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Such much to say to you, so much to be thankful for

but when someone is always there

it's hard to pull only a few examples to share

Not sure if anyone else will understand but that is not my concern

I only want you to know the gratitude I have and

for all to know that this kid grew up with you being there

A small house, three kids, no change to spare, no AC and minimal heat

dead of winter, blankets are everywhere, all of us are huddled on the floor

it didn't matter because you were there

I don't recall some of it but I know it to be true

someone taught me how to split wood, cut grass and climb a ladder

I know it was you, you were there

In the garden, on the ballfield, or a friendly neighborhood game

every time, event or place, you came

teaching, cheering, encouraging us on

We did our best because you were there

Small minds run wild and are influenced by many cares

but knowing what is right, how to work hard and respect others

well that voice, that came from you being there

Many bumps, bruises, cuts and aches

even a wart that wouldn't go away

You touched it, anointed it and prayed

You might not remember that day

It was many years ago but it's etched forever in my mind

A testament of the power of you being there

Bible in hand, kneeling in prayer, my little eyes saw you there
that was you meeting with Him, you set the example of following God
we each wandered away for a while but eventually we came back there

Men speak of legacy as if it was far off
They are wrong, legacy is right where you are
In that moment, with those people
right there

We have been taught well and let loose
Now with kids of our own, each an extension of you
Each touched by you being there

You may not know it but you set a bar most dads will never clear
but everyone should strive at getting there
I myself have fallen short of your lofty example
But I strive on because I know the impact
Of being there

Now as you close your eyes and prepare for eternal rest
You can rest in the care
Just as you, so HE too will be there