

HARVEST

Growing up as a custom harvester's son has had a big part in shaping me into the man I am today. When I was still quite small, I started out helping my mother with things like fixing supper, packing and cleaning lunch buckets, cleaning the trailer house, and, of course, doing the dishes. During those years, I would also go out to the field and ride with my father. It wasn't until I was about ten or so that my dad let me sit on his lap and drive the combine; soon I was driving alone. From ages 11 to 13, I gave the combine drivers a break when they needed it. When I turned 14, my father hired me as a full-time combine driver. This is when I really started to learn what harvest was all about and what a good work ethic really looks like. This is due to the long hours of work we do on a harvest crew. It has also taught me how to be responsible for my actions. Running an expensive piece of equipment is very stressful and if I were careless, I would have to pay the consequences. At the age of 16, I was able to move to the hired hands trailer. This exposed me to how young men live. It also taught me how to get along with co-workers. Living in a trailer house with five other guys can be either very good or very bad. Every year, I get to know different guys on a very personal level. This has helped me with my people skills and has made it easier for me to meet new people. I have learned a lot of important lessons from working on a harvest crew, but I think the most important one I earned was from my father; he showed me what an effective, Godly boss looks like.

For a future occupation, I plan to become a Christian camp director. My goal in this is to start my own Christian camp in the mountains; my sole purpose is to reach people for the Lord. I want to create a place where there are no distractions and people can just focus on God and His majesty.