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From: David Davis

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To: 'Landon email redacted

Subject: Family Secret by David Davis

Dear Landon,

I hope all is well.

I had a really long email prepared but I think I have sent enough of those.

I have been praying for almost four years regarding the situation with my family, specifically my father and some type of resolution. I finally realized, God gave me the ability and position to take the necessary steps to make sure this doesn't happen again and to make things right.

I did everything I could to avoid writing this book (I will spare you the breakdown as it is all in the book) and I just wanted to thank you for trying to help me find a spiritual solution. Obviously, the family isn't interested in a spiritual solution but your spiritual council over the years has been invaluable to me. I will always be grateful for your council and spiritual insights.

In your last email, you alluded to not knowing who to believe on this one. At the time, I had plenty of proof but I came to you for spiritual council on this matter, not to drag you into this as judge and jury. Also, I wanted to see if my family had a genuine interest in fixing this problem (Doing the right thing for its own sake, not because they had no other options) and not just covering things up.

Three months ago, I texted Maria (One last final attempt to get a dialogue going) and she pretended nothing had happened and broke contact once I came close to mentioning what has transpired (See the Appendix in the book).

I wasn't going to bother you with this at all but it didn't feel right to not give you an advanced reader copy of the book. Please excuse any typos in the manuscript, as I haven't sent this to the copy editor yet. I have been busy on several other projects but making this right will always be a priority for me.

One of the other projects I have just finished is my first fiction novel, *The Academy: Alignment*. The reason I mention it, is a lot of reviewers have been talking about how it made them reflect on how good and evil operate in the modern world. One reviewer saying, "I feel like the book carries a great message about good, evil and how those aspects are influenced". It amazes me how the written word can influence how people think and I have attached the review packet for you. It is my hope that *Family Secrets* (Working title) may help others avoid making the same mistakes I did in the name of family loyalty and being a good son.

The Academy Alignment comes out on the 17th of this month and you can get it almost everywhere (It is the first hit when you google it). Of course, I am happy to send you a copy if you would like to read it, although I warn you it is a YA novel.

To be clear, I am not asking for you to do anything. I greatly appreciate you trying to help and I have read and re-read the various passages of scripture you recommended to me countless times in regards to this situation. I just wanted to give you a heads up about the book and the decision I have made based on my families reaction or lack thereof.

In the end, it was another piece of scripture, James 4:17 and the possibility this could happen again to my nephew that made me write the book. Over the years, I kept on being reminded of what happens when people enable and ignore behavior like my fathers (Bill Cosby, Lamar Odom and Charlie Sheen etc.) If someone doesn't stand up to him, it is just going to happen again and again as history has shown and I don't want that on my soul or the souls of my sisters mentioned in Exodus 20:2-6 (Although Ezekiel 18:2 seem to conflict with it).

At the end of the day, I know it is on me to make this right and do the right thing. A couple of friends of mine produced the film Spotlight this year and one of them posted the attached highlight from the SAG awards (Its only two minutes long but Michael Keaton does a beautiful job in summing up how I feel about this - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9ss_RfWPKY).

Sadly, I don't think the book will be enough to rectify this situation and it is simply step 5 in the ten step process I mentioned to my father in my first text to him. I will continue to take steps to rectify this situation regardless of personal cost. It is time someone in my family took a stand

against this behavior, instead of continuing to enable it. I don't want anyone else to go through what I went through (Please see attached ICU photo). It is my hope that by step 8 or 9 there will be some resolution to the problem and a solution will present itself that I can live with.

I have made several small donations over the time to the church as a way of showing my gratitude for your spiritual council, to support/affirm your ministry and thank you for your kindness. I made one more just before sending this email.

You have been a blessing in all of this and I thank you for trying to help.

Sincerely,

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