

# Father/Son Quest

We are looking forward to this year's Father/Son Quest. This is designed to be a milestone event in the life of your son as well as special bonding time for the two of you. Our goal is to bring you together with a group of men to start the process of transitioning your son from a "boy" to a "man." This is the beginning of a journey (or quest) that will take several years. We won't be discussing every issue of life but we will be focusing on six key components of what it means to be 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) the book, *Raising a Modern Day Knight* by Robert Lewis. It is available as both 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 to know 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.** The six marks are explained by David Michael. PDF
  - **Training Video: The Learning and Shepherding Cycle.** The Learning Cycle is our attempt to demonstrate how God uses the events in our lives (both good and bad) to transform us to be more like His Son, Jesus Christ.  
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  - **Technology Free Weekend.** Let your family, friends, and work associates know that you will be taking a break from your phone and focusing on your son.  
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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 perhaps seek input from their wives. Using words of affirmation, expressing praise and speaking well of your son before others will hopefully 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; talking about 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 pray during the weekend that God uses FSQ in a mighty way. Pray that God will use FSQ to grow both father and son as you embark on this quest towards manhood.

**Exploration:** During the retreat you will be focusing on your son and establishing the roadmap for your quest. While we do have some large group teaching sessions planned, the main teaching time will be done 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 hear from you about what God's Word says about each of the six marks of manhood. [2020 Schedule](#). This is the schedule we are anticipating, dependent upon the weather.

**Implementation:** The most important part of the weekend starts the moment 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 as well? Remember, principles like these are better "caught than taught." Finding other godly men to speak into your son's life will be important, as well as your relationship with your local church. Raising a son is a privilege, and God's plan all along was to do it in community. We hope this weekend will be just the first step in a journey you two are successful in over the coming years.