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Dear Dad,

Writing this letter feels a little weird because we’ve always talked to each other more than written things down. However, I promised myself that I’d do this and, like you always taught me, I’ll see it through.

Some think that Father’s Day or your birthday is the right or only time that one can say big things to you. But I think, or rather know that any day is good when you have something good to say. I know you agree with me on this.

So, I just wanted to say thank you. I know we tell each other ‘I love you’ on a daily basis (which doesn’t bother me at all and never will), but I don’t think I ever get to say thank you that often. Not in a bigger way, you know?

I’m really proud to be your son and you must know that I am who and what I am because of you. This is not to make mom jealous or anything, but I’ve always taken you as my biggest and most important role model.

The way you’ve lived your life and led by example Is something that I look up to every day and is part of the fuel that gets me pumped to go out there and make my mark on the world. You are a strong, dedicated and hard-working person who has never backed down on his dreams.

And that’ s something I want to be too, dad. Sounds corny, but I want to be just like you as I grow up.

You’d probably say that I should live my own life, and I will…but always through your example.

Love you, dad, thank you for showing me how to be a man.

Your son,

Jeremy