

# Father/Son Quest

We are looking forward to this year's Father/Son Quest. This is designed to be a milestone event in your son's life and a special bonding time for the two of you. We aim to bring you together with a group of men to transition your son from a "boy" to a "man." This begins a journey (or quest) that will take several years. We won't be discussing every life issue but focusing on six key components of being a godly man.

The event is divided into three important parts: Preparation, Exploration, and Implementation.

**Preparation:** You will need to spend about **three hours** on average in preparation for the Father/Son Quest. We have put these training videos and downloadable material together to help you prepare. All this needs to happen before you come to the retreat. Specifically:

1. **Reading:** Please consider purchasing (and reading) Robert Lewis's Raising a Modern-Day Knight. It is available in Kindle and Paperback.
2. **Instruction:** We have developed five video instructional sessions to help prepare you for the weekend. Please watch these sessions before your arrival.
  - **Introduction Video #1:** What to expect from the weekend and other important things about Twin Lakes Camp.
  - **Introduction Video #2:** Introduction to the Father/Son Quest Weekend.
  - **Introduction Video #3:** Practical Advice for Making the Most of the Weekend.
  - **Introduction to the Six Marks of Manhood.** David Michael explains the six marks. PDF
  - **Training Video: The Learning and Shepherding Cycle.** The Learning Cycle is our attempt to demonstrate how God uses the events in our lives (good and bad) to transform us to be more like His Son, Jesus Christ. [Download Illustration](#)
  - Technology Free Weekend. Let your family, friends, and work associates know you will take a break from your phone and focus on your son. [Read more...](#)
3. **Tasks:**
  - For Dad:
    - **Son Introduction:** One of the first public opportunities for a public blessing will be when dads introduce their sons during the campfire time on Saturday evening. Dads should give some advance thought to this time and seek input from their wives. Using words of affirmation, expressing praise, and speaking well of your son before others will be an

unforgettable blessing and encouragement to him. This introduction should last less than two minutes. (A little practice will help).

- **Blessings Night Hike.** Write a Short *Personal Letter, Prayer, or "Blessing"* that you will pray over your son. This will be the sixth prayer station on our night hike. The first five stations are prayers of blessing based on Psalm 121:5-8, Psalm 15, Psalm 1, Hebrews 12:1, and Hebrews 13:20-21. Download [A Father's Guide to Blessing His Children](#) for a thorough discussion of the topic.
  - For Son: Prepare an **introduction of his father** that is under one minute long. He might need some help from his mother or some other adult in his life. He should use words of admiration, thanks, and praise, discussing things he admires about his father.
4. **Prayer:** Pray over the weekend with your spouse and others who are invested in your family. Enlist godly men who are close to you and pray that God uses FSQ in a mighty way during the weekend. Pray that God will use FSQ to grow both father and son as you embark on this quest toward manhood.

**Exploration:** During the retreat, you will focus on your son and establish the roadmap for your quest. While we have some large group teaching sessions planned, the primary teaching time will be sitting in a circle and hearing the wisdom of the fathers. Please follow the lead of the facilitators as they lead a discussion and stay away from lecturing, dominating the discussion, or going down rabbit trails. We want to hear both your success and failure stories. The Bible has much to say about these issues, so we want to hear from you what God's Word says about the six marks of manhood. [2020 Schedule](#). This is the schedule we are anticipating, dependent upon the weather.

**Implementation:** The most critical part of the weekend starts when you leave. How will you help further teach the six marks of manhood in your son's life and perhaps implement them in your own life? Remember, principles like these are better "caught than taught." Finding other godly men to speak into your son's life and your relationship with your local church will be necessary. Raising a son is a privilege, and God's plan was to do it in the community. We hope this weekend will be just the first step in a journey you two are successful in over the coming years.