

## How to Ruin Your Life By 40, Part 2

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How are you guys today? All right. Yeah, OK, you get scanned. All right. You got to get scanned, you know, you got to get recorded for chapel. Anybody ever come in and get scanned, come around and go back through the other way. I'm just kidding. It doesn't work? OK, it's what? Slide and glide? Tell me about that.

I just kidding. All right. Well, we've had a great three weeks together, haven't we. Kind of seems that way. Gosh, here it is. Thursday already. We how many you guys were in the deal. We did yesterday over at the other deal. OK, so about maybe half of you. Oh, we're doing how to ruin your life by the time you're 40. Thanks a lot. Appreciate it. Maybe a cheeseburger. If you could find one. That'd be great. How to ruin your life by the time you're 40 because it is possible to do that.

We said yesterday we're just going to work off the age of 20, some of you are 18, 19, some of you 21, 22, 23 anywhere in there. But we'll just use the term twenty four for a round number for everybody in here. And just to reiterate a couple of things from yesterday, if you say you're 20 and up until this point, basically speaking the first 20 years of your life, the major decisions in your life are pretty much made by your parents. And some of those decisions were good decisions. Some of them were poor decisions.

Some of you have had really good situations that you're coming out of. No one in here has had a perfect situation because there are no perfect situations. There are no perfect fathers, there are no perfect mothers. There's one perfect father, but it's not your dad. He might be a good dad. He might be a great dad, but he's not a perfect dad. Every man is flawed. Every woman is flawed. Now, some of you are coming out of very difficult homes in very difficult situations, depending on your parents, the amount of wisdom they had and their love for Christ and their commitment to the scriptures. They made decisions concerning your life. They have pretty much made the key moves in your life for for the first twenty years.

But now you're entering into a new phase between now and forty. You're going to be calling the shots. You're going to be making the major decisions. And as we said a couple of times, there are two major issues in your 20s. The first issue is what am I going to do? The second issue is who am I going to marry? Those are two big deals. Let me say something to the women here. All right? Don't get caught up into this nonsense that you have to have a career to be a significant. OK. You're going to hear that a lot. I want to throw out to you that if you have a desire to be a wife and mother and raise your children, that is a godly thing. It is a wonderful thing. There was no higher calling.

Some of you saw Mary last night, we made the choice when we had kids, we made it before we had kids that that we'd cut back on our lifestyle so that she could stay home and be with our kids. The biggest decision you will ever make when you have kids is who's going to raise your kids? You thought about this, who's going to raise your kids? This big time, it's a huge issue, you need to think about it before you get married and you need to think about it before you have kids.

Every family needs two things. Every family needs provision and every family needs care. That's kind of family 101.

OK, I'm assuming between now and the age of 40, most of you will be married. I think that's a safe bet. When you get married, your family is going to need two things. See, this doesn't make sense. A family needs provision, food, clothing, shelter. Does that make sense? Makes all kinds of sense. Someone's got to pay the rent. Someone's got to bring in the groceries. Somebody's got to do that. OK, good. Got that provision that takes money. It takes bucks. But that's not all that a family need because the family also needs care, C-A-R-E, care.

We're living in an interesting time and we're living in an interesting age since Betty Friedan wrote a book called *The Feminine Mystique* back in the 60s. What did Teresa Heinz not so say the other day about Laura Bush never had a real job. Well, that's great coming from someone who got all her money from her dead husband. You see, I don't like that woman. Do you if you do, if you do, there's something wrong with you because she's out of whack. If she's your model, you better get another model that that's one self-centered woman. What she did by saying that is you never did real work.

Let me tell you, there's no greater work. There's no higher work than raising children. When we got married, we had kids, every once in a while Mary, you know, she'd go to get some stuff and she - Mary's get a masters degree from Dallas Seminary. She's smart as a whip. She's written a best selling book. She knows her stuff. She's a she's got it, but Jesus said it's going to be great in the kingdom of God, you must become the what servant.

Nobody wants to be a servant anymore. Nobody. But you say you're going to be great in the kingdom. You must become a servant. She, you know, go to Wal-Mart or something. She's buying stuff and she gives them the debit card and they say, oh, yeah, just sign it and give us your work phone, which is why I don't work. And they look at you. What do you do all day or when are you gonna go back to work or when are you going to get a real job? Where are you going to do something?

I said, Mary, the next time they ask you, when are you going to get a real job? You tell them, well, what I do is I'm raising leaders for the next generation. What kind of work do you do? Market potato chips? Well, pin a rose in your nose. So you market potato chips and you're helping people die early. Good for you. What's so impressive about that? Now, is there any run with marketing potato chips? No, but if you got three little kids at home, somebody is going to raise those kids. They need provision and they need care. Don't they? Some of you aren't going to like me after the session today, some of you already don't like me, but my guess would be more of you won't like me.

But that's fine, because once again, I'm not running for anything. OK, I'm not here to get your vote. I'm just here to talk with you about life and how to ruin your life by the time you're 40, you get married, you have kids. You're going to have to think. You're going to have to think about how you're going to live your life. You want to live wisely. You want to live well. If you really want to live well, you're going to have to make some tough decisions.

Historically, historically, parents have sacrificed for children. We live in an age where parents now sacrifice their children on the altar of narcissism. I talked last night about the God of this age is self. You see some of you last night when I talked about your some of you your dad's have left your mom's. And that was real hard for you and painful because it's still there in your life. And the reason that happened is that somebody was selfish. They are living for themselves.

When I was a kid in Bakersfield growing up in the 1950s. I remember being in fourth grade. I was shooting baskets with a kid who lived across the street from a kid named Craig, were shooting hoops in his driveway. And I said, hey, Craig, where's your dad? You know, we're just shooting hoops. Where's your dad, Greg? I never saw your dad. He said, Oh, my dad doesn't live with us, so he doesn't. I said, gosh, why doesn't he live with you? My mom and dad are divorced. You know what I said? I said, what's that? Can you even imagine such a thing?

Because you see, what was that, fifty six 1956? So in nineteen fifty six, do you realize when I was in in my elementary school class in 1956, Craig was the only kid in my class who wasn't living with his original parents? Because in the 50s, people didn't get divorced, they didn't do it. Craig was the only kid in my class whose parents were divorced. The only kid - and I went to a public school. There was no one in my family who'd been divorced. I didn't know anybody in my church who had been divorced. You know why? Because people didn't divorce. We had a culture of marriage.

But starting with the 60s when there was a cultural earthquake that happened in this nation and everybody started doing their own thing and everybody started looking out for number one and

and nobody wanted to sacrifice and nobody wanted to be a servant. It was not uncommon in the 50s. Why didn't people divorce where people just nicer did people just have easier lives? Was life not as stressful? Were people just more polite? They don't have as many problems? No. You know, that's not true. Why didn't people divorce in the 50s? You would often hear this. They're having difficulty, but they're going to stay together for the kids. See, what would happen back then is that marriage was hard and marriage was difficult. So what would you do, what you would sacrifice for your kids?

Today, we sacrifice kids because we have to find ourselves. That's selfish. What's your life going to be like? What's your marriage going to be like? Someone's going to have to sacrifice, someone's going to have to be a servant. I had no intention of talking about this when I walked into this room. Is that interesting? I always pray before I come in to speak. Lord, lead me in. Every time he does, it freaks me out. I had no intention of going here today.

But you see, this is where our culture is. What kind of family are you going to have? Let's talk about provision and care for a minute. Every family needs provision. Every family needs care. OK, now I want to throw something out here that. 40 years ago, 30 years ago, no one would have flinched at nobody. Nobody inside of Biola would have flinched at flinched at went outside of Biola with a flinch. Here's what I want to say to you when you go back to creation. Every family's provision, every family needs care. It was God's ideal that the man be responsible for provision. It was God's ideal that the wife. Be primarily responsible for what? Care. For care.

And so you go [gasp] you sexist pig! You know? Yeah, hey, when all else fails. Read the directions. Go back to Genesis, go back to the beginning. He invented life. But see, in the 60s, Betty Friedan wrote this book and said to women, you're not significant if you raise kids. Really? I find that really interesting. Because these women, unless you're out in the workplace, unless you're all stressed out like men are, you're not significant. You see? Our nation screwed up if you picked up on this yet we're in a lot of trouble.

There was this thing called the Industrial Revolution, you guys heard about this. The industrial revolution changed everything you guys do with me, you see, I thought we were talking about how to screw up my life before I'm 40. We are. But Hagel, the philosopher, said history teaches us that men never learn from history. So you've got to study history because history is his story. You know, First Corinthians 10 says these things, what things, these things, you've got a Bible, you take Genesis, you turn all the way to Malikai for. In my Bible, that's about that's this much you see this. These things, what things these things in the Old Testament were written for our instruction as examples to us.

You know what a historian is, a historian is is a prophet in reverse. If you want to know what's going to happen in the future, you go back and read what's in history. Because history repeats itself. That's why we'll talk about the industrial revolution here for a minute. The industrial revolution, prior to the industrial revolution let me tell you how life worked. You get married, you'd have kids. If a guy was a Smith blacksmith, Coppersmith silversmith, he worked at home because his home was attached to a shop, either to the side behind or above it. So when a guy went up and that got up in the morning and went to work, he'd walk from one room into the other

room. Most people were farmers, so when a guy went to work, he, you know, he go out the back door and he walked 60 yards into the field and he'd start working in the fields. That's how life was.

Children were raised by the mother up until the age of six or seven, no later than seven. The boy would then go with his father. This is the way it was for thousands of years. The boy would go with his dad and go into the fields with his dad or go into the shop with his dad, an apprentice under his dad. So the boy would spend 12 to 13 to 14 hours a day with his father. Back then, men weren't trying to figure out what it meant to be a man. They knew because they were with a man all the time, so in our culture, we feminize men because we put them in a system where they're with women all the time.

And one time, John, we got this teacher sent a note home, John won't sit still in class. What's the problem? I mean, I didn't say it was my first response. Now his mouthing off, he's just respectful. We got an issue. But you're telling me he wants it's doing that. You know what? God didn't design a little boy to sit still for eight hours a day when they're eight years old. Did He? No. Little boys and little girls are different. Did you know that? They're very different. Public school systems are set up for girls. Oh, I'm dead serious [audience member cheers]. And you're obviously not a girl.

Because you see how many of you guys how many you guys up until sixth grade had a man teacher, a male teacher. Anybody here? You did. You're in public school. No, you're in Christian school. You were your home school. Oh, you're one of those, huh? Oh, yeah. I've heard about

you guys. Yeah. You did what? You learn how to make explosives with your male teacher.

Yeah, I wouldn't broadcast that if I were you. Yeah. Yeah. Attorney General's back there. He

heard that. Now, you know, you were home schooled. So your dad was involved, wasn't he?

That's the way it's supposed to be. That's a good thing. Hung out with your dad.

Uh, were you raising your hand? [inaudible audience comment]. All right, good. That's but that's

pretty rare, isn't it? It's private school. It's pretty unusual because primarily and listen, we got

these ladies teaching school. That's great. That's wonderful. You know, that's a good, wonderful.

But they tend not to understand little boys. And so what we do now is that we take little boys and

little boys aren't quiet and sit still and act like little girls in public school. We drug them. Don't

we? You say, oh, he's he's got ADD, he's a boy! Every boy's got it. Every boy is screwed up.

[loud audience cheering and clapping] Right? How come I remember how come little boys will

climb up a 40 foot oak tree and jump just to see what will happen? Rachel never did that.

All right, I remember one day we're at home, I don't know, John. I think John Jr., I remember

Mary in our home on Sunday after lunchtime comes walking in. He's got his head all bandaged

up. He's got you know, he's got his arm and it's. How are you doing, though? John is just fine. I

say, hey. He said, well, hey, I fell over. And the joke goes, well, I fell out of the back of the

pickup going, eighty five. I said, how's the pickup? You don't look too good. Not interesting,

Rachel never did that. Boys and girls are different. You say? Now, what we do is we feminize

little boys to make them like girls, that's what we do. God doesn't like that. When you instill

when a little boy is always around women, I have single moms come up to me all the time and I

get this question every once in a while. I've had at least three, maybe four times over the years.

Single mom come up to me and she'll say, Steve, I'm concerned because I've got an issue with my son. So what's the issue is that he wants to play football. They're dead serious. And I said, so tell me your concern. Well, I don't want to play football. Tell me why you want to play football. Because he might get hurt. I know he will get hurt. That is the purpose of football. Guys get crippled, guys get maimed, it's a wonderful sport. She said, well, I don't want him to get hurt. I said, I know you don't want him to get hurt because you're a mom and you love him to death, right? Absolutely. So let me ask you something. You're concerned because your husband is gone and not around. He doesn't have a male influence. Yes. And you're very concerned about him. That's right.

And you want to have masculine role models. That's right. I'd let him play football, but he might get hurt. No, He will get hurt. Do you want him to be a great husband? You want him to be a godly man? Well, of course I do. Let him play football because now follow me here. I'm dead serious because if you instill a fear in your son of getting hurt, he can't be a godly man. Because the scriptures say husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the church. Did you see the passion? Did Jesus get hurt for the church? That Jesus get hurt for you. Did Jesus get hurt for me? You know how much courage that took. If you instill in a little boy a fear of getting hurt, he can't love his wife as Christ loved the church. He's got to take the shots for her. He's got to take the hits for.

That's his job. It's your job when you become a man and you get married to protect your family. Well, that's cultural baloney. You're a man, you're bigger than she is, you treat it with respect,

you never lay a hand on her. You never raise your hand, you guys know this. You never do that. Never. You protect you protect women. I hear a noise at three o'clock in the morning downstairs to go down there and check that out with. That's my job. It's in the Bible, I'm supposed to go check it out, I'm supposed to protect my family.

You see, if you feminize little boys, they're not going to grow up to be men. See, so back in the Industrial Revolution, they were with men, they were with their dads, you see, you had to have provision and care. And what about the girls? Well, the girls worked with their moms because everybody had to work to make it because life was tough. So, you know, they're selling or spinning, you aren't doing anything just to make it, you don't go to Wal-Mart, you got to make everything. Everybody is working. But the sons are with the dads. The moms are with the daughters.

Now, what happened was the industrial revolution came along and they had this thing called factories. And if you read the article in The World Book Encyclopedia, it's a very interesting article because it talks about all the changes that happen in culture and society. And then it says this, the very last sentences and serious social evils developed. Why? Because for the first time in history, men were taken out of the home to make provision for their family and they went around their sons.

I read an interesting I thought there was a thing on National Geographic a while back. The Discovery thing, you know, channel article is interesting stuff there. And this is really happening. I didn't plan on using it, so I don't have the exact facts, but I can give you the gist of the story.

Know, they do this thing in Africa where they're trying to take care of the elephants in all these different herds and spread them out so they don't graze and all that. Well, they took a bunch of young elephants from one particular area and they took these young bull elephants and they moved in about one hundred and fifty miles away. And what happened was as the months went by, they started to have all kinds of problems. These young bull elephants started, started attacking farms. They started knocking down houses and huts. They started going into little villages and wreaking havoc. They were absolutely out of control. They didn't know what to do.

So, you know, someone got a brilliant idea. You know what they did? They went back to the original place. They got two or three older male elephants and they brought them over. And within a week, the carnage stopped. Because they brought some older male elephants to show the young male elephants. Here's how I got older, here's how a male elephant acts and you're not acting that way. Isn't that interesting?

So for the first time in history for provision, men were taken out of the home. Serious social evils developed then in the 1960s, Betty Friedan said, if you're a woman, you're not going to be unless you're out of the home working. OK. So the women started leaving to go be significant. Now, was that from the Bible that you're not significant? Was that from Theresa Heinz Ketchup was out who that was from. That you're not significant unless you're out working?

And once again some of you uncomfortable, you don't have to buy what I'm saying. I'm asking you to think biblically. I'm not telling you what to think. I'm just asking you to think. What I say isn't worth a hill of beans, anybody you hear up here speaking, no matter who they are right now,

kind of big shot they are. You take what they say and you hold it up to the word of God, the word of God's the authority.

So what happened was the men were out of the home for provision, then in the 60s, the women went out of home for provision. So you got the men out of the home, you get the women out of the home for provision. And you know what? That causes me to ask who's caring for the children? I find that really interesting. Well, I put them in daycare. Great, wonderful. You know how desperate day care facilities are to hire people? They'll hire anybody, that'll come in here for minimum wage. Is that who you want caring for your kid? Now, there are some fine people in day care, don't get me wrong, but there are also some people that aren't fine in day care.

Years ago, a couple moved next door to us, they are graduates of a university in Texas, both had master's degrees, they were CPAs. They were going to work in Dallas. They bought you can afford to buy a house in Texas. Houses are a lot less money. They are here. They bought a new house in Texas, brand new house. They probably paid one hundred ten thousand bucks for it. And think, hey, I'll buy for, you know, that's about what they paid, they were living next door to us and they were married and they were Christians, you know, and we're kind of watching them. And they're both making good money. I imagine between the two of them, they were making a hundred thousand a year.

So, you know, all of a sudden they're both driving new cars and their house. You know, they got nice furniture, furniture, dining room, said all that mean they're doing it in Architectural Digest. They're into it. We're just watching them, you know. How are you doing? Good to see you.

About two years later, she gets pregnant. I think this is going to get real interesting. And she gets pregnant, you know, baby comes, remember? She invited Mary over to see the baby, Mary came back and we were talking. She said, Steve, you can't believe that house is just everything is perfect. And the baby room, she's put so much thought on that baby room.

You know, you guys you have you know, that women stuff, you know, I'm talking to I mean, like the curtains match the toilet paper. Yeah, yeah, yeah. It was just perfect. And, you know, the pillows and the you know, everything's just thought through so carefully. Yeah. Everything matches and it's all just and, you know, very small, cute little baby. And as Mary Mary's getting ready, this Christian young woman says to me, oh, by the way, Mary, I was wondering if you could help me. I'm going back to work full time in three weeks, you know, with anybody who can care for my child? She thought of everything. Except the most important thing. Didn't she? That's foolish.

And see what happens in our culture, got to be careful in our culture, 1918. There was an epidemic of influenza in America. Did you know that. You guys heard about Vietnam? John Carrie was in Vietnam. He got attacked by a can opener. Well, I don't like Carrie. I just thought I'd mention that you picked that up, huh? Just a little I don't like the guy anyway. You got to talk about a can opener. And he was in Vietnam, but fifty thousand guys died in Vietnam. Guys that I went to high school with dad, Vietnam, 50 000. That's a lot of guys. In 1918, five hundred thousand people in one year died in America. That's a lot of people, you know what, they died from influenza, there was a flu epidemic in 1918. I had two great uncles that died in 1918. In

Colorado. It swept the world, several million people died of the flu. That wasn't the greatest epidemic in history.

The greatest epidemic in history was the black plague that hit Europe several hundred years before, somewhere between a half. They don't have exact numbers, obviously, but somewhere between a third to a half of the population of Europe died from the black plague, black plague, the bubonic plague. And back then, they didn't know what caused it. They had no idea. But entire villages would be wiped out in a matter of weeks because it was horrific. They later realized that the source of the of the plague where rats actually rat fleas and in the crowded infested conditions that people lived in. The rats were the carriers. Now, you're not sitting here today worried about dying from influenza, are you? And you're not sitting here worried about dying from bubonic plague.

But let me tell you what we got to be aware of in this culture, and as you walk out of here and you get married and you start a family and you decide how you're going to live your life so your dad can't live your life for you when you're 21, you you've got to be a man. You got to be a woman. It's going to be your call from here on out. They loved you and did for you what they could, but now you've got to start making choices. So the question is, how are you going to live? What kind of family are you going to have? You don't have to be afraid of influenza, but in this culture, you better be scared to death of affluenza.

You know what affluenza is? Affluenza is a very slow moving virus, it's a spiritual virus that infects Christian people and distorts their thinking and causes them to sacrifice their children on

the altar of success and materialism. That's affluenza. You say I'll never be wealthy. You don't have to be wealthy to have affluenza, you just have to want more. And oh, by the way, you don't get affluenza from rats, you get it from the rat-race. And that's what we're in.

Have you thought about what you remember yesterday or what your life can look like at 40? Let's think about that for a minute. What is your life going to look like for you? Are you going to be married or are you going to have kids? Would you like to be married? Would you like to have kids? I'd go for it. It's really good. Get a good wife, guys. And you gals, you get a good guy that loves Christ. We talked about that yesterday. All right. And don't worry about don't lower your standards because you're afraid you'll never get married. Hold out.

You work on your character and you pray for someone and you pray for them before they come along. You know, and you say, well, I don't think there are many out there, you only need one! If you need a 15, you'd be in trouble, you just need one. You say. So you work on your character and you pray for them on their own, the right time, God, to bring you together, you see. Then you get married, then you have kids. What's your life like at 40? How many kids you could have? Well, you don't know. But you know, gosh, let's say you got three kids. All right. What's your life going to look like?

Who's going to raise your kids? Who's going to instill values into your kids, who's going to teach your kids? Have you thought about this, the world will tell you what the world will tell you how to do it. You know what? The world is screwed up. The world will ruin your life. I'm telling you guys. I'm the most blessed man on this planet. I'm not saying I'm just I feel that way. That's been

so good to me. I got a great wife. I really do. Now do we always get along? No. She's wrong often. Yeah, I'm just telling you the truth, but she thinks I'm wrong. And sometimes we don't get along, we get upset with each other and sometimes there's lava in our kitchen flowing out of the two volcanoes who live together like Mount St. Helens. That's pretty wild stuff.

I remember our kids were small sometimes because Mary's little. But she's tough. She's a tough little nut. She is. I mean, you don't mess with her. She'll have you on the floor in a headlock before, you know, she's I mean, she's tough little nut. She doesn't take anything off me. And sometimes, you know, I get upset. I mean, I can let it fly. And sometimes, you know, we start raising our voice. And I remember our kids. I remember Joshua come in and he come in and, you know, and he's looking around because, you know, because we're upset with each other. And looking all of sudden, I see three sets of eyes looking at us because we're all looking what's what's going on here, what's going on? And I'm going to look at Mary and I see these little kids looking at me.

And I'm working on this book. The reason I'm upset. Because because I'm going to be in there writing a book and how to be a good father and how I am upset with my wife and I got three kids concerned and and I remember they're looking at me a little. Josh says dad, is everything OK? Are you a. And I said, yeah. You sure you OK, Dad? I said, yeah, you're going to work it out that. Yeah, we'll work it out. I remember one time he said, Dad, you and mom are going to divorce, are you? [long pause] You got to give me a minute. That still gets me. I didn't mean for that to happen [sniffing]. But see, that goes real deep.

And I and I got down on the knee, I think Josh is maybe five or six and I said, hey, let me tell you something. Mommy and I love each other. Now, you know what, when you get married, you won't always agree with your wife, your wife will be wrong to just like mom is wrong. No, I didn't. I didn't say that. And don't you say it. I said, you know what, Josh? Mommy and Daddy love each other to death. You know what? Sometimes when you get upset, don't you and Jon get upset, sometimes you get. Yeah, but you know what?

Now, what we got to do, though, sometimes we get upset and we forget. We got to fight fair because we were both upset. And here's what I want you to know, Mommy and I will never leave each other. Ever. I promise you that. We might get mad at each other, but we're never we're never going. You see the little tears in his eyes. I had tears in my eyes, Mary had tears in her eyes, you see.

Now. One day you're going to have kids, one day you're going to be upset with your wife. What are you guys going to do? I'm asking what your parents have done. Some of your folks have divorced, that's broken your heart. You see, and they won't talk to you about it. It's too painful. Some of your folks stay together, you see every parent's flood, but once again, let's put it on you. How are you going to live your life? What kind of - I run into kids all the time whose parents are divorced and they're afraid they're going to get divorced. All the time I run into this. And I run into kids who have been hurt so deeply by divorce, they're afraid, you know what they're afraid of. They're afraid of making a commitment of getting married. Don't be afraid of that.

If you've been deeply wounded by divorce, I'm going to talk about this tonight. Here's what I think. I'm just going to be real, I'm just, you know what? If you've got a passion to have a great marriage, you'll have a great marriage. Because you'll do anything to make it work.

When Hernando Cortez landed. And he took his men into Mexico and they climb those cliffs outside of Veracruz. They're going they didn't know what they were doing, they were just going in there going and they don't know what's waiting for them and it was climbing those cliffs and they're making their way up and they're going into uncharted territory. They don't know if they're going to live or die as they're going up high over that bay. It's one of the guys yelled and said, hey, look, look. And they look down on the bay and the ships that brought them to Mexico, we're all in flames. They were all in flames, they were burning before their eyes, they couldn't believe that was their way of escape. You know who burned the ships? Hernando Cortez. He burned the ships. Because now there was no turning back. They had to be successful.

When you get married, you know what you do, you burn your ships. That's how you have a great marriage. I say this about divorce, you remove divorce as an option. You know, I told you this, if you if your visa bills run short three hundred dollars, you go down to 7-Eleven and hold them up. So I'm sure don't give me everything. Just give me 300 bucks to pay my visa bill. You don't say that. Why you have removed armed robbery is an option in your life, haven't you? I don't know about you. You look suspicious to me. But most of us who removed armed robbery, you wouldn't do armed robbery, would you? Well, then don't do divorce. You got that remove. It isn't it's not there. Burn your choppin' ships. Choppin' is from the Greek choppinzo I believe it is.

Is this making any sense at all, making any sense at all? Can I tell you, you guys know a Christian school, big choppin' deal! I went to Biola, I went to Westmont, you know. So. So what? How are you going to live your life, what your life going to look like in 40? It's up to you guys. So you walk in wisdom, you walk in the scriptures, you love Christ, it's better or worse, richer or poorer, sickness and in health. That's what some of you guys are saying. This sounds like what you said yesterday. Ah, You're very astute because because I want you to get this now.

From what I'm told, the saying goes till three. Anybody warm in here. I'm getting the tan in here. Choppin' hot in here. Hey, I'm gonna take questions about 15 minutes, OK? And as I said yesterday, this question answer thing usually goes really it goes really well when someone ask a question and when they don't, it's kind of dull. So you had a question. Hey, let's go for it. We'll go for about 15 minutes. You guys OK? Are you OK? Good, so, hey, let's just open up and see what we get, who wants to shoot first? I had some water. Where is it? Somebody? Yeah, right there. A white shirt.

[inaudible audience comment] How I met my wife? I met her in a marriage and family class at Western Seminary. Yeah, I told her that gesture. I was I was engaged to another girl. Yeah. I was planning on having three wives. I was at a Mormon seminary [audience laughter]. I wanted to marry a girl named Jerusha from Moab. No, I'm just kidding. No, I was at Western seminary and I was in a marriage and family class and I was engaged to another girl who was great girl, wonderful girl. And we were on and off for like two and a half years. But we were seeking we can never quite get off the dime. And for two and a half years, God had us been a relationship and some of you heard this yesterday.

And when I was in this marriage and family class, Dr. Grant Howard, first week I was in the class. He talked about issues leading up to marriage and he talked about issues leading up to engagement. And he talked about the things that you look for in a mate that you need to be compatible in six areas. Some of you were there yesterday, you can help me, there's intellectual you got to think things through together; social, you've got - are you comfortable with that person in social situations? Do they make you uncomfortable? Volitional, you learn how to make decisions together because that's what you do in life. Are we going to use credit cards? We don't use credit cards. You know, we buy new cars. We buy a used cars. That's life. All right.

What else we got? Emotional. Emotional. You feel understood by this guy. You feel understood by her? So when you got people out in the world going to understand you when you come home, you don't need that stuff. You someone's going to love you. Husbands love your wives in an understanding way, the bible says, you see, so there's volitional, there's emotional, spiritual, spiritual. There you go. Does she love Christ? She's going to raise, you know what, you want someone who loves Christ as much as you do, it's committed to Jesus as much as you are. So you got to find out before you're married if you're compatible. And then there's a physical, did we cover five areas, OK, then the sixth area is the physical now out of those six areas, how many of those five areas are developed by talking? Five, how many are developed by touching one, so therefore I would deduce that before you're married, your relationship ought to be characterized by a maximum of talking and a minimum of touching, because when you touch, you think you're close, but you're not close at all because you don't know that person emotionally, volitionally or spiritually, and you get conned. Isn't that interesting.

So I'm in this class engaged this other girl, great girl back, passes the stuff out, I'm looking at this and he had some other things I looked at and said, you know what? That's why this hasn't been working out. It was crystal clear to me. I went to talk with her that night. I'm sure I said, you know, this makes total sense. And she said, I wish I could talk to our pastor to this big church, and you couldn't get to a point with this guy for four months, but four months before I made an appointment with him about another issue in the college ministry. And that issue had dissipated. But I never cancel the appointment. I said, how's 2:30 tomorrow? And we went and talked to him and we talked to him for about ten minutes.

I'll never forget Pastor looking at us and he's talking to. He knew us and he said he just looked at us. He said , when are you guys going to figure out what God's saying to you? You're not for each other. And in my heart, he was a good pastor, and in my heart, I mean, I knew it. I knew before I walked in there, God made it. I've been praying for two and a half years for God to make it clear. I walked back into that class and three weeks later I met Mary in the same class [audience laughter]. He said "What the chump?" That's where I met. That's how I met Mary. Yeah. And it was and I'm gonna tell you something. And nine months later, I was married to Mary and the girl I was engaged to, she was engaged to a friend of mine I used to play basketball with.

I must say, we both married and we both couples have been married twenty eight years. That's the goodness of God. Everybody won because we were walking with wisdom. Obviously, we weren't physically involved because that would allow the issue. That's why I said, keep your

cotton picking hands off these girls in case you missed that, I wanted to emphasize that.

Remember that no breast thing. You guys remember that, huh? Yeah. Yeah. Don't even order a fried chicken breast.

All right. That's how I met Mary. Anybody else got a question? Yeah. Back there. Yes, ma'am. Ma'am, it's Texas. I'm sorry. Go ahead [inaudible audience question]. Jesus said there's to be no divorce among you. Isn't that Matthew 19? There was to be no divorce among you except for the cause of Pornea, immorality. Pornea is a broad word which pertains to any kind of illicit sexual activity outside the marriage. If he had to use the word Moyock, he just would have been adultery. But but, Poornima, where we get our word, pornography has to do with any kind of wrong sexual relationship outside the marriage, homosexuality, incest, bestiality and any perversion is grounds, Jesus said he gave an exception clause.

I emailed a guy this morning about this issue because his wife was a compulsive adulterer and he wanted to know if he had biblical grounds. And I said, yes, that's not what I think it's what Jesus said. I think that's very, very clear, no divorce among you except for Pornea. That doesn't mean you have to take the option. It means the option is given. Want to read a great book on that. You can read Divorce and Remarriage in the Church by Stanley Ellison. I think the best thing ever written, the exegetical. Explain that from the New Testament. Great question. Thank you.

Somebody else, by the way, here. We'll go here and then over here. Yeah.

[inaudible audience question] What about the case of abuse? Well, there's physical abuse. You know, when I was a pastor, the physical abuse we'd remove, you got to get them out of the

situation. That's what you got to do and you don't teach you they don't teach you what to do when you're in seminary. First time I had a girl I was a rookie pastor of in Foster City, California, had a girl I knew. This girl is twenty four years old. She walks, I walk into my office and she's waiting for me. She's got a bloody nose and a swollen lip. And her husband of six months, beat the crap out of her. I couldn't believe it. And, you know, I'm talking to her and finding out what's happening and, you know, he's got a temper and, you know, so we got her some help and they never told me in seminary what to do. I didn't know what to do.

So I decided to go talk to him at work. He sold New Ford, so I went down to the dealership and he was on the floor. He was kind of surprised to see me, you know, they had those little rooms there where they want to sell you cars and you make deals. You guys done it yet? I don't care if you think you got a good deal, they took you. Anyway. I walk in there and you guys can I said, Hey, I just saw your wife. I said, you know what? Can we talk somewhere? So I want to make a deal with you when we go in there, make a deal. That's what I said to him. He was yeah, so we went in, we shut the door.

I said, hey, I just saw her, she told me what happened. And here's the deal, was I want you to know. The next time you lose your temper and you get mad and I wrote out my phone, here's my phone number, what I want you to do. I want you to call me. And I'll come over and you can I'll let you hit me. And I'll tell you what, I won't even hit you back. I'll you take some I'll let you take some straight shots at me, OK? But here's the other deal, the next time you touch her like that, our elder board is going to throw your butt in jail so fast you won't know what hit you, pal. You got that straight. So that's what I did.

Can I be honest with you, feminized men won't do that. Feminized men don't protect women, feminine, feminized men don't want confrontation. But sometimes you got to be a man of God and you got to stand up. You see all these pictures of Jesus. That have been painted by feminised men. Jesus his nails are perfect, his hands are flawless, his hair, he looks like a. Those pictures of Jesus, look, these didn't look like that Jesus was a carpenter. Jesus worked with Joseph. Jesus cut his own temper, Jesus planed his own nose, Jesus had forearms on him, get calluses on his hands. Two occasions he went to the temple to clear it out. Because they were abusing his father's house and little sucker started looking for the exits. Nobody said look at his hair. See, sometimes a man has to stand. Now you don't go around looking for a fight, you don't go along with the sometimes a man has to stand and I'll tell you some what's coming in this nation.

A lot of you guys, some guys in here and some women are going to have to stand. Because there's there's room for every view in this nation except Christianity, if you're a Muslim, you've got all kinds of freedom. If you if you're a Christian, they're against you. And Jesus said the world would hate us. We're losing liberty so quickly in this country. You have to learn to stand alone and stand for the truth. And take some shots.

OK, I said I was coming here, but she's prettier than you are, so you're next. Go ahead. Are you saying that, you know, I'm not saying that I understand. Yeah, yeah. Now, I'm not saying all painters are Feministe. I'm not saying that. I think most of them are. You don't have to agree with me. I'm just giving you my opinion was worth about two cents. But not all painters are feminised, but a lot of them are a lot of guys in the arts or feminised. Not all of them are. But I

see a lot of guys that are soft in the arts now. You know, you've got a gift from God. There's nothing wrong with that. God bless you. He gave you the gift. Use the gift. But be a man. Be a man to glory - I'm not saying you got to be a, you know, a fighter in a bar. I'm not saying that. You know, I'm not saying that. But I'm saying you're a man. You take initiative, you take responsibility. If you're married, you provide for your kids, you take care of your wife, you know, I'm saying. I am saying godly men play football. No, I'm not saying that, but I'm saying you don't put I'm not saying that, but I'm saying is you don't instill a fear in a little boy of getting hurt because he can't be a man.

He's going to have. Now, if that's happened to you, you can overcome it just like that. Next time you're afraid of something, you just go ahead and do it. Don't be don't be an idiot, you know what I'm saying? I mean, you got to use your head, but you've got to be courageous and you've got to be brave. That is mean you don't have you know, there's no fear you're an idiot if you have no fear, bravery is moving ahead when there is fear. But you don't let fear control you, it's the right thing, someone over here. Oh, I forgot about you. I was going to say, but you're easy to forget. Oh, come on.

Those are all the girls. Oh, that was so mean. That's how I feel right now. Yeah, that's how you feel. We don't give a rip how you feel. No, I'm an. I'm kidding around. Don't don't get weird on me. OK, go ahead. I like to dress your way. And by the way, that's really nice. It's going downhill, isn't it? Go ahead, go ahead.

You know, I ask you this because isn't you good at, like, telling people they're stupid, but despite that, they still love him? So I asked you

You didn't get much of a response on that, did you? You got a question? Seriously?

Yeah, I was. Wonder if you can bring out the kind of the foolishness of thinking the foolishness in thinking this thought I'm about to tell you without making fun of me too much.

All right. Sorry.

No, no. I was just wondering if being one of the older undergrads at this institution, I tend to struggle with this a little bit, but I think other people do, too. Just kind of thinking. You touched on it earlier. You said that some people tend to give up on working on their character. Yeah. Because they think they're going to die alone or something. I struggle with that sometimes.

Did you guys hear what he's saying? I said the other day some people quit working on their character because they think they're going to die alone or not be significant. Yeah.

Or, you know, you just kind of go through those times. Well, maybe it's just me or you just kind of think, gosh, am I going to find someone or

Are you going to find somebody, sure, hey, listen, that that's the most normal thing in the world. I didn't get married till I was twenty seven. And I think I think when you have a desire to be married, I think that's a godly desire.

I got to hurry up. That's next month for me.

Well, that's all right, because you know what she's worth waiting for. Hey, there's a great verse. Isaiah 64:4. No eye has seen a God like - by the by the way, it's three o'clock. You need to go. You can go. They'll scan you on the way out. You want stick around for a few minutes. That's fine, too. No eye hath seen a God like thee who works for those who wait for Him.

See what happens when we're waiting and we don't see anything happening. We get anxious because we think nothing's happening. But what's happening is God is working. God's working for us. Yeah, do not lose heart. And it's the most normal thing in the world because nobody likes to wait. Yeah. So stay with it, man. Yeah. Yeah. Thanks for letting me horse around with you, you know. Yeah.

All the people that are offended are leaving now. Right there [inaudible audience comment]. Yeah. But I can't hear you, I'm sorry, [inaudible audience comment] you're saying. What about couples who meet and get married very quickly, their college age? Is that what you're saying right now? What is the greatest fear for my that I have for your generation concerning marriage? That that's what you're asking me.

I'll give you a couple of fears number one, I, I, I, I fear that a lot of you that have been hurt by divorce, you're afraid to make a commitment. And that's understandable, but then I see guys that come from Christian homes that hasn't had a divorce, but they're afraid to make a commitment because they're perpetual adolescence. I talked about the Kramer the Old Testament yesterday. Rehoboam, you see. And because you're not sure what's going to look, you want to make a good decision, but there's a point where you got to step out. So, guys, when I see people who are afraid, they're afraid to risk they're afraid to take - you want to make the best decision you can, you get counsel of of those around you that you respect. I'm concerned about that. A fear of commitment.

Here's the other thing I'm concerned about is a lack of truth. And when there's a lack of truth in a person's life, then that's going to spill over into their behavior, into their sexual relationships. Truth has to be central. We're losing truth in Christianity. We're losing truth in evangelical churches. Nobody wants to speak truth. Everybody's afraid of speaking truth. Everybody's afraid of offending somebody. The Old Testament prophets would not be welcomed in most evangelical churches, they would not invite them to preach because they were not seeker sensitive. They declared the word of God and they didn't give a rip. And that isn't flying evangelicalism today, we want to accommodate everybody, we want to appease everybody, we don't want to hurt anybody. I've hurt people's feelings here today.

I understand that if I hurt you because I was rude, then that's my problem. If you're hurt because of the truth. That's your problem. But we can't walk around if we're going to hurt somebody, you see him saying, we want to speak the truth, we want to speak in a love, but sometimes love hurts.

My dad loved me to death. He loved me beyond belief, but every once in a while, you know, my dad say my dad, Steve came here, I said, Dad, I'm really sorry. I'm really sorry, Dad. He said, Did we not talk about this? This is embarrassing because I'm 23 years old.

My dad wouldn't hit me with a belt like this, by the way, but he used to strap it, give me a couple shots in the rear end. Why? Was he abusive? No, he loved me. He wanted to turn me into a man. He wanted for me to learn how to submit to authority. He loved me. He told me the truth and he loved me. And it hurt. Right. That's that's my fear for couples getting married. And see, when you're not truthful, you can't have a good marriage. You have all that in your heart. You never talk about it and you hide it. And then, you know, you keep stuffing and stuff. And finally you blow and you guys can never work things through because there's just all this stuff. You speak the truth and love.

You guys still hanging around? Good. Yeah. OK, I'm going to go there just because you got my attention, then we'll go back here, OK? Yeah. Go ahead please [inaudible audience question].

What happens when in a Christian relationship, the man doesn't want to be in the want with woman? You mean when they divorce? Is that what you're saying? Or where does that leave her if he leaves her? Is that what you're asking me? Well, yeah, I think she can marry again if he leaves her. Now, if yeah, now you're asking some great questions here. If there's immorality, I think I don't have time to get in all this. But again, I'd get the book by Ellyson: Marriage and Remarriage in the Church, Divorce and remarriage in the church. With the exception clause came the right to marry. And I'm not going to go in all the exegetical reasons for that. But yes, she could.

OK, somebody else answered, what is a really good OK [inaudible audience question] Yeah, lack of male leaders, what happens to what happens to the individual when the mother leaves? Yeah, well, there are all kinds of difficulties when a mother leaves Winston Churchill, his mother left him. He had all kinds of issues. But the father is the more central figure, the father, the idea that the father is the source of the sexual identity in the child. Did you know that because the father is the father is the North Star, and what happens is even the development sexually of a child, the father is central, even more important than the mother, because what happens to the sons emulate the father and the daughters play off his masculinity. They don't even realize they're doing it.

You see, so the father is the fixed reference point. The mother is critical because the mother is the nurturer. Should be. And that's why you have men and women, that's why men and women's breasts are different. Did you know that? Did you know men can get breast cancer? They can. But see, men's breasts are different than women's breast. Remember I said and this is a good place to kind of pull it together because it's where I started. We talked about where are the two things every family needs? Provision and care.

About 15 years ago in northern California, there's a blizzard up by Lake Tahoe. There was a couple with a young child, they found themselves in trouble, they got off the road, they got lost, they were snowed in for a week. They had some graham crackers and stuff finally, I mean, they were in a horrendous situation, finally in order to survive, she got up, gave the infant to the man. Made sure they were as comfortable as possible, and then she hiked 14 miles to civilization to

get help. That's not what happened. He made sure she was as secure as possible with the child. Because she could nurture the child because her breasts are different than his. And he hiked 14 miles, see, in crisis, we revert back to our God given roles.

So in our culture, we think breasts are just for sex. And we put so much pressure on women that if their breasts aren't exactly right, they've got to go get surgery to make them just right so they can be loved. If some guy wants you to do that, that's not your guy. So we're just fixated with breasts for sex. Let me tell you something, God also gave breasts to nurture children. Some other important absolutely and other implications, yes, yeah, because that that goes deep. But I think the father role is huge.

You guys are still sticking around, aren't you? Great. Let's do this on eBay, you keep what's this guy must have a good one. Yeah. What do you got there? They were pointing at you. What you got? All right. Yeah, let's do it. Don't you stand up and project so I can hear you [inaudible audience question].

OK, I'm picking up on something, are you telling me there's an issue here where guys are aggressive? Is that what you're telling me, because I've never heard that about this school? No, I'm being flat out honest with you. You know what my daughter told me when she was here, she's the most the guys are passive in the school. Now I'm just being honest with you now. I'm kind of glad to hear this. If you're saying guys and is this is this what you're saying, that there is a willingness to charge ahead and and to go ahead and get married young? Is that what you guys are saying [audience laughter]?

[inaudible audience question] oK, all right, if you're irresponsible sexually before you get married, that's a bad time. That's a real bad sign. If I'm sorry, yeah, and cloud nine, you see, here's the thing, you marry what you think she is and you don't deal with and not the reality. That's I see what you're saying now, that many who marry while they're here have that kind of struggle. I want to ask some questions. I want to know if they're sexually involved before they get married. That'd be the first thing I'd ask because of their sexual involvement before you're married, you're already in trouble because there's no trust in the relationship.

Because when you're sexually involved, when she sexually involved with the guy that she just married, see in her mind from here on out, she can never trust that guy because he would violate the word of God with her before they got married. Why would he not violate the word of God now that they are married? Why would he not go have sex with some other girl? So you got huge trust issues. They got a flawed foundation right out of the blocks. You know, they built their house on the sand, if that's what's going on now, that's not what's going on and they're divorced, there would be some other issues. But my suspicion would be, tell me your name. Right. You're asking great questions here, Ryan. My suspicion would be they got a faulty foundation. And and I tell you it, my instincts tell me their sexual involvement. I'd want to know those couples that divorced. I'd like to do a study on how many of you were sexually involved. I would say my guess is a high degree of. Because marriage is based on two foundations, it based on trust. So she needs to know she can trust this guy.

Mary needs to know, hey, I'm out the home 30 weekends a year. She needs to know that I'm as committed to her when I'm at home as where I'm in Seattle at the Hilton Hotel all by myself. She needs to know that in her heart. You see? Now, when trust is violated, what have you guys do with me? I'm thinking years ago, 20 years ago in Kansas City, I do a conference. This couple comes up to me. She's in tears so we can talk to you. I said, I got two hours before I get on the plane. I got about an hour. We sit down. The guy said, let me cut to the chase. I had an affair with my secretary six months ago. It's over. It's done with. I have got another job. I don't see her. I don't contact her. I'm clean as a whistle. But my problem is my wife won't forgive me. I go with the wife. I said, is that true? She said, that's true. Because you see, this is we've been married 10 years, this is the third time this has happened. OK, so now you're upset that she won't trust you? Yeah, I said I don't even know you and I don't trust you. She'd be a fool to trust you. You know why? Because you're not trustworthy. You're in trust deficit.

I commend you. You've been clean for six months. You know what you need to do? You need to be clean for seven more years and then you will get back to zero and then she can begin to trust you. If she trust you prior to that, she'd be crazy. By your own life, you've chosen to live in trust deficit, so you want to be trustworthy and live it out now. You're so far behind the game and you've done this three times, don't you talk to me about her not trusting you. You wouldn't trust her if it was reverse.

So once again, Ryan, I'm going back to the foundation that this couple had [inaudible audience comment]. Sure, you can, absolutely. Hey, you know what, for hundreds of years, guys, guys had families when they were 20. Guys ran, guys ran cattle drives with five hundred chumping cattle

from Texas to Kansas, and they were 20 years old, you know, I'm talking about guys going to battle that are 20 years old and are trustworthy and win medals. You know what we do? This is the perpetual adolescence. At 20, you ought to be biting off responsibility and eating it for lunch. I'm telling you, this perpetual, you know, go to school and hang out. And just with my is Kramer the Steinfeld coffee shop crap. You know what? It's time to grow up and be a man.

You go after responsibility, you embrace it. You initiate, you're walking across. You know, here's I told you guys it is my dad was passive, right. I don't want to be passive. Great. Whenever you see something needs to be done, you do it. You're walking across campus. There's a there's there's there's trash there. Pick up the trash and put it in the kitchen. Don't wait for some other guy. You do it. That's a leader. Leaders lead, they embrace. They don't have to be told. They do it. They initiate. They step out. You see? That's good stuff. That's how you get trustworthy, greatest thing in the world.

Yeah, these guys back here are going nuts. Who's got the question? OK. Oh, OK. I know it's got you. They're pointing towards you [inaudible audience question]. Yeah. Yeah. Dad's role with the daughter. OK, let me talk about Dad's role for the daughter real quick, because, first of all, let me say this as a dad, I used to say to Rachel. I used to say I get concerned for Rachel because I'd say to Rachel, every once in a while I'd say to Rachel. Let me tell you something, sweetheart. I worry about you and me. Because I don't worry about the boys, because I was a boy, I know about boys, I know what boys think, I know how boys are and all that boy stuff. But I was I don't know about girls, I wasn't a girl. I don't have any sisters, so I worry that I'm not connecting with you. What could I do? You got to tell me what I could do to be a better dad. And she said, oh,

dad, you're doing great. I say, OK, OK, but what can I do? Give me something I could do to be a better dad. She said dad I don't like it when you yell. I said, what are you talking about!?

She hates it when I get upset. Yeah. But see, I needed to hear that from her. I had to, she had to tell me, now you know what? I have to be teachable. She has the sense that I'll listen to her and that I value her. You see, I think I really think for a lot of guys out there, there are little girls or mystery and these little girls change. There are these little girls and all of a sudden they start changing on you. I mean that's how dads feel. What the heck is going on here? I mean, it really kind of freaks a dad out. Gosh, I mean, she's going for a little girl. She's becoming a young woman, you see. And and you love them to death and you're and and as a dad and see, so that's where you rely, a dad will ask that. That's OK.

You got to help me here, you know, so because it's uncharted territory for a dad. When I talk to dads about their daughter and see, I think I was a better I wish Rachel was here and you could talk to Rachel. Because. I think, see, I think I was better with the boys than I was with Rachel. I really do. I don't think we have any real bad issues or anything. But I just think. I didn't know her as well because she's a woman. I think it was what I think I don't see any passage in Scripture that tells fathers how to relate to their daughters. I think that's really interesting. I can't think of one, but you know what I see? I see verses that tell husbands how to relate to their wives.

I think here's what I think. I think your little girl talking to guys, your daughter, in most cases, she's going to be a wife one day. I think the principles that God gives the husband on how to treat their wives are the same principles you use in treating your daughters. First Peter three. That's

Ephesians five, but. First peter three:seven, you husbands likewise live with your wives in an understanding way. My little girl is going to be a wife. So I think I should say fathers with your daughters in an understanding way. As with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman, that's not a put down a women. It's a physiological fact, men are stronger than women, men have 40 percent more muscle mass than women unless you're married to a Russian woman shot putter.

Right, a whole lot so so I need so what is it that I need to do? He needs to live with his - let me tell you, women are a mystery to men because we're not like women. And so when in marriage you're figuring out who this, you're figuring this stuff out. Where am I? Is this any of this making sense? I'm just I'm trying to give it to you from a man's perspective. When I got married, one of the things that amazed me is that Mary would say to me all she said, Steve, would you just hold me? I thought, What is this? I mean, honestly, Steve, I just I just need you to hold me. Would you hold me? Yeah, I'll hold you. No, I didn't do that, I didn't understand what that was all about. She always what she wanted me to hold her.

When I'm stressed out and had a bad week. I'm not thinking I want to get home so Mary can hold me because you guys don't think that way. The girls think that way. That's legitimate is how God made you. So as a man, I've got to learn I've got to learn about my wife and I've got to learn about my little girl so I can connect see holding is on a big deal to me. I used to get penalized for holding. I did, and now I'm supposed to hold. I'm trying to give it to you from a man's perspective, so you got to become a student of your wife and you've got to become a student of your little girl because you don't want to hurt them. Is that making any sense at all? Can I give you one other thing?

Here's the other thing. What a girl does. The reason dads have got to treat their daughters, as the scripture says, to treat your wife is that one day your daughter is going to become a wife and these young men are going to come into her life. And what happens is a daughter takes the template of her father's life and unconsciously runs every young man through the template of her father's example. If he was a godly man and some young man comes into her life and is harsh with her and abusive to her, he should bounce off of the example of her father. He does not fit because she's seen a godly man. If he comes in and tries to make moves on her physically and sexually, she rejects him and she tells her dad and he puts out a contract on the sucker.

I don't know if I'm answering. I'm doing the best I can do. It's very critical. Thanks for asking. I'm running out of gas here, you guys. All right. I'm going to one more I need one great question right there. We'll do here later [inaudible audience question]. Yeah, yeah, yeah, guys who don't have dads puberty, they don't know how to handle women around them. Yeah, and they know. Growing up, how to be a man. Yeah, what did you tell them? What what advice do they get that would help them, benefit them. Yeah, guys who don't have guys who don't have that right, I'm not trying to push my stuff.

I wrote a book called Point Man. It's for men on how to be a spiritual leader, your family and what it means to be a male leader. I wrote it for guys whose fathers didn't show them what to do because their dads didn't show them what to do, because their dads didn't show them. I mean, I can't tell you in five minutes I read a whole book on it. All right. And here are the steps. Here's what it means to be a godly man. OK, here's what it looks like when you find a godly man. You

can be mentored by a godly man. When you see a guy who's doing the right hang around him, especially, you can't spend your whole life with him. But but watch him. Watch what the guy does, even if you're watching from a distance. You see? You watch that guy and see.

There used to be a company called Cyber Vision, the guy who started Cyber Vision, they did all these tapes on how to be a better athlete. The guy who started Cyber Vision was in college. He was hanging around the dorm on days watching a bowling tournament. He had nothing else to do. He starts watching this professional bowler. And started watching the guy's movements, he starts watching his what's his footwork, he watches the release of the ball, he starts watching this guy watching for about an hour, goes down to the bowling alley. This guy never bowled over 160 in his life, went to the bowling alley. He rolled to 65. That's a true story because he went to the bowling alley and he did it just as the guy who was the expert. So the men here didn't your dad didn't show you how to do it. Husbands love your wives just as Christ, you get as close to Jesus Christ as you can. And you get as close to men who love Jesus Christ and who aren't feminised as you can.

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