

Jesus First

Hebrews 12:1-3

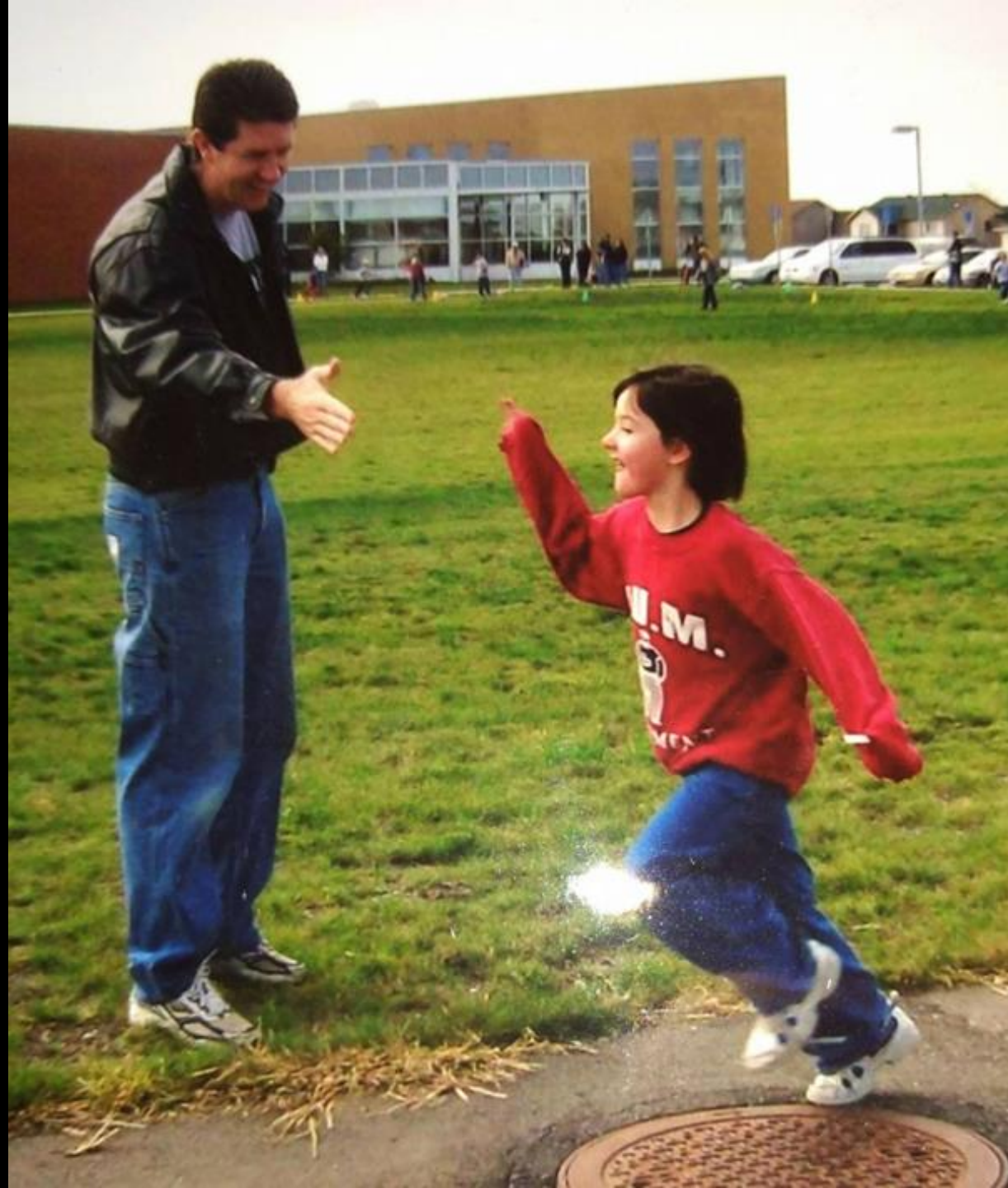
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**The Christian life is
like a race – not a
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1. Grab ahold of the inspiration of those who have gone before (vs. 1).



Noah

(vs. 7)

Joseph

(vs. 22)

Abraham

(vv. 8ff)

Moses

(vv. 23ff)

Samuel

(vs. 32)

David

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***“Don’t give up! Don’t lose heart!
Don’t quit – whatever you do!”***

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3. Understand that life only works when you keep Jesus First (v. 2-3).

“that in all things He might have the preeminence”

Colossians 1:18

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“If I had the opportunity to go back and tell past me any piece of advice, what would that advice be? I concluded that advice would simply be this. It’s never too early nor too late ... to listen, follow and build your life on Jesus.”

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