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Please, please be very encouraged to know that today -- right now -- young men and women make their Christian faith a priority. As a **parent** like many of you, thoughts occasionally drift to future spouses, wondering what kind of spiritual depth will be present in this present generation of youth. Pictured above is



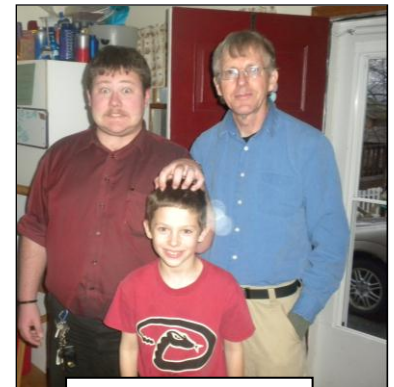
the group of our closest brothers/sisters/friends – all of whom I'd be fortunate to have as a son/daughter in law. And if you are **single** – please stay motivated – as there are many guys/ladies living holy lives – eager to please Jesus like you.



Living Last Supper – Peter, James & Crew

**Living Last Supper** It was fun to watch God use Jody's theater experience in a Holy Week presentation of the Disciples' point of view of the Last Supper. Wish you could have seen depth she brought to the cast!

**Covenant Players** Have you heard of this traveling drama team of Believers? We were fortunate to help bring one of their groups to West Point. The power of drama continues to be an amazing tool for connecting with people, one we hope to continue to encourage. You too?



Covenant Players

**Year #3:** All in all, I have been very encouraged by our third-year at West Point - something I think only happens when you hit year #3. Relationships take on much greater depth. Trust happens, and a certain confidence/comfort occurs so that you can genuinely be the person God intends.

**Challenges** One of the issues we've had to work through occurred when several cadets became split-upset-confused over the role of the Holy Spirit, specifically the role of speaking in tongues, the gift of prophecy, and modern apostleship. Rumors started to spread, and people were hurt. It is still taking a lot of work to resolve. Will it ever resolve?

**Encouragement** On Thursdays, we get together as a team of 12-15 junior/senior cadets to pray, plan, and partake - of lunch. I came away impressed by the way they lived Spring Break. I saw God's maturing process in their victories over temptation, stories from mission trips, Scripture reading plans, and an earnest desire to be together as Believers. These cadets are looking to the future – figuring out ways to embrace the New Cadets of the **Class of 2015** into our Family.

**Running for Office:** Each year we select cadet leaders – probably out of necessity as it’s often difficult to corral a team of highly ambitious, driven leaders. This year, one man we chose is Tye Sanders – he’s the humble one.

I took the opportunity to write to Tye’s parents in Tennessee – explaining to them how our team prayerfully chose Tye. I learned that Tye was never elected during middle school and high school campaigns. His mother’s response made me realize how important it is to look for the qualities of Jesus in leaders.

“What a joy to hear from you and hear of the Lord’s great grace! I was just . . . recounting with Tye that all through his years in middle school and high school, he would run for an office with the student council. Repeatedly he was denied that opportunity to serve. Yet at that same time he was helping with a Good News Club and later with leading a group of junior high boys in a discipleship group. Through all of this the Lord was weaving the leadership He had for Tye and it wasn’t student council.”

*For all of the parents reading these words – please be encouraged by God’s timing for our children.*

### **Reason for Prayer:**

- Continued safe place for cadets – at our home, and at the office: Office days are FULL with mentoring cadets. It’s an incredible honor to be allowed access to the vulnerable places of a man’s life. Please pray that I speak less of my own initiative, and represent God well.



Jessie (2X World Champion in Karate) with finance, Bill. Don’t mess with Jess.

- Jessie and Bill (pictured left) have been engaged for two years. Will they make it through WP? What will the Army be like for their marriage? Please pray for them.

- Some cadet friends have extremely turbulent pasts, traced back to poor decisions made by their parents I think. Please do what you can, in your area of influence, to encourage young parents. Just one idea: find a way to baby-sit (at church or at home) so young parents can attend a study, or have a date.

- Seed projects – pornography help groups: two groups are meeting right now. We’ve encountered challenges along the way. We hope that in the midst of our weakness, and the imperfection of our leaders, God will bring healing. Our leaders need more training, and there’s so much to learn about this sensitive subject. Please intentionally pray that we’ll experience healing in the Corps of Cadets this coming year.



- Baby showers, graduation parties, and farewell gatherings. Thank you for helping us financially live near West Point so we can host these events. We hope the lessons you have taught us, and examples you have shown, will be transformed practically into God’s tangible love shown to the people he brings our way.

- I lost a very important set of keys – keys to Thayer Hall at West Point. Need a miracle here.