

**Adapt:** *Make suitable for a new use or purpose; become adjusted to new conditions*

As a society we have had to adapt to the challenges around us--stay at home, wear a mask, essential businesses, non-essential businesses, one-way markings in the grocery store.

At Good Dads we have asked you to adapt your learning style. Learning and participating in on-line classes presents challenges--technical difficulties, distractions from roommates or children, staying alert, and a loss of personal connection. You have adapted, you have adjusted, you have made things suitable. Until we are able to meet in person, keep on adapting!

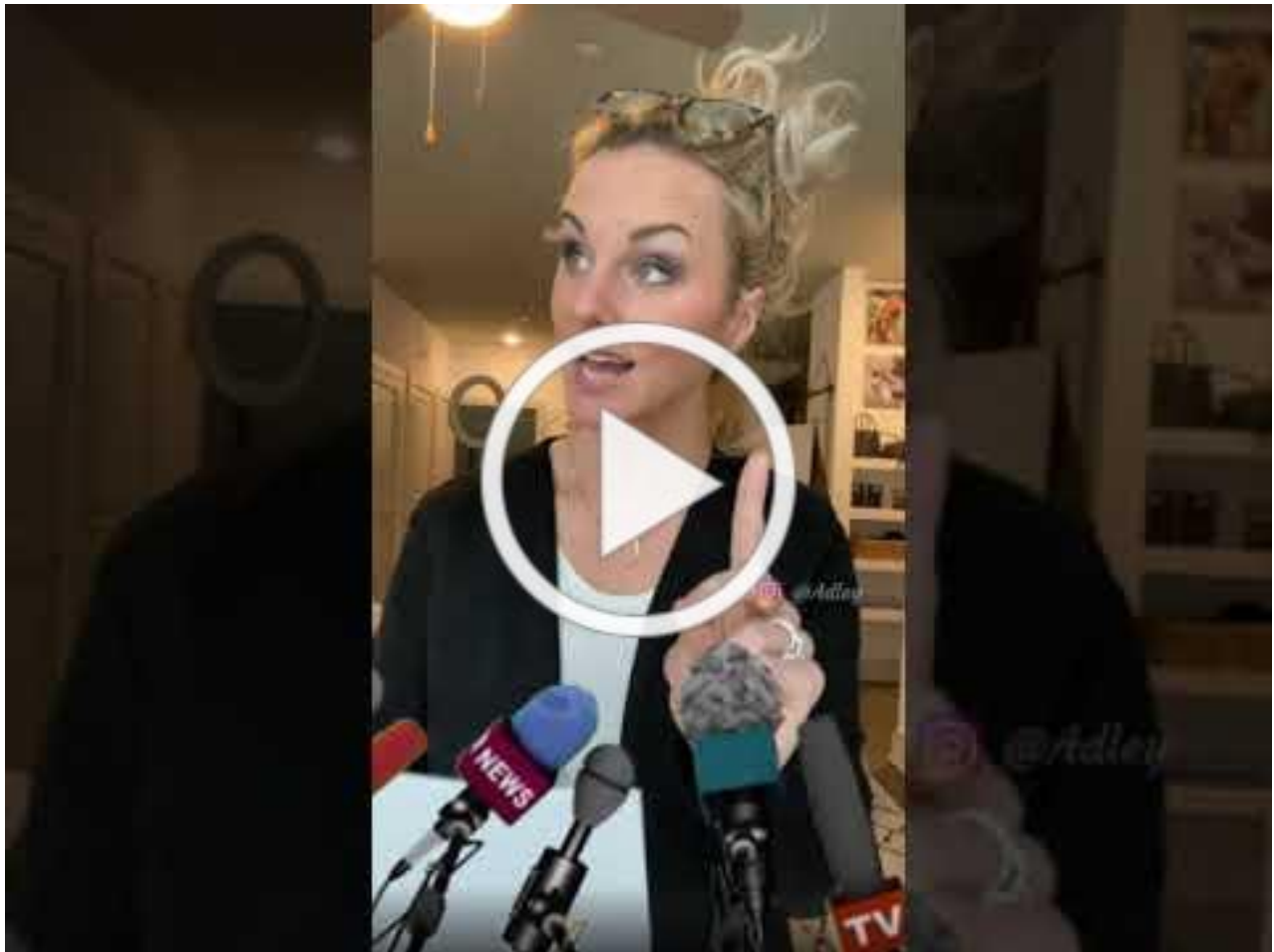
Remember, we are here to help. Don't hesitate to give us a call. 417-501-8867

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## **-Check Out This Video-**

You may not find it helpful, but it will make you laugh or shake your

head! In today's world, we all need a good laugh!



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## - Helpful Resources -

- [Springfield, Missouri, free food resources](#)
- [Free Food Pantries, Greene County](#)
- [File for Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Special Unemployment Link for COVID-19 crisis](#)
- [Legal Services of Southwest Missouri](#)
- [Child Support questions? Contact Ra'shad Hibler-Family Support Division 573-751-0980](#)
- [Get My Payment - Internal Revenue Service - Track the status of your stimulus check](#)



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**- NPGD SPOTLIGHT -**  
*Inspiration From New Pathways Dads*

**Meet Charlie Romine!**



If you were to meet Charlie today, you might think, "That guy has it all together; he gets to see his kids, he has a great job, he's working on a college degree, and he's good looking!" Those things may be true, but it has not always been that way. When Charlie was a child, his childhood experiences were not those of a child who has it all. Charlie was a ward of the state and experienced a failed adoption. There was abuse, neglect, drugs, and parties in his life. When he was 17, Charlie dropped out of high school and ran away from the foster care system with his pregnant girlfriend. That relationship ended horribly. Charlie was in prison three times. After his third imprisonment, he decided that things needed to change. He was losing his rights to his children, and he felt that he had very little hope. Charlie found Victory Mission. He enrolled in every class that he was eligible to attend. These classes included the New Pathways for Good Dads Fatherhood Development Course and the Within My Reach relationship class. Charlie has earned his HiSet and is currently attending Ozark Technical College, pursuing a bachelor degree in Behavioral Science with a 4.0 GPA. Victory Mission awarded Charlie an apprenticeship where he is helping to lead the long-term recovery program with the potential to continue his career at the Mission upon his

graduation. Charlie states, "I have been able to spend time snuggled up to my children and take them to my church where I help lead the Tech Department. Life is amazing! I am in love with Jesus, and I could not have done any of this on my own!"

## **Congratulations Charlie!**

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### *New Pathways for Good Dads* **- Upcoming Classes -**

It's not too late to join a  
**Fatherhood Development** class!

### **Enrollment is now open!**

- **Fatherhood Development** -- Beginning Monday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. This will be a virtual class hosted through the Zoom app. When it is safe to do so, classes will meet in person at Victory Mission.

For more information or to enroll, call the Good Dads office at 417-501-8867.

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### *This Week's Featured* **- Good Dads Podcast -**

*Click below to listen to an episode on [iTunes](#), or search on any other favorite podcast player -  
- we're on [Google Play](#), [Stitcher](#), [Spotify](#), [TuneIn](#), and more.*



Jack has struggled with addiction for much of his life, but in the past few years he has begun the long journey of repairing, rebuilding and restoring relationships. In the past year he has become a facilitator for the Fatherhood Development Curriculum. In so doing, he has helped other dads while helping himself.



Good Dads Podcast | Episode 222: New Pathways - Jack

## - COVID-19 Resources For Your Family -

The graphic features the Good Dads logo on the left, which includes a silhouette of a person carrying a child. To the right of the logo is the text "COVID-19 RESOURCES" in large, bold, green, uppercase letters. Below this text is the tagline "Positive, Practical Content for Families" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. On the far right, there is an illustration of a family: a man in a blue shirt and dark pants holding hands with a girl in a pink shirt and orange pants, and a boy in a blue shirt and blue shorts holding a purple balloon. A pink balloon is also visible on the left side of the family illustration. The background is a light yellow color with a green grass strip at the bottom.

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