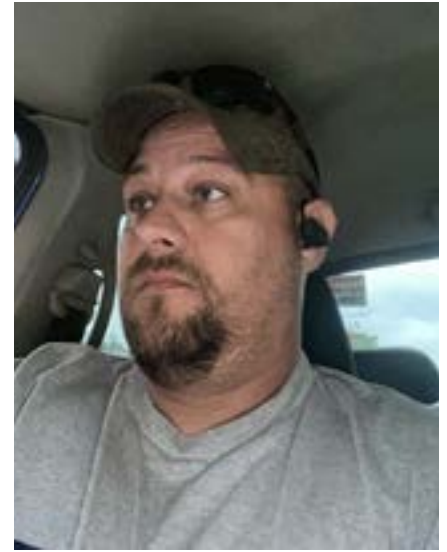


Courage!

That's the Man of Valor characteristic that comes to mind when we think of Allen – courage.

Allen and his family, like so many others have struggled through significant loss these past few years. Allen said, since the Pandemic he knows people everywhere that have lost and are struggling to overcome. But regardless of the challenges he faces every day, he still loves to help other people. He expressed how much he loves Impact Cares, and he would travel to more of their jobs, outside of Texas, if time and finances permitted. But when in Texas, Allen is there. Allen and his two oldest children, who equally love Impact Cares – and Tory.



“Because of my own struggles every day to keep things going. That’s why I help others. My adopted Dad taught me to live that way; so, I do; and my children will. I work 12 hours a day and still take on side jobs, but when there is an opportunity to help others and I can, I do it.” Allen mows his neighbor’s yard when the neighbor has to be away for work and can’t get to it. When his neighbor ask him why, Allen said “Because you don’t want to be away working for three weeks and have to come home just to catch upon more work. It takes me an hour and I’m happy to do it for you while I’m doing mine.” Who does that? Allen does. A Man of Valor does.

Allen and his family purchased a bigger house with land so the kids could spread out more. “A place that was in really bad shape,” Allen said, “and our home we were in sold too quickly.” They were forced to move into an unfinished remodel and unable to find contractors or supplies due to the Pandemic. They have made it work. And Allen has and still is doing all the work himself. There are medical needs in the family that Medicare no longer covers adding even more stress and need for side jobs, but they continue marching on and if IC showed up in their town this weekend, they would be there volunteering and helping other people instead of worrying about themselves - courage. When speaking about his family you could hear the pride in his voice. Of his wife he said, “My wife is a saint. She works, takes care of the kids, and everything else, she is a saint!”

“Idle hands are the devil’s playground.” - That’s the Motto Allen lives by and teaches his children and shares with everyone. He says that whatever in life is ailing you if you will just stay busy you can and will overcome it. If you don’t work, or can’t work, get a hobby – or better yet – go help someone else.

