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**father son baseball camp**

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My son, Trace, and I attended the father son baseball camp at UCA this past weekend and want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being there. Trace reminds me constantly of our contract and has not waited on me to facilitate the questions but has done so himself. Last night, he asked me to turn the TV off so we could talk. Wow, for a nine year old to do that is amazing. He asked Christ into his heart last Spring and that experience was and continues to be awesome. To watch him depend on Christ as his heavenly Father has been emotional to say the least. The camp activities seem to have brought our relationship into a new perspective for both of us. My father and I did not hug much until his battle with brain cancer. Trace and I have always hugged a lot but the typical father son hug, each on different levels. You know, I stay up here and you down there because after all I'm the father and your the son. He saw me at camp more on his level and at times in somewhat vulnerable situations. To see his earthly father as human is exactly what he should do. I realized that he also needs to see me as his friend, not just as a father that will make tough decisions and do anything in the world for him. What really excites me is that he is so young and God willing, we will have many years to grow our relationship. I thought I had plenty of time to do that with my father later in life, but I didn't. That actually makes my commitment to my son, Trace, stronger and more urgent. Thanks so much and God Bless, Barron