



Marshall Howard Wood, Jr.

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Tribute Wall

“ Remembrance of Marshall

*Grandmother liked to say that Marshall is Godly
And I think that's right
So, today, I'd like to honor my father, Marshall, as a man of God
And as a man of faith.*

*As you all know, Marshall had a difficult time as a young man.
He faced a lot of adversity.
He faced a lot of challenges.
It was once said by a psychiatrist that he was not salvageable.
I want to pause here so you can let that sink in for a minute
Right alongside your memory of Marshall.
Because his life ended up being so very honorable.*

*So, while he had tough times, as we all do, he faced down his
challenges with courage and strength.
While still quite young, Marshall turned his life over to God.
He was born again and he was saved.
He loved God and he loved Jesus.
He studied the Bible.
And we worshiped together as a family.*

*Marshall became devoted to his faith.
Yet challenges remained.
His devotion did not stop him from getting cancer
Which he survived
Nor did it stop him from having an affair
Which our family did not survive
But while new challenges came
He did not waver in his devotion to God
He looked at his reflection in the mirror
And the mistakes that he made
and he grew stronger
And I know his relationship with God grew deeper and more
meaningful*

And his faith grew stronger too

After all, we all err in judgment and action

We are all flawed humans

We all fall short of the Glory of God

We all fall short of our own expectations for each other

That's life, that's reality

But I think if you asked him what he was most proud of in his life as a man

And as a father

I think he would say it was this example that he set.

When faced with difficult circumstances, whether they happen to you

Or whether you participate in their creation,

That you can navigate them

That you can face life with courage and resolve and experience redemption

And that you can get there through faith.

When I was young I was a daddy's boy

I loved my father, I adored my father

And as an adult - I admired him tremendously.

I truly admire this example he set for me.

Like most people, I've seen darkness in life.

And when there's been trouble

And when I've struggled to find my way or know where to turn

I've thought of Marshall as an example. I've thought of what he would want for me.

And I want to tell you very briefly of one such time

Because it says so much about who Marshall was

His best qualities

And what he meant to me, and continues to mean as a father.

Soon after I moved to DC several years ago

I faced a difficult time in my life

And it really hit me hard.

*I struggled for a time and I really didn't deal with things very well.
After a while, I decided I didn't want to fight that way anymore, so I
called my dad.*

I said dad, I need your help.

And Marshall said, I understand.

I know how hard this is.

*He said he was so proud of me for asking for help and for coming to
him.*

A few weeks later it was my birthday and I got a card from my dad.

*And to know my dad was to know that he was a man of few words,
he was quiet,*

and he didn't show a lot of emotion.

But the card read:

Justin

I wish I could come give you a big bear hug

I love you

Dad

And that was the best thing anyone ever said to me

Ill never forget that

If you knew Marshall

If you loved Marshall

If you were close to him

You know how special it was to know him

You know how incredible it was that he got to where he was in life

He didn't just survive - he overcame, and he served

He served God and he served as an example

He proved men in normal everyday life can be great

larger than life

Even heroic

He showed us this through his

quiet resolve

steady head and heart

and strength of spirit

He was an example because he demonstrated that you live

*By living your best life
Being there for people
and even in a common life, having uncommon courage and
character*

*He was genuinely himself
A great dad, a great son
A great person
If you know him you knew how good it was to have him around.
He was humble, he was caring, he was honest, and he was godly in
his way.*

*My relationship with Marshall reminds me
How unique, how beautiful
Each relationship is
That we shouldn't be worn down by strain or difficulty or distance
But we should seek to find the beauty in one another
Because we are family, because this life is fragile, and because we
are what we have on this planet.*

*I love you Dad
Ill always remember you
And Ill think of you every time I'm out jogging
On a track, on a trail, on a treadmill
Ill think of you
I know you're up there
And I know you're at peace
I love you Marshall.*

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