football before. And so when I finally went out for a football team, you know, I was just, you know, head and shoulders above my peers. But it was because of what he was doing. You know, I we lived in Germany for For years, and I thought I'd misplaced my winter boots. And I was really worried about that, because, you know, misplace something mom and dad has worked hard to provide for you. And finally I said, Dad, have you seen my boots? And he had taken my boots to a shoe shop, and had sandbags sold him. And he brought him back. And he says, Here you go and say, Well, what's that? Said, those are your boots. He says, You're gonna run in those. And that's what I had to do, you know, built the an ankle weights. And then later on, he introduced to this field saying, and one time he took me out in the middle of the woods, you know, and, and we're going nuts, you know, he didn't tell me. And when we got out there, Scott, there was a big ol hole field saying, he's a get in there. And when dad says that you make it happen, actually, that was one of his sayings, long before Nike. He was saying, make it happen, you know, so I got in that at home. He said, Hold on to the edge and just pump your feet. And I would just have to run. And he would always say, run until I get tired. But none of the other kids in the neighborhood had that you know. And so I could see kids as a blur in my peripheral riding their bike, shooting ball, playing marbles, doing normal things, but he would come home and he wouldn't say how are you doing today? He'd say you run today? And if my answer was no, he's in make it happen. And so that's, that was it.

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That was your dad's way of expressing his love for you that he knew he was preparing you for something that you were gonna enjoy.



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I didn't know. I mean, I was enjoying playing with him. And it's something that I've passed on to my son is something I'm sure Colin can relate to. Because when you're doing that, it puts you on a path of of isolation to a degree because you're sacrificing and putting in time that other kids aren't, don't understand. And that can be lonely, but at the same time, it teaches you not to be a follower. You know, there have been times now with my own son. Back when he was in high school, or middle school, I would, I would say stop. I said look around, he'd look around the gym. I said, Do you see any other kids out here? I said, No, sir. I said, That's because you're home. Playing again, or hugging a pillow. I say you've got to fall in love with the process. You've got to put the time in. And that's something that my dad gave me. And, you know, it's still paying dividends to this day.

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So your dad had such a unique relationship. I remember where he was kind of hard on you. But you loved him to no end. Oh, yeah. Wouldn't make him proud. What would make him proud.



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And that, you know, when I first played my first game, and I saw him on the sideline, saw Mom on the sideline, saw Dad, army buddies, you know, and I bought him a 16 millimeter Kodak camera, from a PX in Germany. I didn't buy it with the intentions of ever being the subject of the film. I just bought it because it was you know, you save a little bit of your allowance or grass cutting money. And it was a gift for mom and dad. Well, they would film the games, you know, and they would show the home movies, you know, and bore their friends and buddies with. But you know, I was thinking man they are. They are proud. And it made me feel good to make them proud. And so I always want it to make them proud.



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Just for the for the listener. I think success can be measured by the way you kids turn out. Yeah, I think you got a lot to be proud of. Don't tell us about your kids.



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Well, the twins went to JSU. One has her master's in emergency management. She's currently teaching. The other one has a couple of degrees, nuclear medicine and she's a registered nurse. So she works for a couple of nursing companies. One is a recruiter and a nurse counselor. She also does this kind of thing production and she's an agent. So my grandkids are actors and movies and things like that. Okay. My youngest daughter. She was the first African American to get the Miss Gaston state. She got an honors scholarship. She was on their cheerleading squad and as a result of her having the honors scholarship, it freed up space for another girl to get a cheerleader. Getting a scholarship. Okay, so she's an entrepreneur. He's got a business now, yes, she has her own business. And she works with the school system. My youngest DJ, he graduated from Westbrook played college basketball. He's teaching and coaching now. So that's what my kids are doing, you know?



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Are you proud of them? Oh, yeah. Um, so what do you what do you think you instilled in them? What did it take to? Well, to get to that?



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Once again, when we're talking about hope and faith, you know, instead of saying, Do we got to go to church, now you get to go to church, you know, and then I would say, when you finish college, so I would always act as if it was a foregone conclusion. And I would say, okay, my mom and dad got this far academically, I've gotten this far, you guys have got to exceed me.

And you've got to leave me Leave me in your does, but always tried to demonstrate a role model in front of them. That work ethic that, that that press, what I always tell kids, even today, I said, Never allow someone's negative perception of you to be your reality. You never do that.

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Never let somebody's negative perception of you, because you never do that. And that



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was if God, you know, God says, He loves you. That should, that should trump everything. He loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son for us, then I mean, it doesn't matter who doesn't like me, or doesn't love me, he loves me. And he says, I'm wonderfully and beautifully made. And he's the art and finisher of my faith. And that drives me

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there's nothing to hold you back. Yeah, your skin color hasn't held you back. And I tell the kids that come out of the poor socioeconomic, the white kids, Hispanic kids, doesn't matter how poor you are. It doesn't matter what color your skin is, it's all a matter of your perception of who you are. And God says, and here's a guy who's a living example of it. So that's one of the things I admire so much about you and I and again, I couldn't care less what color you're we grew up together as friends. And this was never a factor. But I think you have the potential to speak so much, to those kids who are locked into that. And so many of them are locked into that. So I want you to do something. If you look to your camera, for that young man who's out there who may be watching, he's thinking I don't have a dad, I haven't had any guidance. I'm just gonna be another whatever. What do you tell them?



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You can't help the hand that you've been dealt no one no one can. Scott didn't ask to be Scott Hilton. I didn't ask to be David Williams. I didn't ask for the mom and dad that I have. But I believe that. That an all knowing God can take whatever your situation is, if you put your faith and your trust in Him, and help you overcome any obstacle. I really believe that. Because I believe that he has instilled in everybody a skill, a talent, that if you would just walk in His will and accept that, and know that it's going to be hard. It's going to be difficult. But that's life period. Life is full of challenges. Life is full of, of peaks and valleys. But you've just got to walk that thing out and you've got to sometimes it's so tough that I've asked God I said, Hey, just help me learn what I need to learn through this process, so that you can accelerate my deliverance helped me to enjoy this minute helped me to make it through this hour helped me to make it through this day. And the Bible said that prayer is still the enemy. And so sometimes even when I'm going through the toughest times, I'll still praise him I will still give God thanks for what He's doing in my life because it truly is. It's a blessing and hardships. They're going to be that way. We're born into hardships.

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Now wants you to address the young man who's just found out he's going to be a father. Or maybe the young man who's got small children or maybe even teenagers, and he doesn't have a clue because he's never had a dad. What's it take?



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Well ironic you should mention that um, I became a father. After my, between my senior year and freshman year. I didn't know at the time, I was getting ready for basketball game. And I looked over, and a couple of my teammates were just kind of pointing at me and laughing. And I stopped getting dressed. And I looked at him. I said, What's what's wrong? What do you guys laughing about? And they said, Hi, you don't know. I said, No, no, what what do you know? And then they said, you know, they told me that I was going to be a dad. And I said, No way, say, yeah. I said, How do you know? And I don't know. And so I went back, and I confirmed, it was confirmed. That was the last game I played. I left that gym. And the next day, I got a job. And I didn't go until the coach, I wasn't mature enough to know the proper way to exit, all I knew is that a child was on the way. And a child needs milk, Chow needs diapers, a child needs clothes. And so I wouldn't got a job. And turned out later, there were twins. What I've been doing my whole life, some of the things that you may admire or think, but I've been working hard to ensure that my children that were born while I was a young man and in college, didn't suffer any lack. Because of my, my doing what I was doing. And then I've worked hard for my other two children, so they wouldn't suffer a lag for what I've done. So be there for them. I think that even in spite of that, I went to court, I came home after my first football game. So it was Thanksgiving. And the police came to get me and went to went to court and never arrest me or anything. And so this was God's one of when I first saw God intervene in my life. So the judge says to the lawyer, says, What is he doing? And the judge, the lawyer says, well, he has a full ride scholarship to play college football. And he says, Well, what I'm going to do is I'm going to decrease the child support payments, so that the arrearage doesn't get so large that it overwhelms them. Because it's best for those kids. And this young man, if he goes to college in his degree. And that's what I did. And I told the church, I said, you can put whatever you want on that paper. I said, because I have to eat, I have to have clothes. I know they have to have clothes, they have to eat because I'm going to meet and exceed whatever you put on that paper. That's what I told him. And I've always had them with me. Every last one of my children, I've taught how to ride a bike, every last one of my taught how to swim, how to skate all their dental appointments, you know. And so I tried to make sure that I was, you know, ever present in their life. And in spite of those obstacles I've had to do because you're looking at somebody that didn't do it the right way. You know, I did it my way. And then God had to help me persevere through the judicial system through you being one place your kids being in another place to be the dad and my kids. I hope they would tell you that my dad has always worked hard. He's always demonstrated that

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like they would. We did a little something kind of behind your back, I think. And we want to show you a video that we collected from a couple of your family members. You haven't seen this yet.



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David is the type of husband that he takes care of everybody. You know, when his son in laws came in, they treat him just like he's their dad. A lot of times they asked him for advice before they asked their own dad. So you know, I'm just so happy that my husband does love our kids and our kids are proud to say that you know that he's their dad and that he does an excellent job and taking care of everybody. He just takes care of people. He he always has. He's a good example for what a father can be. And I think that's because he models his life after the Lord Jesus Christ. Hello, my name



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is Brooke and David Williams is my father. I will try to do this without Growing up, well, specifically, in middle school, I attended school in the same district that my father taught him. And so it didn't take long for me to realize how important or how much of an impact he had on the kids who had been in his class, and just how fortunate I was to have him as a father. And as an example of an adult of a godly person, or just a good person, and a great parent. And the older I get the more experienced slide, the more I'm reminded of how blessed I was to have him as a father, as a teacher, and as a nurturer. He was just, he has four children, three standard models are in children. And somehow he manages to think of all of us in a way that we feel genuinely loved, all the time, manages to be that person for everybody all the time. And I know it is not without work. No, it is not, without its trials and challenges, but he is just, and I know I'm biased, but I just think he's the best. So that's my day, and I love him. And I'm grateful that he is being honored.



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One of the things that I can remember him doing a lot with us is teaching us how to read, I feel like by that he inspired our gift of imagination, yes to imagine beyond the world that we see. And one of the books that he oftentimes read to us. At night, I would be interested to see what this is. I remember that book, read a stories from here, he would take us to the library, I remember he took us to the Gaston library. And that's where we got our first library card. And we felt like That card was golden. I thought it was a visa. And then he did something that was very phenomenal. Something that I think every parent should do with the children. He challenged us to each week, read a book, and at the end of the week, we would give him a book report. And if we did it successfully. I didn't remember that. I would like to thank you, Dad, for the positive influence that you've had on our lives, for inspiring us to imagine our world beyond the world that we see. And for teaching us that really is essential, fundamental and allowing us to then pass it on to our own kids. Thank you, Daddy.



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father is a father to a lot of people who are fatherless. He likes to support people who don't have the support, give advice to people who can give her advice. And I actually work with my father still haven't got kind of a leg up on insight with them.





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He is a very, very influential person. Also a very stern person, a man of his word.



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My dad is a very, very, very funny guy. Everybody likes being around me, can hold a conversation for a very long time. And I think the last thing I want to say about my father is he's my best friend. He's always there to support me, gives me money when I ask for it, even though I probably don't deserve it. And always leading me on the right path and putting me in the right direction to reach my goals.



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So David, how's it feel after all these years of hard work and commitment to have your wife and kids to admire you that much



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is awesome. You know, you don't do it for that. You know? It's not over steel on this side of dirt. But I do it because I just think that's how we're supposed to do it. That's how we're supposed to be. I don't want to give the enemy any space, you know. And I don't want any of them to feel like they're they're not loved or that I'm not saying And then the gap for them.



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But David, you're an inspiration to a lot a lot of people. My hope is that there's some young man who's listened or watched tonight who says, I can be that guy. I can do. And if he can do it, I can do it. And we've talked about this project is this, my dad project is not about how many views we get. It's not about all the social media stuff. What it's about is one thing. It's about one kid being inspired and changing the generations to come because he decides he's going to change his family. Do the right thing like you did. So thank you for being with us.



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Thank you for having me. It's



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been a lot of fun. We've got we share a lot of memories and we could talk all night. Yeah, this is good. So we're gonna wrap up this episode of that's my dad podcast with David Williams. I hope you'll join us next week to try and inspire young men to be great that we're trying to break cycles of generational fatherlessness. So come back next week, and we'll have another great story. Thanks.



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Thanks so much for tuning in today. This has been the that's my dad podcast with our host Scott Hilton, where we're on a mission to break the cycle of generational fatherlessness and inspire fathers to become great dads. We'll be back here every Monday night at 6pm. We'll see



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