

From: David Davis

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 1:05 PM

To: Landon

Subject: Just a thank you

Dear Landon,

I just wanted to thank you again for your council on the matter with my family. I really don't know what to do regarding the situation (There doesn't seem to be much of an interest on their side to fix anything to be honest with you) but your words and insights helped me sleep a little better at night (According to not just me but my fiancé). I continue to look at the blessings I have in my life, rather than some of the unpleasant realities and I thank you again for spending time with me. I made a small donation online, as a small thank you (This is something I wanted to do and I know is not required) and will continue to do this from time to time. I know you are on a very pure journey to help people and I hope this small token may have helped someone else in some small way who is less fortunate than me.

Again, I really appreciate you and your time. Thank you.

All the best

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Landon sent me a very nice response telling me that he was praying for me and my family. He talked about my journey toward wholeness (Holiness) and hoped it would have a ripple effect on those around me. He also thanked me for my

“affirmation of his ministry.” I wish I could have donated more for all of his kindness and trying to help put me on the right spiritual path.

One of the reasons I mention Landon is that even if no one is willing to talk about the problems, seeking a spiritual solution will often give you relief. Talking about it is the first step in finding a solution to a problem like this.

I am using the emails as a way to show others in an impossible situation that there are people who will help you. Obviously, it is better to have a spiritual foundation in place (ie. a relationship with your spiritual counselor, which may help you keep out of the situation in the first place), but I didn’t have that opportunity, and I lived in Los Angeles. There are people out there willing to help, but you must reach out to them. Pastor Landon was very helpful in this situation, but ultimately the other party has to be willing to deal with the situation. I flew to Texas to pray with him for a successful resolution to this problem. Time would soon tell me I was alone in my quest to make things right.

From: David Davis

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 2:02 AM

To: Landon email redacted

Subject: Madison Davis Wedding and other stuff

Dear Landon,

I would really like to speak with you, if you have time for me this week or next. I wanted to catch you up on what is going on with our family, so I wrote the below in anticipation of our talking.

I know it has been a long time since we last spoke. I have been praying every day about the situation with my father. I have moved on with my life as best I can but I have been having nightmares regularly about my issues with my father. I have tried everything from acupuncture, books on family members with addiction, therapy, meditation, daily prayer, etc. to relieve me of this burden. I have read a number of books on spirituality and the sins that accrue against ones soul (The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis was very impactful, I just sent a copy to Maria).

While my life, outside of this particular issue has grown immensely. I am very happy, have an amazing family and countless other blessings. I continue to be anchored by my past with my father. I am sure you are aware that my sister Madison just got married and I was invited to the wedding.

I love my sister and I really wanted to go but the situation with my father made me worry about how I would handle seeing him. The last thing I wanted to do was ruin her special day and I was afraid I wouldn't be able to be around my father without expressing my feelings. As you know I didn't go to the wedding.

After my grandmother death when I was at my grandmother's house, Madison said something to me about "Not being around enough" - not knowing of the situation with my father. Of course, she texted me an apology later and I understand she was emotionally distraught but it always bothered me (Not her lashing out - that is entirely acceptable - but that she didn't know I really do love her and have been staying away and not telling her about what is going on for her own benefit).

For a long time I have felt that keeping my fathers addictions and actions hidden from them and taking the emotional fallout was my duty to them as a brother. I am beginning to realize that this is a mistake and I need to rectify this situation.

Before the invitation arrived (She called and texted as well), I resigned myself to just not dealing with this and having them think that my absence was a selfish act. The consequences of trying to bury the issues with my father have been nightmares that are so extreme that I literally leap out of bed (I have end up falling out of bed twice). My fiancé has been more than a little frightened and concerned for my health, especially because I wouldn't tell her what was wrong. I have spent thousands of dollars trying to make the nightmares go away as mentioned above but nothing works.

When I got the wedding invitation, I decided to visit my grandma's grave on her old farm in Oklahoma and tell her everything and pray at her grave for guidance. For an hour and a half I listed the sins my father has committed as part of his addiction and my part as well. I told her and my grandfather everything (Their headstones are next to each other - I have attached a picture of it for you) and for the first time since this started, I awoke the next day unburdened and I slept a peaceful sleep.

The day after that, I had a shameful revelation. I was so upset by the situation with my father and disappointed with my sisters behavior after my accident, that I didn't realize the possible fallout from my father's addiction.

I assumed by not telling my sisters about our fathers addictions, I was protecting them from the pain of knowing what he is capable of doing (I wish I could erase it from my brain!). I thought that the only person that really suffered in this situation was me and as

a man I would just accept it and eventually learn to live with it. I took solace and pride in the fact that I was making a sacrifice for my sister's benefit. Two days after I visited my grandmother's grave, I realized that I had made a huge mistake and had not honored my grandmother (Seeing that her original wishes were honored) and or honored my sisters (Seeing that their inheritance was protected or at least letting them know that our father has a disease that could adversely affect them).

I called my father to try and start a dialogue (We haven't spoke in 7 months) but that broke down quickly. Then I reached out to Maria with my concerns and that if we could work through them I would like to come to the wedding. She told me that they really didn't have time to discuss this before the wedding since they were getting on a plane to Paris the next day. I told her that I had some information that made me more than a little concerned for my sisters with regard to the inheritance having to relate with some issue my father has. I also told her that I was concerned about my father as well (She asked me not to tell her the specifics of my concerns).

She told me that the girls are more than taken care of financially (While its nice that they have taken care of the girls, this is the girls money not hers to make this decision). She told didn't want to know what the issues were with my father (I think she knows or has an idea but is in denial) and she loved him no matter what.

What concerns me deeply here other than the obvious issues with my father (His soul, helping him with addiction, health issues of addiction, health risks to Maria, etc) is my part in this and how it will affect the family. I truly believe that if I told my grandmother what my father has been doing it would have killed her or at the very least destroyed her

emotionally (Having known her, I am sure you will understand what I am talking about).

Maria's initial response led me to believe that she thought my actions are based by financial concerns (I didn't tell her what my father's addition was because she told me she didn't want to know and if I had to tell her to please wait until after the wedding, it is her 35th wedding anniversary and Christmas). I told her how much I made last year and that the sum of what would come to me is roughly equivalent to the amount of what my car costs (Money is money but this isn't that much in the grand scheme of things). What I am more concerned with is handling this in a way that Grandma would be proud of and that I can get past this without hurting anyone (including me).

If and when I do tell Maria and eventually the girls (I am going to take one last run at my father "Man to man" and tell him that I think he needs help but I think he will refuse unless the entire family approaches him), I would like you to be present as a support mechanism both spiritually and emotionally for Maria and the girls (I will fly out there, this as the very least will put to rest Maria's concerns about my financial motivations, my father has already threatened me financially but I am more concerned with getting him help).

Luckily, this isn't about money for me anymore (It started this process to be sure but now my motivation is making things right and I need your guidance). I think that showing the family I do love them (Why I have been absent from the family), getting my father the help he needs and doing everything in my power to make things right is the way to go. When you originally offered to help start the process of dealing with this in regards

to starting a dialogue with the whole family, I thought by not dealing with it, it might be better for everyone but I realize that I may have made a mistake. What I was trying to do by going to him directly was to get him to see his part in this but it looks like his addiction has gotten the better of him.

When someone is an addict (Not in recovery), they tend to act out in ways that they wouldn't normally because of their addiction (they just don't see it and they are truly not themselves, some of the people closest to them enable their behavior). I have realized that by walking away from the situation, I have abandoned my obligation as a brother and son. As you know, I am a recovering alcoholic (I have about a year and a half now - I have been sober - obviously - since we spoke) and I know a little bit about addiction. I am ashamed to say, that I never thought about any of this until I went to visit Grandma and Grandpa on Thanksgiving.

This has drastically changed how I am thinking about this situation. Obviously, I want to try and figure out some way to move past this. What I have been doing is not working and I would like to have some type of relationship with my family. However, as the girls brother, a caring son and to honor my grandmothers wishes, I can't let this situation stay the way it is.

It has torn my soul apart for years and I pray every day for G-ds forgiveness.

I apologize for the length of the email but I wanted to give you an idea of what I have been thinking about. I am deeply indebted to you for all of your help with this situation. When we prayed together and I asked for forgiveness for my sins, I felt a weight lifted. I just want to get on with my life and take the right path. I have tried to

make myself as useful as I can to others and be a good man. Thank you for taking time to read this and please let me know when I can call you.

With all my thanks and sincerely,

David

Landon replied immediately, letting me know that he was continuing to pray for me and my family almost daily. He also gave me some very sage advice. “Family secrets have a way of coming out,” he said, “if not in a healthy way, than in nightmares, addictions, blaming, violence, etc.” He let me know he would continue to pray for a healthy resolution to all of it and was there for me if I needed him.

From: David Davis

Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 2:22 PM

To: 'Landon

Cc: asst

Subject: RE: Possible meeting times for my trip to Texas

Dear Landon,

Just confirming the below. I have already bought the tickets. I have been praying every day.

Thank you for your help and have a great weekend.

All the best

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David Davis

From: David Davis

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 6:15 PM

To: 'Landon B'

Cc: asst

Subject: RE: Possible meeting times for my trip to Texas

Dear Landon,

Thank you very much for the quick reply.

I think maybe 10:30am would work. Let me know if this still works for you and if so I will book the tickets.

Also, thanks for the prayers and I have continued to pray about this myself in my morning prayers.

All the best

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David Davis

From: David Davis

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 5:41 PM

To: Landon email redacted

Cc: asst

Subject: Possible meeting times for my trip to Texas

Dear Landon,

I can't thank you enough for talking with me and offering your time to help me with this matter. I took a look at my calendar and flights. Does Monday 4/29/13 thru Wednesday 5/1/13 possibly work for you time wise (Please let me know if it doesn't as it is easy for me to reschedule or change)? I would be flying in Monday morning and flying out Wednesday evening.

Let me know and thank you again for all of your help.

All the best

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David Davis

-----Original Message-----

From: David Davis

Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 11:22 PM

To: Landon

Subject: Your time today

Dear Landon,

I just wanted to thank you for your time, prayers and help today. I do feel better. I reached out to both Lisa and Madison but they had other plans tonight. I did get to see Bernard and take him to dinner. Obviously, I didn't mention any of this to him but simply thanked him for being so nice to me over the years.

I am going to read the literature that gave me in the hopes it gives me some idea of how to get some closure on all of this. You were right that just talking about it really helps.

Thanks again.

Best

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Sent from my iPad

From: David Davis

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 1:05 PM

To: 'Landon B'

Cc: asst

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Again, I really appreciate you and your time. Thank you.

All the best

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From: David Davis

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 11:48 AM

To: 'Landon email redacted

Subject: RE:

Dear Landon,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful reply and prayers!! It means a lot to me. I will call you on Sunday and thank you for taking the time to talk.

Most sincerely,

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David Davis

From: David Davis [mailto:ddavis@email redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 9:21 AM

To: Landon email redacted

Subject: RE:

Dear Landon,

I hope all is well.

I know the below email is a lot to take in and I am trying to handle this situation as best as I can. I haven't heard back from you and I figure with Sunday services and all of your other duties at the church you have a lot on your plate. I will check in with you this Saturday at 11am (your time) to see if you have had a chance to digest the below and get your thoughts, unless you have a better time for me to call you.

I also want to thank you so much for your help on this one already and I totally understand if they have asked you to not be involved. On a personal note, you have helped me tremendously spiritually on dealing with this situation and I am in your debt for that. Since this does have some spiritual ramifications, I am just trying to see this one through the correct way. As a man and the last male Davis in our line, I will see this one

through no matter what but I was hoping for your spiritual guidance for both myself and my family.

Again, if they are unwilling to deal with this, I totally understand and just ask you to keep an eye on my sisters spiritual health on this for the things to come (I know you will). Finding out this type of stuff about your family is devastating (I know this first hand) and I want the girls to have as much support as possible to deal with this. At great personal cost across the board I tried to keep this secret to protect them but you were definitely right about keeping secrets and in a way I am relieved I am finally dealing with this and no longer carrying the burden. I know that God has a plan for all of us and put me on that path (Sometimes painfully), and for the first time since this has all began I feel like I am taking the right steps towards salvation for myself and my family. What lies ahead may be painful and embarrassing for me and the family but ultimately will end up helping us and others.

Thanks again for everything and I will call you on this Saturday at 11am (your time).

All the best

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David Davis

From: David Davis

Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2015 11:13 AM

To: 'Landon email redacted'

Subject:

Dear Landon,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email as a way to catch you up on what has been happening in my family. I think at this point we are at a spiritual crisis and I am wondering if you can help. I have to say you were right in your last email to me about family secrets and keeping them. It has been two years of not talking with my family and trying to ignore this situation and although I have been doing well, I live with this daily. I am coming up on three years of sobriety in AA and I live a very happy and successful life with this being the one dark spot in it. I had pretty much resigned myself to this being the way things are until I got a call from my sister Madison on my Bday telling me I was going to be an uncle.

I haven't spoken with my family other than the calls listed in the below emails since this started but Madison has reached out to me several times (Once with a wedding invite and now the announcement of my nephew). My instant joy was replaced by terror as I wondered if my father would continue his behavior with my nephew. The girls have no way of knowing what my father is capable of and he is in a position to harm them or my nephew and he has already really hurt me. Everyone pays for their sins eventually and I should have known this day would come. After taking one last shot to get my father to come clean (a month and a half ago), I sent him a text (See below) and followed it up with what turned out to be a two minute phone call, I emailed Maria everything (I have attached the email below so you can see my thoughts on this matter). I talked with Maria

for two minutes as she then hung up the phone when I tried to turn down the TV to listen to her (Please see below email) and I gave her a week process the information and then she broke off contact. I sent her several other emails and text and got no response. It's been over a month now and it is time for me to take the next step.

I believe she thinks that since she can't control this conversation, if she ignores it, it will go away. This is only going to get bigger now as I have made the decision to deal with this until the situation is fixed. As a man and the last Davis in our line, I have let this go way too far and I am now willing to take the necessary actions to fix this one. If you are still willing, I would like to have you help me in confronting them with this problem. This needs to be addressed and my fathers issues need to be handled before someone gets really hurt, including him (You will see what I am talking about in the below emails).

You are my last hope before I have to take the next step (It is already done, I am just hoping I don't have to go through with it) in righting this situation and I am desperately trying to avoid that step. There is a growing part of me that is realizing everyone seems to have known what was going on and just turned a blind eye to it. If Maria has reached out to you and is circling the wagons and has told you not to get involved, I totally understand but ask you to keep an eye on Madison and Lisa spiritually (I know you will). I am going to continue to finish this and it will just get a lot bigger as I have to put an end to all of the behavior and it has gone untreated for far too long. The girls will need someone to talk to and spiritual guidance.

My father's behavior is just wrong on every level and I am upset at myself for letting it go this far.

When this was just about money, I was willing to walk but the God complex thing, Sexual addiction (If that is what it is), a complete lack of remorse for what he does now scares me for the girls and my nephew. This is no longer acceptable to me as a man and I will deal with it one way or the other. I have read Galatian's Chapter 6 a number of times and appreciate you pointing out that part of the bible for me to reflect on. I found the book *Out of the Shadows* by Patrick Carnes on sex addiction and he seems to display a number of traits described in the book. Any other reading suggestions are greatly appreciated and thank you for all of your time. I have also continued to pray for everyone involved in this situation for the last two years everyday (I may have missed a day or two if I forgot my daily prayer).

Also, I apologize for the long emails but I am trying be as through as possible to help right this situation. I have been doing a lot of research on the spiritual ramifications of what I went through with my father and the bible seems to conflict between the sins of the father carrying to the children (Exodus 34:6-7 vs. Ezekiel 18:1-20) and I was curious to your thoughts on this. I am worried not only for myself but the rest of the family as well on a spiritual level too. I have tried to get him to see the errors of his ways and get him to seek help without involving the family but I have failed. I tried to involve Maria but she seems determined to turn a blind eye to the behavior.

As a man, I don't want the sins of my father to be visited upon my family and I have taken the necessary steps to make sure this doesn't happen. I am hoping you can help me

try to talk to Maria again but I need to be heard and satisfied that the correct steps are taken to fix this situation and the situation is not just painted over. Unfortunately, based on Maria's reaction, I believe she knew about this and has been enabling it for years (I really hope I am wrong). As you can see from the below email, she seemed more concerned with burying the situation, than dealing with it and addressing my very legitimate concerns.

The families tactic has always been to ignore the situation in the hopes it will go away but now there is an innocent coming into the world and that changes everything. I have a way to deal with this and I am trying everything I can before I have to go there. Dealing with this situation and the fallout is my burden to bear as I believe it is part of my penance for enabling the behavior but I am handling this the way I think my grandmother would have wanted me too.

The main reason for the email, if you can't help mediate the situation is to give you a heads up and my request is you simply be there for Madison and Lisa, as I know you will be anyway. Since our initial conversations two years ago, I have prayed everyday for a resolution to this situation but I have finally realized that the burden for fixing things lies with me and God has given me the ability to do something about this as long as I have the courage to see it through. I hope my actions will one day be seen as trying to help heal the family and getting my father the help he needs if he will take it.

I know you are in a tough spot here, and I want you to know I appreciate what you have already done. If the rest of the family is unwilling to participate in trying to fix this, I will just take the next step and keep working on this myself. Please know that just by being

able to talk to you, you have helped me and I really thank you for that and everything else. This may be a road I have to walk alone and I am alright with that. I just wanted to give you the whole picture and an idea of what I was thinking when I take the next steps. At this point, it doesn't seem like I have a lot of options left.

Thanks for everything and thanks for your prayers.

Most sincerely

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From: David Davis

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 10:06 AM

To: 'Landon Email redacted

Subject: One last email before we talk, I promise!

Dear Landon,

I had debated sending you this email as I know how much time you have already spent on this and I am very thankful for it. If you don't have time to read the attachment before we talk, I totally get it as I know the funeral arrangements must be so time consuming and I don't want to interfere with that in anyway. Again, thank you for everything you have done so far.

A year ago in my counseling with a therapist specializing in nightmare interpretation, I wrote down some of my experiences with my father down for him to see what I was

dealing with. I didn't go too into depth but wrote about a few of the incidents and it helped the counselor understand the situation better.

Once communications broke down with Maria, I thought I better write down everything so I would be able to give a detailed account of what happened to the family, including my part in things and my concerns. In the last month I have written 69,000 words and I am now editing the document (To give you an idea of how much this is, The first Harry Potter Book was 76,000 words). PLEASE don't think I am asking you to read it, I was thinking one small section (4100 words) may give you an insight into Johnny/My father and his behavior. At first it was a cathartic experience for me and then I began to realize if I had died in the motorcycle accident, my father's secrets would have died with me, no one in the family would have ever known.

The thought of this scares me the most, as they haven't seen what I have seen. As my family seems intent on burying the past, and enabling him, I am hoping this document will change their minds. I am worried they really don't know how bad this is as they haven't seen it first hand. As I am editing the document, I am realizing what a mistake I have made in not bringing this out in the open sooner.

I also wanted you to see I wasn't exaggerating my worse case scenarios in my email to Maria. So far no one I have gone to for help has ever even heard of anything like this (Two different therapists with 65 years cumulative experience) and I know I am dealing with a very unique and dangerous situation. Not to mention it is just plain wrong.

I know you have already read a lot from me and I appreciate all of the time you have spent on this already. I just want you to know the experiences I have had with him that

make me so determined to fix this situation. I pray everyday on this one and I thank you for doing the same for my family.

You have helped me immensely already and I thank you so much. I am just trying to do everything I can on this one and writing about this seems to really help relieve the pressure of this one and make me feel like I am doing something constructive to fix this.

I look forward to talking with you on Sunday and I hope you have a great week.

Most sincerely,

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From: David Davis

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:52 AM

To: 'Landon email redacted

Subject: RE: One last email before we talk, I promise!

Dear Landon,

I just wanted to thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me yesterday.

Per our conversation, I sent Maria an email and text telling her we had talked and you are willing to help if she is open to it. While I didn't get a response, I am going to give it a week before taking any additional steps. I continue to pray on this one (Every morning and most nights) and I thank you for your prayers. I will check in with you next Monday.

Thanks again for everything.

Most sincerely,

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From: David Davis

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 2:39 PM

To: 'Landon email redacted

Subject: RE: One last email before we talk, I promise!

Dear Landon,

As you know a lot had happened this week with regards to the family and the big secret. After you talked to Maria, she immediately told the girls (I was hoping to do this after she had her baby) and I had no choice but to email them everything and loop them in. I let them know I would reach out to them next week but I would like to talk with you before talk with them.

Are you available to talk this weekend if possible or early next week?

Thanks for all of your help.

Sincerely,

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