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Henry David Thoreau

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What Next?

You have adapted and persevered. You have changed and persisted. You are not done yet. It isn't easy. We don't know what the next step will be. As we try to anticipate what lies ahead, we are reminded of this quote by Henry David Thoreau, *What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us.*

There are still many unknowns in the world. Let us not worry about the things of which we know nothing. Let us use what lies within us to make a difference in our own lives as well as the lives of our children, our families, and our friends.

Remember, we are here to help. Don't hesitate to give us a call. 417-501-8867

-Check Out This Video-

Classic Neil Diamond changes his own song to help us get through Covid-19. You really may want to sing along with this one!



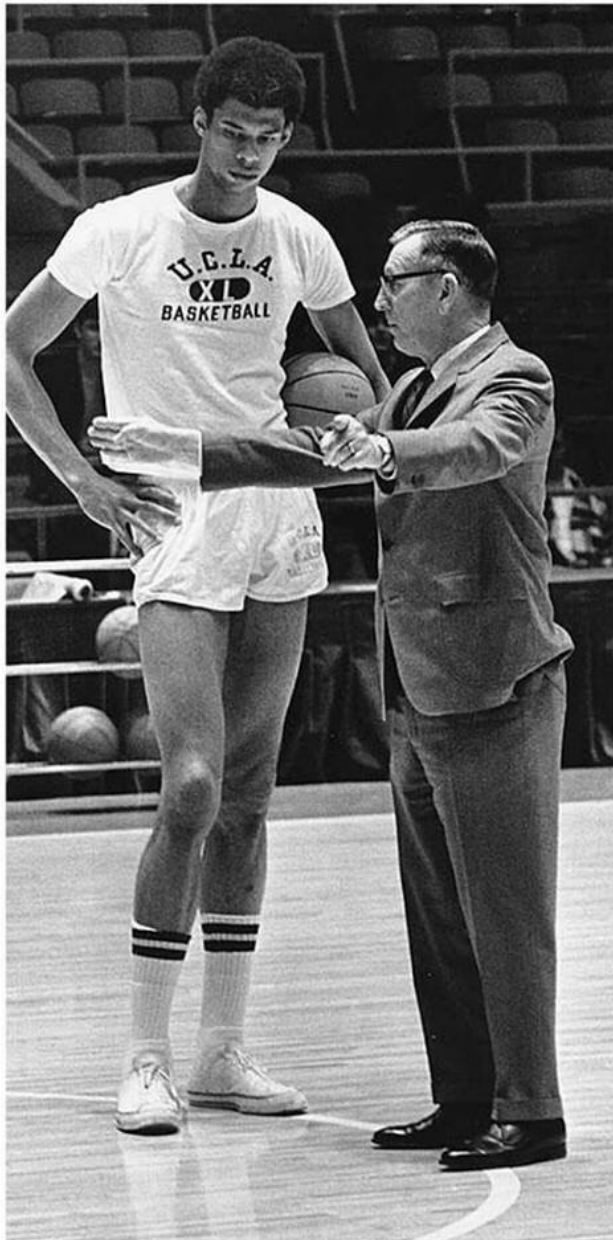
- Helpful Resources -

- [File for Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Special Unemployment Link for COVID-19 crisis](#)

- Legal Services of Southwest Missouri
 - Child Support questions? Contact Rashad Hibler- Family Support Division 573-751-0980
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Mentoring: A Life-Changing Experience

- If you are interested in having a mentor, or if you are interested in being a mentor, please contact Lisa at the Good Dads office. She will assist you in making the connection.



- NPGD SPOTLIGHT -

Inspiration From New Pathways Dads

Meet Jack Cloutier

“Hi Jack. How are you?” Jack’s reply to this question is always, “I’m blessed.” Jack is from California. He was blessed with a good home—mom, dad, siblings.

When he was about 12 years old, things changed. Jack began using drugs. He experimented with more intense drugs and things deteriorated. Jack got married in his early 20’s. His wife had two daughters and together they had two children, daughter and a son. He and his wife did drugs together. Neither Jack nor his wife could hold down a job, nor could they keep their own family together. Jack’s stepdaughters went to live with their father.

Eventually Jack stopped using drugs. He became a state licensed painting contractor and owned *Jack Cloutier Painting and Decorating*.

Unfortunately, this only lasted a short time. The desire was too great, and Jack went back to using drugs. He lost his business and his home. He resorted to living in his mom’s garage. His daughter went to live with her grandparents. His son lived with his mother and bounced around from place to place. Jack stole metal and copper to support his meth habit.

Jack knew something needed to change. He moved to Missouri to get his life back together. After Jack was settled in Missouri, he returned to California intent on moving his family to Missouri with him. For many reasons, that plan did not work. Jack returned to Missouri alone. After the failed attempt at reuniting his family in Missouri, Jack was “clean” for seven years.

It didn’t last. Jack got back into meth. He got into trouble and received a 2nd degree felony assault. He started out with probation, but eventually ended up in prison.

Then the change took place. While he was in prison, Jack surrendered his life to Christ. Upon his release from prison, he made New Beginning Sanctuary his home plan. He continued to focus on God. His life is becoming whole again. Jack has a relationship with his children and grandchildren. He has a cordial parenting relationship with his ex-wife— together they purchased their son’s class ring and had it engraved “From Mom and Dad”. He is planning a trip to California to celebrate his son’s graduation from high school.

The skills and tools that he learned from the Fatherhood Development Class and the Within My Reach Relationship class have been instrumental in helping to repair his relationship with his children. Jack is now a trained facilitator for the New Pathways for Good Dads program and is sharing his skills and knowledge with many others at New Beginning Sanctuary.

Jack said it best, "God is restoring all the things I messed up and putting them back together!"

Congratulations Jack!



Jack Cloutier with his son, Jacob, daughter, Desiree', son-in-law Michael, and grandchildren, Ava and Maddox

New Pathways for Good Dads **- Upcoming Classes -**

It's not too late to join a
Fatherhood Development class!

Enrollment is now open!

- **Fatherhood Development** -- Beginning Monday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. This will be a virtual class hosted through the Zoom app. When it is safe to do so, classes will meet in person at Victory Mission.

For more information or to enroll, call the Good Dads office at 417-501-8867.

This Week's Featured
- Good Dads Podcast -

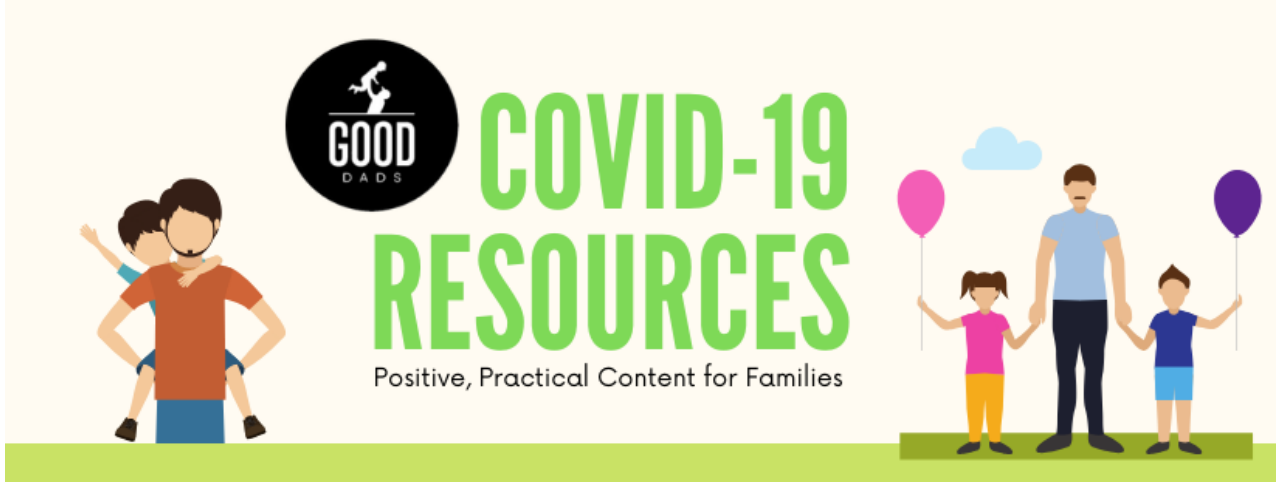
-Episode 344: Responsibility vs. Entitlement-

Dr. Baker and Fotsch talk with Josh the Dad and his daughter Maddy about how they handle responsibility vs. entitlement.

*Click below to listen to an episode on [iTunes](#), or search on any other favorite podcast player -
- we're on [Google Play](#), [Stitcher](#), [Spotify](#), [TuneIn](#), and more.*



- COVID-19 Resources For Your Family -



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