



Faith that becomes their own

Dear TC Family,

When our children are young, we are the center of their world. But as they grow, friends, teachers, coaches, social media, and the culture around them begin speaking more loudly into their lives, and their time with us dwindles.

That raises an important question: At the very time our children are spending less time with us, who are they spending more time with?

Teachers teach math, history, and science. But they also teach something no lesson plan captures. Every day, students watch how a teacher responds when someone struggles, how a coach handles a loss, how adults handle conflict, failure, and grace. They are watching what faith looks like when it is lived.

That matters most in junior high and high school. When children are young, we lay the foundation. As they grow, they begin testing it: *Who am I? What do I really believe? Whose voice should I trust?* We spend the early years teaching our children what to believe. The later years are when they decide whether those beliefs will become their own.

I know this is often when families wonder whether it's time to move on. But the real world doesn't wait until graduation. It reaches our kids at 13 and 14. At TC, they still face it, but they face it with adults beside them who know them, pray for them, and point them toward truth.

As a TC alum, I lived this. The teachers and coaches in those upper grades walked with me while I was figuring out what I believed, and I carry that investment every day in my faith, my family, and my future.

Choosing Christian education all the way through is a sacrifice. But I've never met a parent who regretted investing in their child's faith during the years it was being formed.

Someday our children will walk farther from us. When they do, I want them to know what they believe, who they are, and, above all, **whose they are**.

These are the years that matter most. Let's walk with them all the way through.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

3 John 1:4

Faith. Family. Future.

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