



Boys will be men.



The problem is
not new, and
neither is the
solution.



“Mostly gladly, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong”

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

What should I feel good about?

- Our boys need specific and meaningful praise from us, but not just about sports or school (Philippians 3:3, 2 Corinthians 10:17).
- Real confidence only comes from God, as a result of the security we feel in Him (Psalm 138:3, Proverbs 28:1, Acts 4:29).
- Show our boys that their value does not come from earthly accomplishments or achievements.


Three Dangerous Ingredients

- ISOLATION

- INSECURITY

- INSIGNIFICANCE

- It is Satan's ultimate goal to make us feel isolated from other saints (Isaiah 59:1-2). It nearly worked with men like Elijah, Jeremiah, and Job. Psalm 8 shows how significant we are, and John 3:16 illustrates undeniable value in God's eyes.

A festive birthday scene featuring several dinosaur figurines. In the foreground, a large green T-Rex and a smaller green dinosaur are wearing party hats with pom-poms. To the right, a slice of chocolate cake sits on a white plate. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a blurred yellow and blue object hanging from above.

Presents are no
substitute for
presence

A black and white photograph of two children walking away from the camera on a dirt path. The child on the left is taller and has their arm around the shoulder of the shorter child on the right. They are walking towards a bright, open area that appears to be a beach or a clearing near the ocean. The path is bordered by a textured wall on the left and a fence with trees on the right. The overall mood is peaceful and supportive.

Encourage tender qualities

COME

RUN

WITH

US

PROVERBS 1:8-19

A photograph showing two people walking away from the camera on a path covered in fallen autumn leaves. The path is flanked by trees with vibrant yellow and orange foliage. The scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of reflection and connection with nature.

Tell him his story

- Young men have an innate desire to be part of something bigger than themselves. Emphasize their legacy. “Get out family photos from time to time. Talk about the people and events shown in them” (Hartley-Brewer, p. 47).
- “For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. For this reason, kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you...” (2 Timothy 1:5-6).