



WT Walking Tall

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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

The Search for Belonging

Before joining Walking Tall (WT) in 2018, Ryan's life was a long search for a place to belong. His home was a difficult place to grow up. His father had a brain injury that changed his personality, making him an unpredictable stranger who got caught up in cults. By age 12, Ryan realized he would never have a normal father, leaving him feeling alone and depressed. To make matters worse, his grandmother moved in and openly showed a dislike for men. This made Ryan feel like an outsider in his own house. Without any good men to look up to, he grew up feeling isolated, just waiting to find an environment where he could finally fit in.

High school felt dark and alienating as Ryan "separated himself against the rebellions" at his school, withdrawing into himself, listening to jazz music. Everything changed when a friend led him to Walking Tall, a different church, and some ballroom dancing that played oldies music. For the first

time, Ryan found many friends, WT men who poured into him, teaching him to embrace his masculinity and ambition without shame. He often compares his growth to a lone wolf; "If you put a wolf in a house, it's an awful thing. But if you put it where it belongs, it's a beautiful thing." Walking Tall stands out as a primary factor in Ryan's growing influence.

Equipped with this new confidence, Ryan excelled in sales and eventually stepped into the mission field. In 2022, he traveled to Provo, Utah. Though he felt alienated in more ways than one and returned home emotionally drained, the sacrifice did bore fruit. He led a student from Provo, UT named Jordan to Christ, who is now training for the Pastoral ministry himself. Ryan is headed to Victoria, BC, this summer for a ministry internship. There he also plans to reach a Godless community that includes his own family.

After being supported by Walking Tall mentors when he had nothing, Ryan has returned to work alongside the mentors, and now paying it forward, sharing the same life-changing wisdom with the next generation.



For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. *Romans 12:4-6*

Thank you for your Prayers and Support!

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