



WT Walking Tall

Southern Oregon

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LIFE COACHING

FAITH-BASED
MENTORSHIP

HANDS-ON
EXPERIENCES
FOR JOB
READINESS

AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MORE

Passion for Christ

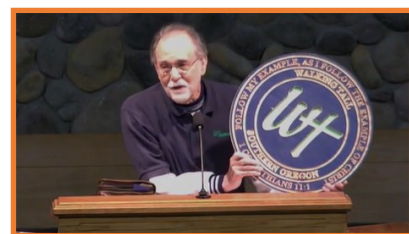
A good friend who served with me on a church elder board introduced me to Walking Tall. I was retiring and looking for some time off, but my friend Richard suggested I meet a couple of people. That was the beginning of a long-term relationship.



At Walking Tall, I am an officer, secretary, and keeper of corporate records. I also work with new kids, giving them shop tours and teaching them the safety philosophy. It's a great opportunity for me to get to know the new kids and remember their names. I enjoy communicating the story of Walking Tall to kids, parents, vendors, donors, and customers. Although I had never used power tools until I met Tom, I am skilled with manual tools. I enjoy watching real craftsmen working in the different shops. The construction of the new building was an amazing experience. Teens and Mentors were here a lot, but that building went up in record time, as far as I'm concerned. We had a mentor named Bob, who was unfortunately killed helping a neighbor. He wanted to start small engines at Walking Tall, and he wore a bright orange hat. I loved that hat, so he brought me one. My friend Richard was helping me under the hood of my car, and I ended up with scars on my hands and grease on my new hat. Bob laughed and said, "It's nice to see a guy like you get his hands dirty." Part of my background includes teaching at an American school in Mexico City and Southern California. I had big goals and thought I could change the world, but that didn't work out real well. Instead, I tried to show people how to save money in the financial planning marketplace, but in Southern CA, nobody was interested in products that would help them save money. Back then, I was focused on getting on top of the hill. I had three houses over a period of 15 years. I started at the bottom, and the next house was a little higher, and the last house was at the top of the hill. Then the rug was pulled out from under me. I was so focused on serving everybody else that my family was not being served. This led to a season in my life when my wife walked out. I lost my house, and it was a tough time in my life. Then, I had an opportunity with a client and his new business venture. That's how I ended up in Oregon.

If I were in a program like WT when I was a kid, I would have been less self-centered and got to know Christ better. I grew up in a church where I knew Christ's name, but I didn't really know Him. When I heard a couple of young men say that I was their favorite mentor, I was honored and humbled. While it's great that teens would feel that way, every single one of the mentors has the same passion for Christ, and that is clearly modeled when they speak. It's a common effort from the whole team that creates that sense of fellowship and unity.

Doug



For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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