

Hey Aaron,

I wanted to apologize for what I said to Scott at dinner. I spoke without thinking and didn't take his feelings into consideration. There's no arguing that what I said was lousy, and I want to make sure you know that I recognize that and feel horrible about it.

When you chose me to be Scott's godfather 17 years ago, you knew I'd always be there to encourage him and steer him in the right direction. When he announced at dinner the other night that he'd chosen to major in Communications, I couldn't help thinking of myself as a confused freshman in college—especially how I had chosen Communications and suffered for it when it came time to look for a job.

That was a foolish comparison to make, and I shouldn't have told Scott that it was a useless major to have. Scott is far more determined and driven than I ever was at that age. I should have known that his choice of major wasn't frivolous. I should have known that he would be very excited to tell us, and I should have known how let down he would be to get such a discouraging response from me.

There are plenty of things I should have said, but I didn't. As Scott's father and my best friend, I can only imagine how upsetting the whole situation was. I spoke with him myself and, while he says it's no big deal, I understand just how strongly my words affected him. I can promise you with all my heart that I will never discourage his endeavors ever again, and I hope that I can build up your trust in me again. I want you to feel confident that I will be a good role model and friend for Scott. I won't say a word in the future without really thinking it over first and keeping Scott's best interests and feelings in mind.

We've been through a lot together, and I want to continue sharing my life and my family's life with you and yours. My reaction was completely inappropriate—a huge lapse in judgment on my part—and for that I extend to you and the whole family my sincerest of apologies.

Best,
Charles