

# THE **TEIS FAMILY**

Sean, Jackie, Malachi, Titus, & Blaire



# REACHING FATHERLESS FAMILIES NATIONALLY FOR OVER A DECADE THROUGH:

- *Spreading Awareness*
- *Speaking & Teaching*
- *Creating Unique Resources*
- *Partnering with Local Churches*
- *Offering Training and Tools*

*"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the **FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS** in their affliction..." —JAMES 1:27*



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# WHY FATHERLESSNESS?

The affects of fatherlessness are worse than ever.  
If we don't do something who will?

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Fatherless Children are at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, suicide, poor educational performance, teen pregnancy, and criminality.

— U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1993

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Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction...

— James 1:27

## The #1 Social Issue in the United States is Fatherlessness.

Look at the statistics and quotes below to help you understand why this is such a big deal!



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“Children whose parents separate are significantly more likely to engage in early sexual activity, abuse drugs, and experience conduct and mood disorders. This effect is especially strong for children whose parents separated when they were five or younger.”

— Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry 33 (1994)

### HOMOSEXUALITY

AFFECTS OF FATHERLESSNESS

“I have worked with thousands of homosexuals. I have never seen a homosexual who had a loving respectful relationship with his father.” - Dr. Joseph Nicolosi

“Boys who grow up in father absent homes are more likely than those in father present homes to have trouble establishing appropriate sex roles and gender identity.” - P.L. Adams, J.R. Milner, *Fatherless Children*

### SUICIDE

AFFECTS OF FATHERLESSNESS

“Three out of four teenage suicides occur in households where a parent has been absent.”  
— Jean Bethke Elstain, *Family Matters: The Plight of America's Children. The Christian Century* (July 1993)

### CRIME

AFFECTS OF FATHERLESSNESS

“85% of youths in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.” — U. S. D.H.H.S. Bureau of the Census

“80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.” - *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, Vol. 14



## SEX & ABORTION

AFFECTS OF FATHERLESSNESS

"Adolescent females between the ages of 15 and 19 years reared in homes without fathers are significantly more likely to engage in premarital sex than adolescent females reared in homes with both a mother and a father." – *Contextual Effects on the Sexual Behavior of Adolescent Women, Journal of Marriage and Family* 56 (1994)

"A white teenage girl from an advantaged background is five times more likely to become a teen mother if she grows up in a single-mother household than if she grows up in a household with both biological parents." – *Facing the Challenges of Fragmented Families, The Philanthropy Roundtable*.

## DRUGS & ALCOHOL

AFFECTS OF FATHERLESSNESS

"Fatherless children are at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse." – *The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. National Center for Health Statistics. Survey on Child Health*.

"Teenagers living in single-parent households are more likely to abuse alcohol and at an earlier age compared to children reared in two-parent households." – *The Effects of Family Cohesiveness and Peer Encouragement on the Development of Adolescent Alcohol Use. A Cohort-Sequential Approach to the Analysis of Longitudinal Data, Journal of Studies on Alcohol* 55 (1994)

"The absence of the father in a home affects significantly the behavior of adolescents and results in the greater use of alcohol and marijuana." – *Deane Scott Berman, Risk Factors Leading to Adolescent Substance Abuse, Adolescence* 30 (1999)

## POOR EDUCATION & DROPOUTS

AFFECTS OF FATHERLESSNESS

"In studies involving over 25,000 children using nationally representative data sets, children who lived with only one parent had lower grade point averages, lower college aspirations, poor attendance records, and higher dropout rates than students who lived with both parents." – *Sara McLanahan, Gary Sandefur, Growing Up With a Single Parent: What Hurts, What Helps*.



## WORRY, HOPELESSNESS, FEAR, STRESS, AND ANXIETY.

These are the feelings that many individuals have when they think of some or all of the issues above.

**BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE THESE FEELINGS!**

**GOD HAS IT ALL UNDER CONTROL!**

**BUT AS A CHRISTIAN ARE YOU WILLING TO DO YOUR PART TO DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT IT?**

# REACH FATHERLESS FAMILIES = HELP HEAL AMERICA

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Have you wondered why there has been such a moral decline in our country over the last several years? As you have seen many of the issues that are concerning to you come from fatherless families. Most of these children and teens have a lot stacked against them from birth. Fatherlessness in the United States often leads to crime, suicide, drugs, alcoholism, poor education & dropouts, sexual immorality & abortion, crowded prisons, mental illness, etc... Fatherlessness is literally affecting everyone.

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**FOR OVER A DECADE WE HAVE BEEN EVANGELIZING AND  
DISCIPLING FATHERLESS FAMILIES**

**THESE FAMILIES NEED THEIR HEAVENLY FATHER THROUGH A PERSONAL  
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS!**

**GOD IS THE ONLY REAL ANSWER TO OUR NATION'S NUMBER ONE  
SOCIAL ISSUE**

**WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THESE FAMILIES ARE REACHED!**

**BUT WE NEED MORE LOCAL CHURCHES AND CHRISTIANS TO HELP  
US DO THIS!**

**HERE'S WHAT WE ARE DOING TO REACH FATHERLESS FAMILIES**

## **With Your Help**

For the past 10 years we've been able to evangelize and disciple single moms and fatherless children, teens, and adults all over America!





# HERE IS WHAT WE ARE DOING TO REACH FATHERLESS FAMILIES

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## PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES

We believe the local church is the best institution to reach the fatherless locally. We are working to partner with at least one church in every county of the United States. Through partnership we provide speaking, consulting, insights and training, and physical products to help you do ministry!

## SPEAKING

We have had the privilege of speaking all over the country at colleges, conferences, churches, schools, and other venues. We speak messages of hope to the fatherless and messages on reaching the fatherless to those who can help.

## CREATING UNIQUE RESOURCES

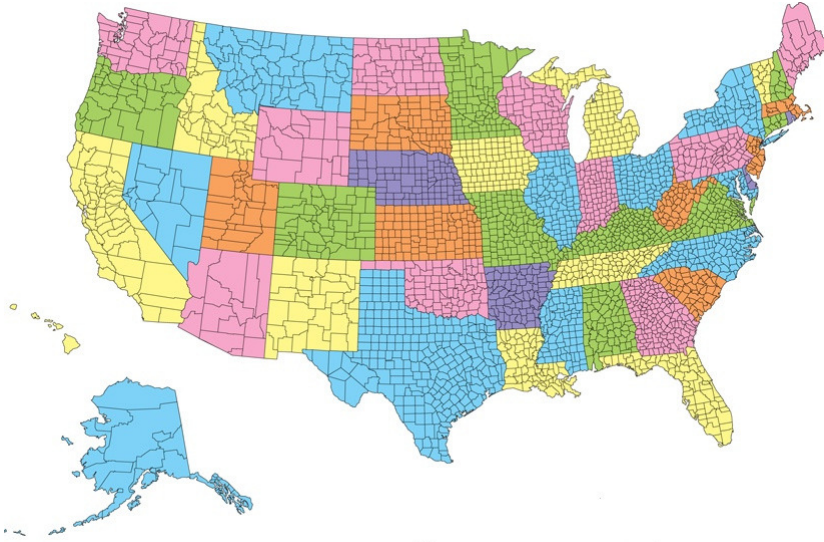
God has led us to create some awesome unique resources for fatherless families such as devotional books, children's books, and our mobile app and website [GodismyDad.com](http://GodismyDad.com). I would have loved to have had this when I was growing up fatherless!

## SPREADING AWARENESS

We are a voice for fatherless families by spreading awareness through a wide variety of outlets on the social affects that it causes in the United States.

# WANT US TO COME TO YOUR CHURCH?

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We are in search of at least one church to partner with us in every county of the United States. Your church can make a difference!

## **WE WILL EDUCATE & ENCOURAGE YOUR CONGREGATION**

When we visit your church we will educate your congregation on fatherlessness and equip them with the know-how and tools to begin to do something about it in your church and circles of influence. We have inspired individuals across America to get involved in reaching the fatherless in some capacity.

Also during our visit, we will minister to the fatherless individuals and families in your church including the single moms, fatherless children and teens, and grandparents raising their grandchildren. This will encourage them and let them know even more that your church cares about them and about what they are going through.

## **WE WILL SPEAK FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

In addition to speaking at churches, God has allowed me to preach, speak, and present our ministry in a wide variety of different settings such as colleges, public schools, Christian schools, senior citizen events, pastors conferences, youth conferences, missions conferences, and a family conference.

**TO SCHEDULE US TO COME TO YOUR CHURCH FOR A SERVICE OR  
FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PLEASE EMAIL ME AT  
SEANTEIS@LIFEFACTORS.ORG OR CALL MY CELL PHONE AT 814-  
330-5305. I LOOK FORWARD TO SPEAKING WITH YOU!**



# CHURCH PARTNERS

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## Church Partners help fatherless families

Through your churches monthly financial partnership it allows us to spread more awareness about the issues of fatherlessness, speak more messages of hope to the fatherless, and create and distribute more unique resources of hope to fatherless families!



## Partnership will Benefit Your Church!

Fatherless Ministry is not a Program! But is pure religion! Through partnering with us we will help you evangelize and disciple the fatherless near you!

### **THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM...THESE ARE TOOLS TO HELP YOU MINISTER TO THE FATHERLESS**

Being a Pastor myself the last thing I want for someone to bring to me is another program. In the ministry, we simply do not have the time for another program! Fatherless Ministry is not a cookie cutter program. When you partner with us we provide your church with training and resources in a way that allows you to pick and choose from the topics, content, and free downloads to meet your specific ministry needs at the current time. Then as other issues surface, you can reference those topics and download those resources as needed. For example, if you have a lot of grandparents raising their grandchildren but not many single moms you can start in that section of our training site and get ideas and resources to help you better minister to those grandparents and to their grandchildren. We are available for ministry consultation and to speak at your church on these issues! Also once you become a partner you will join our network of churches that are passionate about reaching the fatherless in their local church and community!

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PARTNERSHIP WITH US PLEASE EMAIL  
ME AT [SEANTEIS@LIFEFACTORS.ORG](mailto:SEANTEIS@LIFEFACTORS.ORG) OR  
CALL MY CELL PHONE AT 814-330-5305.**

# FATHERLESSMINISTRY.COM

**OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS WILL RECEIVE A FATHERLESS MINISTRY KIT AND ACCESS TO FATHERLESSMINISTRY.COM OUR ONLINE TRAINING AND RESOURCE SITE**

**HERE ARE A FEW OF THE FEATURES OUR PARTNERS GET ACCESS TO AT FATHERLESSMINISTRY.COM!**



We will send you a kit that includes several of our resources to get started in your ministry to the fatherless.



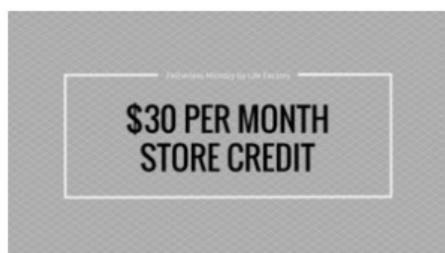
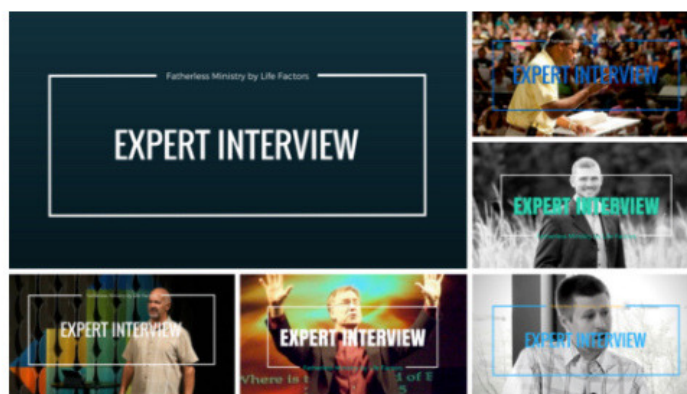
Our fatherless ministry topics include Master Class videos that have insight and instruction on that topic. Master Class topics include fatherless children, mentoring, single mom's, fatherless teen guys, fatherless teen girls, and grandparents raising their grandchildren.



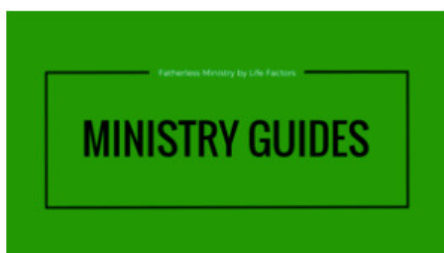
Our partners have access to our FREE digital resources such as teen devotionals, children's books, a single mom devotional, and a mentoring program.

## Expert Interviews

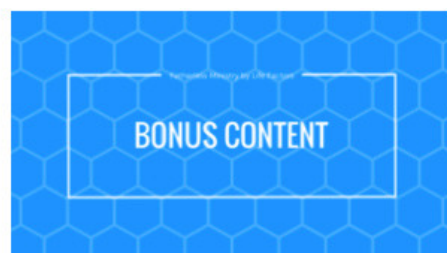
Learn about fatherless & other family ministry issues from experts such as Dr. Kenny Baldwin, Author Bob Hostetler, Author Larry Fowler, Pastor Greg Locke, and several others! These interviews are filled with helpful insights & guidance!



You will receive promo codes that you can use in our online store to order FREE physical products with FREE shipping! We have stuffed animals, children's books, devotional books, shirts, wristbands, and stickers. You can view the store by [clicking here](#). This monthly resource access will help you minister to the fatherless families God places in your care!



For every fatherless ministry topic we provide ministry guide's that include case studies, statistics, and practical ministry tips. These resources should be a valuable asset in your ministry to fatherless families.



You will receive bonus content on topics including Blended Family Ministry, Divorced Families, Motherless Families, Orphan/Foster Care Ministry, and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Ministry.

**INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH US? PARTNERSHIP CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH A FEW DIFFERENT METHODS. PLEASE EMAIL ME AT [SEANTEIS@LIFEFACTORS.ORG](mailto:SEANTEIS@LIFEFACTORS.ORG) OR CALL MY CELL PHONE AT 814-330-5305.**



# SPEAKING

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**I have had the privilege to speak around the country at various events including churches, colleges, conferences, and schools. I would love to be a speaker at your next event. Whether you are a Church, College, Seminary, Camp, Conference, School, etc. we will work to cater to your specific needs but always with fatherlessness as our central focus.**

We are passionate about training future ministry leaders such as pastors, teachers, missionaries, etc. about fatherlessness. We have found that this topic is often not being addressed in colleges and seminaries. We are available to teach seminars, fast-tracks, and while we are there Sean is available to preach in your chapel.

## COLLEGS & SEMINARIES

## YOUTH CAMPS & CONFERENCES

With over eight years of ministry experience in youth speaking Sean can preach exciting yet challenging messages to your youth camp or conference attendees. When speaking Sean typically preaches expositively combined with personal stories of redemption, humor, excitement, and with an invitation at the end to make a lasting impact.

Sean has experience speaking in Christian and public middle schools and high schools. To get comfortable in this area of speaking, he was trained for over a year through training developed by one of the top public school speakers in the nation. This school assembly is challenging, exciting, and fun. After the school assembly, you can typically hand out flyers and invite the students to a youth event at your church for the following weekend. \*We ask that the churches schedule the school assemblies with the Christian and public schools.

## CHRISTIAN & PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

# SPEAKING

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL PASTORS EVENTS

We have found that many Pastors today are curious about fatherless ministry, but they aren't sure where to start. At your next local or national pastors event we can speak on fatherless ministry to both spread awareness and to train them on how to get started!

Do you have an upcoming missions conference? Sean can speak on local fatherless ministry! Also, we also are being booked to do family conferences where we preach a compelling series of messages that apply to all families, but they will also encourage the fatherless families that attend as well!

## MISSIONS & FAMILY CONFERENCES

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEACHERS

Do you need training for your teachers to start out the school year or for your next in-service days? We have digital training available, or if we are at your church already, we can speak to your Christian school teachers as well to help them better understand the fatherless families that they have represented in their classrooms.

One of the main things we do is go into churches and speak on the issue of fatherlessness. We spread awareness to those that are not familiar with the social impact that it is having on our nation and then challenge them to get involved in doing something! We also spread hope to the fatherless children, teens, and young adults, to the single moms, and to the grandparents that are raising their grandchildren.

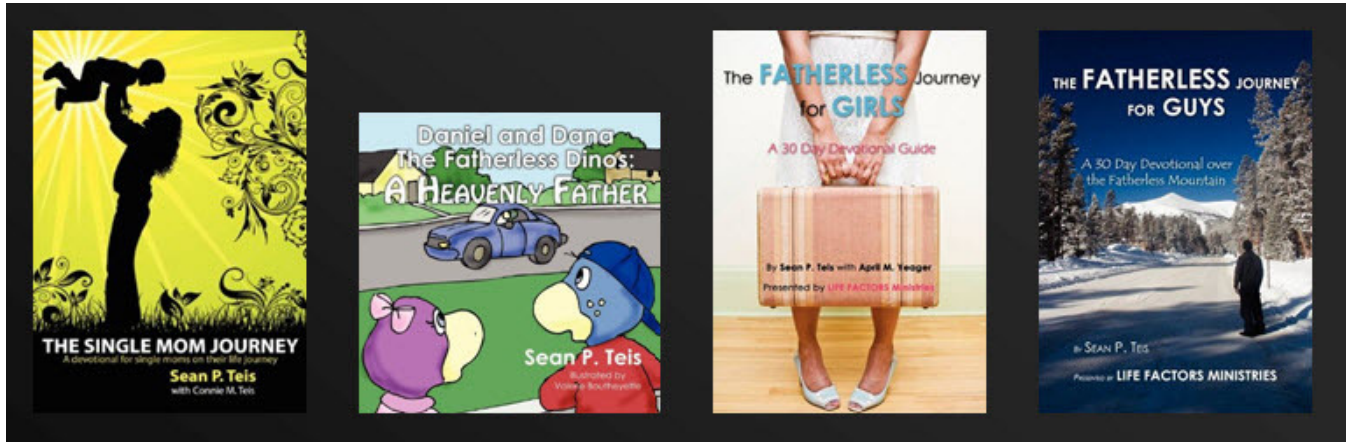
## CHURCHES

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LIFEFACTORS.ORG/SPEAKING/**

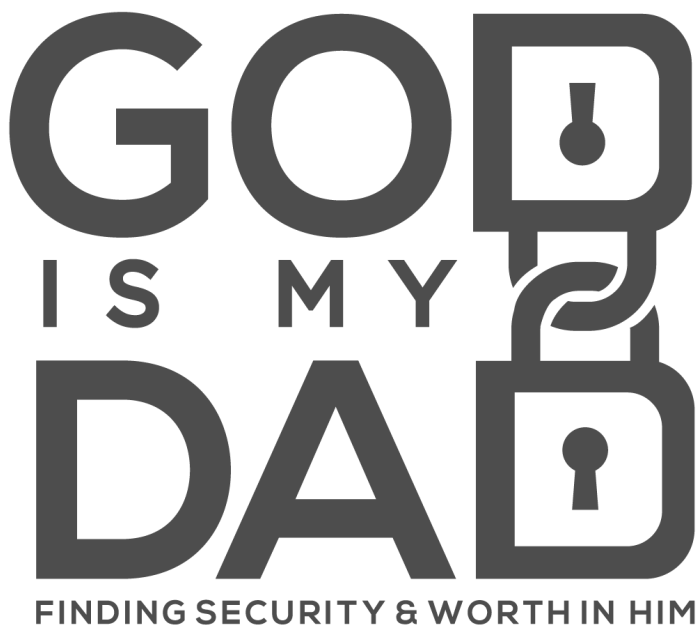


# UNIQUE RESOURCES

**OVER THE PAST DECADE, WE HAVE CREATED SEVERAL ENCOURAGING AND HELPFUL EVANGELISTIC AND DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES FOR FATHERLESS FAMILIES.**



**OUR BOOKS ARE RESEARCHED AND WRITTEN TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE ISSUES FATHERLESS FAMILIES ARE DEALING WITH. OUR DEVOTIONAL BOOKS CAN BE USED IN A SMALL GROUP SETTING, FOR MENTORING/DISCIPLESHIP, OR FOR PERSONAL STUDY.**



**GOD IS MY DAD IS A RESOURCE SPECIFICALLY FOR FATHERLESS FAMILIES WHERE THEY CAN WATCH VIDEOS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MINISTRY LEADERS, READ ARTICLES AND WATCH HOW TO VIDEOS TO HELP WITH THEIR JOURNEY, AND SHARE THEIR STORY OR BE ENCOURAGED BY THE STORIES OF OTHERS. VISIT [GODISMYDAD.COM](http://GODISMYDAD.COM) OR DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP IN THE APPLE OR GOOGLE PLAY STORE TO CHECK IT OUT!**

# TESTIMONIALS FROM FATHERLESS FAMILIES

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I would not be here today, or at least somewhat put together, if it were not for Pastor Sean and Jackie's fatherless ministry. When I entered 8th grade, Sean became the student pastor at our church and introduced his fatherless ministry to all of us. Most of the kids in our youth group did not have a father present in their lives, or some of the students had fathers present but they were heavily involved in drugs and alcohol. I was one of those students. I grew up with a father that was addicted to alcohol, and it completely changed the person that he could have been. When I was about 12 my father left my mother and I. Not too long after, Pastor Sean and Jackie started attending our church and later became apart of the student ministry. Their fatherless ministry has always given me hope, reminded me of God's love, and provided me with encouraging resource to conquer my fatherless battle. They reminded me that I am not fatherless because I have God the father. Their ministry provided me with books, words of encouragement, devotions, and even one on one talk. What makes Sean's ministry so unique is that he himself was a fatherless teenager and he knows the pain of growing up without a fatherly figure. Sean and Jackie's ministry has also helped me to become a better leader. Now that my heart is mended from the pain that I once felt, I am able to and want to help those who are going through the same issues. My life was impacted greatly from Sean and Jackie's fatherless ministry and now I personally feel equipped to help others that are hurting and fatherless. I encourage you to take a look into their fatherless ministry because it will either help you or someone you know!

— Fatherless Teen Girl

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At the time of my divorce, I was overwhelmed with fear, uncertainty, and loneliness. My children and I did not have God in our lives. A friend recommended that we begin opening ourselves up and invited me to her church. The youth pastor at Colonial Baptist Church immediately embraced my three children. He genuinely understands the hurt that comes along with not having a father available or capable to love you. He was consistently available to talk to my children and be a good listener. Support was also provided for me as a single parent. I am very blessed to have had the support and compassion from Pastor Sean Teis and his ministry.

— Single Mom

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When Sean first started his ministry and was working with my grandson, it took a lot of pressure off me in the long run. My grandson now had someone to not only look up to but to be accountable to also. It changed him a lot. My grandson now had someone in his life, other than my wife and I, that he new cared about and loved him. I will never be able to thank Sean enough for his influence and impact on my grandsons life.

— Grandfather Raising Grandchildren

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To sit down and tell you how much Life Factors ministry has affected my life will be one of the hardest things I have done. There are so many ways that Sean and Jackie have influenced my life but I would like to tell you about the biggest impact they have had on me. I would like to talk about is how selfless the both of them are. When I met Sean I was 12 years old and I was going through a very weird stage of becoming a teenager. I had a lot of questions and my father was gone. So I was left really with no answers. I was struggling with things like manhood and what kind of man I wanted to become... Over the course of my senior year, Sean became much more than a friend or a mentor he became family. He poured into my life more than anyone had to that point or since. He disciplined me, he helped me grow as a Christian and helped me find God's calling for my life. but I know it wasn't all Sean but Mrs. Jackie Teis because throughout all of this time she was so understanding and never made a big deal about all the time and effort Sean was putting into me that really took away from their time together. Mrs. Jackie is the definition of a virtuous woman and has taught me what a godly woman and wife is and the two of them taught me what a godly marriage looks like. She was so supportive when a lot of people would have told Sean to give up and focus on other things and I cannot thank her enough for that. I can truly say that if it were not for the selfless work that Sean and Jackie did in my life. I would not have graduated high school, I would not have gone to college and committed to full-time ministry, and would certainly not be here today to write this testimonial. Everything that has been accomplished over the last couple of years is a testament to their hard work and servant attitudes. Through them I became a better person, a better Christian, and most of all I became a better man. I am lucky to have such good friends in Sean and Jackie that will never give up and will always stay true to the work that God has called them to do!

— Fatherless Teen Guy

You can find more testimonials at [lifefactors.org](http://lifefactors.org).

# RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CHRISTIAN LEADERS

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**PASTOR TOM  
MESSER**

*"I know that our church believes in Sean, and we are praying that he will be a blessing to the cause of Christ...I trust that you will look to have Sean in to be a help to your ministry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me."*



**PASTOR MARK  
BATTERSON**

*"Sean Teis is circling broken homes - can't imagine anything closer to the heart of God"*



**PASTOR  
DAVID TEIS**

*"It is my prayer that God will use Sean and this ministry to strengthen fundamental local churches in the area of reaching out to fatherless children across our country and around the world."*



**RAND  
HUMMEL, THE  
WILDS OF NE**

*"The fatherless are an increasing and overlooked part of our ministries today, and I believe that God could use Sean to make a difference in their lives."*



**PASTOR  
KENNY  
BALDWIN**

*"I'm 100 percent in support of what you are doing at Life Factors."*



**PASTOR  
JOHNNY  
POPE**

*"Sean writes books, articles and preaches tremendous sermons...God is using Sean to help straighten the crooked places in homes today...We have had Sean speak in our church and our people loved him...I love Sean and his family and I know you will too if you have him come to your church."*

"Sean is one of the most disciplined and passionate people that I have ever known. His call to begin his ministry, Life Factors, was birthed from his experience growing up without the influence of a father. Despite these circumstances, Sean has triumphed into a Godly young man with purpose and conviction. I am continuously amazed at Sean's level of enthusiasm and leadership skills he displays." - Dr. Kerry Feathers, Senior Pastor, Florida

"I am writing to commend to you the ministry of Sean Teis. I have known Sean for over seven years and have found him to be a young man of integrity, with a deep passion for God and people. I am confident that his ministry will prove helpful to churches and pastors as they seek to minister to those in need." - Dr. Charles T. Shoemaker, President, Church Planting America, Florida

"Sean consistently goes above and beyond in order to reach teens where they are with what God has for them. Sean possesses the educational training to accomplish what God has called him to do. Perhaps more importantly, however, he has that invaluable real-life experience as well. God has truly prepared Sean for this unique work." - Pastor Ryan Smith, Senior Pastor, Pennsylvania

"The Lord is using Sean Teis to bring a message of hope to an otherwise forgotten group. He is addressing the need in our time to disciple young people who are living a life with only one parent in tough situations who often need guidance. He brought this message of hope to over 90 pastors at the Atlantic Independent Baptist Fellowship on the East Coast. Sean brings a very powerful lesson on the condition of the home today. But, what is so encouraging is he brings forth workable solutions and a means for a Pastor and a people to get involved with their community to reach these families. As Sean preaches it is a reminder of how important it is to bring these little ones unto Christ and how to reach those single moms and dads. The intensity with which he brings out the point comes from the heart of a man that has lived through these tough circumstances. It is a message of principle, power, and hope in Christ Jesus." - Robert L. Warnick, Senior Pastor, Ohio

"This guy Sean is the funniest guy you'll ever meet and he made it very interesting and very easy to listen to!" Student Review

"One of the things that stood out to me: middle school, school students can be quite difficult to manage in large groups and Sean did an excellent job he had the students involved in the presentation but he also was able to bring them back to being attentive to the next part of the presentation...I would highly recommend that you bring Sean to your school." Ione Sautner, Principal, Erik Ramstad Middle School in Minot, ND

You can find more recommendations at [lifeactors.org](http://lifeactors.org).