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## Father and Son

My son Trey was 14 when my cousin told me about Walking Tall. I had met Tom a few times and we decided to come check it out. I was impressed with the facility and as someone who has done a lot of woodworking and other tool-related projects, I was immediately intrigued by the idea of using my skills as a mentor to help others.



Trey expresses his appreciation for the people and friends he has made at WT. He has met some of them at school and others he encountered here. Prior to joining WT, he spent a lot of time at home in front of screens. However, since joining the program, he spends less time on screens, and more time at WT where he engages in various activities. This has made him more active in his relationships with his family and friends. He highly recommends that others join a program like WT. In his opinion, it brings people closer to the ones they love, enables them to acquire useful skills that will be beneficial in the future, and provides an opportunity to pass on these skills when they have children of their own.

Tim found Walking Tall ministry beneficial for him and his son as he works from home and wasn't getting his children outside the house as much as he would like. Walking Tall offered him an opportunity to fill that void. It's an activity where Trey can work with his hands and brain, interact with others, and develop a relationship with the Lord. The program has been a win-win for them as it encourages less screen time and helps them build meaningful, long-lasting friendships with people they may not have met otherwise. Tim believes that investing time in such relationships is impactful in this life and eternity.

As a father, Tim feels that spending this time has helped him understand what it means to raise a son. Walking Tall has allowed him to answer some tough questions and build a stronger relationship with his son. Tim believes spending time with your children is crucial, regardless of the knowledge you have to pass on to

them. It's an opportunity to grow together, and the relationship and trust that you build with your children are the things that matter in the long run. Children grow up quickly, and making the most of our time with them is essential. Tim's experience has taught him that his 14-year-old son is more like a man now than a kid, and he doesn't want to miss out on these precious moments. Tim and Trey

> The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. Proverbs 23:24



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