
Your Dad

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My Dearest Adam,

My precious son, I love you so much. I am so proud of you and I appreciate you more than you can ever know. You are more than a father could ever hope for in a son! I feel like I failed you in so many ways and I am sorry that I have not been a better dad. But what a fine young christian gentleman you have grown into. It was in Tucson when we first found out that Linda was expecting you and you changed our lives that very day. I could not wait for you to be born but we also enjoyed every minute of the pregnancy. We read you the Bible and prayed over you and sang to you while you were in the womb. Remember? LOL... It was such a special time! Scary...yes but we felt sure that God was with us and would help us raise you up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He promised that He would and we believed Him. I remember your first birthday. Your mom baked you a one layer cake covered with chocolate icing and we put you in your high chair on the terrace and let you have at it. And boy did you ever enjoy that cake!!! I have a picture of you with chocolate icing all over your face!!! "You all have been holding out on me!" your cute little face seemed to say!

I was sorta worried about the "terrible twos" that we had heard about! But, they never came! It was all wonderful!!!! No matter what I had been through during the day, just one look at your smiling little face made everything all right!!!! Amazing!!!! You would get on the lawn mower with me and we would mow that 4 acre lawn and have just the best time. That is the only time that you enjoyed working in the yard, I do believe.

The "trying threes" never showed up either. You have been a joy to my heart from the moment you were conceived right up to the present and beyond. Your incredible artistic ability is amazing and I hope you can pursue that when things settle down a bit. I know how hard it is to be inspired when the stress level is high.....

God has given you many amazing gifts and not the least among them is the gift of encouragement!!!! You have been such an encouragement to me and your mother that I cannot even begin to explain!!! Thank you!!! I am so sorry that I was so impatient with you! And you are so very patient with me!!! Your hug and bright smile and kind words have pulled me out of many a desperate moment! Thank you!!! Use your wonderful gift generously because, like Pastor Sexton says, everybody need to be encouraged".

I am so excited about your degree, your job, your new church and your new house!!! And now I am so glad you have found such a wonderful bride!!!

Dearest Jessica, I am so happy that the Lord has brought you two together!!! What a blessing you are!!! Linda and I have been praying since before Adam was born that God would bring him just the right wife when the time was right. And He has certainly answered that prayer in you!!! Your bright smile just lights up the room when you enter! Thank you for loving my precious boy as you do!!! I know he loves you more than his next breath. You and he and the Lord can make a wonderful life together and I know you will. I am just happy to be a part of it. Your new house is going to be a great place to begin "housekeeping" and I thank you for letting me help get it ready. It is going to be lovely!!! My old pastor, Bro. Bob Bevington used to say "It takes a heap of living to make a house a home." I am sure that you will make it a very special place of "living."