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00:00:00,310 --> 00:00:03,214

Hey, everybody, this is Willow of Cornerstone Bible

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00:00:03,262 --> 00:00:05,898

Church, and I have Pastor Josh Mack and

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Pastor Isaiah Mackler here with me.

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00:00:08,372 --> 00:00:10,170

Thank you guys for joining me again.

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00:00:10,340 --> 00:00:11,994

Yeah, it's good to be with you. Will.

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00:00:12,152 --> 00:00:13,482

Hope you guys are having a good week.

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00:00:13,556 --> 00:00:15,198

Want to address some of the questions have

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00:00:15,224 --> 00:00:17,586

come through from the passage or just even

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00:00:17,648 --> 00:00:19,614

things that people have questions about.

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00:00:19,652 --> 00:00:21,018

And one of the questions that did come

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00:00:21,044 --> 00:00:23,358

through that we're going to address is how

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do I Shepherd my child through a loss?

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Like, for example, they didn't win a soccer game

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00:00:29,216 --> 00:00:31,818

or they lost at a piano recital or something

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00:00:31,844 --> 00:00:36,874

along those lines and my child's crying uncontrollably?

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How do I Shepherd my son

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00:00:39,332 --> 00:00:42,666

or daughter through things like that? Yeah.

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00:00:42,728 --> 00:00:46,638

Well, first of all, I would say that it

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00:00:46,664 --> 00:00:50,300

is fantastic to hear a parent asking that question,

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00:00:50,810 --> 00:00:53,958

because that means they are recognizing that part of

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00:00:53,984 --> 00:00:58,434

their role is to help their children learn how

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00:00:58,472 --> 00:01:02,194

to think about life from a biblical perspective.

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00:01:02,302 --> 00:01:05,838

And obviously, children don't come

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00:01:05,864 --> 00:01:08,386

out of the womb wise.

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00:01:08,578 --> 00:01:11,670

They come out of the womb foolish.

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00:01:12,050 --> 00:01:15,594

And it's not surprising that they have a difficult

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00:01:15,692 --> 00:01:24,598

time responding to new situations in life because that's

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00:01:24,694 --> 00:01:26,698

part of why we're there as parents.

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00:01:26,854 --> 00:01:29,322

We're there as parents to be coaches, in

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00:01:29,336 --> 00:01:33,334

a sense, to train them how to respond

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00:01:33,382 --> 00:01:36,140

to things like losing a soccer game.

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00:01:38,730 --> 00:01:41,662

Of course, when it comes to shepherding them in

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00:01:41,676 --> 00:01:43,678

that moment, there are different things going on.

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00:01:43,704 --> 00:01:47,534

Like there's actually that moment where they are crying

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00:01:47,582 --> 00:01:51,790

uncontrollably and there's all you do before that moment

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00:01:51,900 --> 00:01:54,862

and there's all you do after that moment.

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00:01:54,996 --> 00:01:57,790

And so those are different elements

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00:01:58,170 --> 00:01:59,734

and we can talk about those.

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00:01:59,772 --> 00:02:02,100

Is there anything that comes to your mind right away?

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00:02:03,330 --> 00:02:06,660

I'm just thinking that that sounds really good.

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00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:08,942

So it's normal.

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00:02:08,966 --> 00:02:11,398

I guess one can say it is normal for

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00:02:11,544 --> 00:02:14,098

kids to cry because it's showing something, right.

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00:02:14,124 --> 00:02:16,030

It's showing that they're invested in it.

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00:02:16,080 --> 00:02:19,178

They didn't want to lose, which could be good signs,

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00:02:19,214 --> 00:02:22,186

but also could be adulter signs in that regard, right?

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00:02:22,248 --> 00:02:22,654

For sure.

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00:02:22,692 --> 00:02:25,258

They want to win so bad, they'll do

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whatever it takes, but they didn't win.

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00:02:26,904 --> 00:02:27,862

So yeah.

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So first of all, we need to ask ourselves

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00:02:29,402 --> 00:02:31,006

if we're going to shepherd our children in a

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00:02:31,008 --> 00:02:32,638

moment like that, we need to ask ourselves, do

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00:02:32,664 --> 00:02:35,402

we think about sports and loss biblically?

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00:02:35,546 --> 00:02:37,690

So it's not really surprising to see

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00:02:37,740 --> 00:02:41,930

our children thinking poorly about losing.

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00:02:41,990 --> 00:02:45,154

If we think poorly about losing, that would be one

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00:02:45,192 --> 00:02:49,020

question I would ask myself is, have I trained them

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00:02:49,470 --> 00:02:55,378

to respond poorly to sports because of my own some

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00:02:55,404 --> 00:02:58,358

attitude that they've seen in me towards winning and losing?

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So that would be one have I done the work before

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00:03:02,508 --> 00:03:06,360

they play sports to help them understand what sports are?

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00:03:06,810 --> 00:03:08,606

What is the purpose of sports?

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00:03:08,678 --> 00:03:11,078

What is the purpose of competition?

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00:03:11,174 --> 00:03:14,040

So how have I prepped them for this?

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Is it obvious to them that I'm actually finding my

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00:03:18,372 --> 00:03:22,978

identity in them winning and putting such a burden on

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00:03:23,004 --> 00:03:26,086

this child that it's not really just about the game.

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00:03:26,148 --> 00:03:30,502

It's actually about them failing me because of

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00:03:30,516 --> 00:03:32,978

the way that I'm responding to their loss.

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00:03:33,014 --> 00:03:36,300

So there'll be some questions I would ask of myself.

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00:03:37,890 --> 00:03:40,858

Part of what I want when I talk

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00:03:40,884 --> 00:03:42,658

to my children and help my children think

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00:03:42,684 --> 00:03:46,054

about sports is and any real loss is.

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00:03:46,212 --> 00:03:47,638

I want them to understand that

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00:03:47,664 --> 00:03:50,470

disappointment is part of life.

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00:03:50,580 --> 00:03:53,842

It's part of the human experience before the

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00:03:53,856 --> 00:03:55,502

new heavens and the new Earth where we're

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00:03:55,526 --> 00:03:57,650

just swimming in the fullness of joy.

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00:03:57,710 --> 00:04:01,294

So they're going to have to

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00:04:01,332 --> 00:04:03,190

learn how to deal with disappointment.

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00:04:03,570 --> 00:04:06,214

And I want my expectations to be correct too.

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00:04:06,252 --> 00:04:09,830

I'm not asking them when they lose to be inhuman

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00:04:09,890 --> 00:04:14,006

and simply to be like, oh, I just love losing.

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00:04:14,078 --> 00:04:15,554

It's amazing to lose.

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00:04:15,662 --> 00:04:17,938

I just wish I could lose every day.

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00:04:18,084 --> 00:04:20,098

And yet at the same time, I don't want them

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00:04:20,124 --> 00:04:23,470

to be controlled by that loss so that the loss

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00:04:24,030 --> 00:04:27,154

suddenly overwhelms them and that's all there is.

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00:04:27,252 --> 00:04:31,042

I want to help them think about not getting a

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00:04:31,056 --> 00:04:34,154

toy at the grocery store that they wanted or losing

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00:04:34,202 --> 00:04:36,382

a game that they really wanted to win.

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00:04:36,576 --> 00:04:41,218

I want to help them think about that in a

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00:04:41,244 --> 00:04:45,540

biblical perspective, really in terms of what is real.

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00:04:46,110 --> 00:04:47,314

I want to make sure that I'm not just

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00:04:47,352 --> 00:04:51,074

responding to them crying by being annoyed that they're

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00:04:51,122 --> 00:04:54,154

crying because it's embarrassing to be out there and

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00:04:54,192 --> 00:04:57,230

see your kid going crazy from losing.

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00:04:57,290 --> 00:04:58,318

And then you're like, oh my

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00:04:58,344 --> 00:04:59,974

goodness, why is everybody watching me?

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00:05:00,012 --> 00:05:01,202

Stop crying, stop crying.

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00:05:01,226 --> 00:05:03,998

And so it's not really about shepherding them, then it's

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00:05:04,034 --> 00:05:08,878

just about people not thinking, you're a bad parent.

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00:05:08,964 --> 00:05:11,422

And so it's hard to imagine that much

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00:05:11,496 --> 00:05:14,542

good is going to happen from that.

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00:05:14,616 --> 00:05:16,740

So I also want to ask, what is

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00:05:17,250 --> 00:05:19,858

my child's response in this moment telling me

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00:05:19,884 --> 00:05:22,020

about my child that's going to give me

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00:05:22,410 --> 00:05:26,160

future opportunities to shepherd and disciple them?

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00:05:26,910 --> 00:05:30,022

Yes, I think that sounds really good.

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00:05:30,156 --> 00:05:36,274

I'm trying to process just because my kids have not

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00:05:36,312 --> 00:05:38,710

done sports, but I've seen kids who've done sports.

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00:05:39,210 --> 00:05:41,218

So I'm thinking, no, but one of

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00:05:41,244 --> 00:05:44,726

the thoughts is that we are finite.

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00:05:44,858 --> 00:05:47,518

And so there's this idea built in with

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00:05:47,664 --> 00:05:50,710

winning that I think if you won every

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00:05:50,760 --> 00:05:54,098

time, you would be surpassing your finiteness.

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00:05:54,194 --> 00:05:56,534

And that is a craving in our hearts.

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00:05:56,582 --> 00:05:58,078

So I think the question is like,

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00:05:58,104 --> 00:05:59,770

well, why are we craving that?

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I was talking with one of my daughters from Ephesians

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00:06:04,262 --> 00:06:07,762

six and about what the schemes of Satan are.

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00:06:07,896 --> 00:06:09,382

And I think that one of the schemes of

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00:06:09,396 --> 00:06:12,526

Satan are is that we can be perfect.

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00:06:12,708 --> 00:06:14,782

And why does he want us to think that we

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00:06:14,796 --> 00:06:19,654

can be perfect and always excel and always be awesome?

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00:06:19,752 --> 00:06:23,830

And the kids had some good answers there.

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00:06:23,940 --> 00:06:27,410

And so although that was in a sports

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00:06:27,470 --> 00:06:31,186

context, it is easy to kind of apply.

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00:06:31,248 --> 00:06:33,602

Why don't we like to see that we're

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00:06:33,626 --> 00:06:36,982

finite and that we make mistakes or that

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00:06:36,996 --> 00:06:39,434

we can't always accomplish our dreams?

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00:06:39,542 --> 00:06:40,778

We don't like being dependent.

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00:06:40,814 --> 00:06:42,190

We don't like being creatures.

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00:06:42,810 --> 00:06:45,622

We want eternal glory on the sports field.

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00:06:45,816 --> 00:06:47,690

This is one of the great things about sports

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00:06:47,750 --> 00:06:50,374

or just any activity like that petition in general.

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00:06:50,412 --> 00:06:51,000

Yeah.

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00:06:51,330 --> 00:06:54,154

It gives you the chance to help your

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00:06:54,252 --> 00:06:58,680

children think biblically about things they might not.

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00:06:59,190 --> 00:07:02,674

So that's even kind of a bigger goal in

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00:07:02,832 --> 00:07:05,738

having your kids participate in different things, like sports

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00:07:05,834 --> 00:07:09,490

perhaps, than just having them be great.

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00:07:09,540 --> 00:07:13,522

And winning is actually it's giving you an opportunity as a

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00:07:13,536 --> 00:07:18,250

parent to do some of that necessary work for life.

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00:07:18,300 --> 00:07:20,114

So like one thing that's necessary

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00:07:20,162 --> 00:07:22,330

for life is controlling your feelings.

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So there's going to be times in life for

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00:07:25,344 --> 00:07:28,042

all of us where we are so in it

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00:07:28,176 --> 00:07:32,542

and so disappointed that all we can think about.

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00:07:32,616 --> 00:07:34,838

And is that feeling and it causes

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00:07:34,874 --> 00:07:36,480

us to act a certain way.

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00:07:36,810 --> 00:07:40,070

And so I want to help my children anticipate

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00:07:40,130 --> 00:07:43,462

that reality and know what to do in the

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00:07:43,476 --> 00:07:47,278

middle of that reality so that they can still

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00:07:47,424 --> 00:07:50,930

serve others and function really as a blessing.

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00:07:50,990 --> 00:07:57,130

So if we had a child that was so in a game

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00:07:57,240 --> 00:08:01,546

that he's crying that much, one thing I can encourage him about

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is it's great to see that you long to do your best.

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00:08:05,616 --> 00:08:06,634

You want to do your best.

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00:08:06,672 --> 00:08:07,920

So that is great.

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00:08:08,370 --> 00:08:11,566

Then another thing I would do before the game certainly

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00:08:11,628 --> 00:08:17,938

is stop and think, okay, if we lose today, how

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00:08:17,964 --> 00:08:19,930

are we going to respond to this loss?

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00:08:20,430 --> 00:08:22,750

And then I would want to help them

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00:08:22,800 --> 00:08:25,274

think through, okay, first of all, the practicalities

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00:08:25,322 --> 00:08:26,294

of how they're going to respond.

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You're going to feel like crying and you're

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00:08:29,258 --> 00:08:32,145

going to feel like it's all over.

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What thoughts do I need to put off and

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00:08:34,943 --> 00:08:36,900

what thoughts do I need to put on?

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00:08:37,230 --> 00:08:41,042

And so you're trying to put truth in their heads

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00:08:41,186 --> 00:08:47,100

and prepare them for what is about to happen.

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00:08:49,690 --> 00:08:55,480

It is interesting how losing is a loss, right?

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00:08:56,170 --> 00:08:58,166

And I think when people

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00:08:58,288 --> 00:09:02,178

really suffer, they are disappointed.

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00:09:02,214 --> 00:09:03,270

It feels like loss.

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00:09:03,330 --> 00:09:06,042

So as Pastor Josh often says, your feelings

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00:09:06,066 --> 00:09:08,246

are real, but they aren't what is real.

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00:09:08,428 --> 00:09:09,606

And so it's weird.

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00:09:09,738 --> 00:09:11,418

A loss in sport feels like a loss.

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00:09:11,454 --> 00:09:13,742

Like I had this dream of glory and now it's gone

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00:09:13,816 --> 00:09:17,322

and it slipped through my fingers and that feels like loss,

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00:09:17,346 --> 00:09:22,934

but that's not really a loss and it's not even true.

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You actually are no different of

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a person putting in perspective.

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I think it's so interesting with that question.

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It's not only the child, but it's also

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00:09:35,356 --> 00:09:38,882

the parent, the parents expectations, the parents, what

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00:09:38,956 --> 00:09:41,174

are they trying to live vicariously through their

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00:09:41,212 --> 00:09:42,374

child and doing these things?

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00:09:42,412 --> 00:09:46,038

And there's a lot of soul searching for both parts.

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Like there's prep work for me as a dad.

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00:09:48,414 --> 00:09:49,982

I want my kids to win and yet

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00:09:49,996 --> 00:09:52,170

at the same time preparing them for losing.

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00:09:52,350 --> 00:09:54,122

How do you work through those type of things?

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00:09:54,196 --> 00:09:57,182

And also you're talking about like, oh, is

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00:09:57,196 --> 00:09:59,762

it so shameful to see your kid in

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00:09:59,776 --> 00:10:02,154

front of everybody in the public cry uncontrollably?

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00:10:02,262 --> 00:10:04,480

And it's a reflection on you. Yeah.

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So it's just like working through those things as

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00:10:07,756 --> 00:10:10,478

adult, as a parent, not only that, but then

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00:10:10,504 --> 00:10:15,038

also being able to more than just you think

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00:10:15,064 --> 00:10:17,406

about your child and their future and how they're

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00:10:17,418 --> 00:10:19,394

going to process events like this because they're not

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00:10:19,432 --> 00:10:22,034

always going to be not always going to win. Yeah.

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What we often tell our kids is what we

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00:10:24,772 --> 00:10:29,270

want more for you than winning is for you

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00:10:29,320 --> 00:10:32,658

to honor God in the middle of the competition.

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00:10:32,754 --> 00:10:36,290

So if you win and you don't honor God, you lose.

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00:10:36,850 --> 00:10:40,120

If you lose and you honor God, then

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00:10:40,750 --> 00:10:43,290

you really win in the big picture.

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And so those are the kinds of things that

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we almost want to embed in their culture, in

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00:10:47,476 --> 00:10:50,774

the family culture, by saying them so often and

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00:10:50,812 --> 00:10:56,070

by pointing out even that being the best player

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on the field and proud is really ugly.

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I tell my children as well, I'd rather you be

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the worst player who's kind and who is giving it

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their all and seeking to serve others than to be

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00:11:11,404 --> 00:11:13,766

a great player who's all about yourself.

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And we even warn them about the dangers of that,

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of being great and how difficult that is to be

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00:11:18,856 --> 00:11:22,922

good at something and still be honoring Christ.

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So we sometimes will also talk

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00:11:26,764 --> 00:11:28,242

about the advantages of losing.

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So losing has some disadvantages, but there's a

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lot of good things that God can do

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in your life through a loss.

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00:11:35,106 --> 00:11:36,362

So it doesn't mean that when we go out

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00:11:36,376 --> 00:11:41,418

to play, we're like trying to lose and that

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00:11:41,444 --> 00:11:44,000

it's natural and good to even want to win.

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But we also want to help our kids know that

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losing, like Isaiah was saying in the big picture, it

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does do some really good things in our lives.

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I think also with some of our kids, we need to

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be careful that they respect you already as a dad.

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And so they might have this picture of you as this

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00:12:04,640 --> 00:12:08,430

amazing person who never lost at anything in your life.

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00:12:08,600 --> 00:12:13,546

And it's good to bring up stories of when you lost

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00:12:13,618 --> 00:12:17,238

and you had to deal with it so that you might

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00:12:17,264 --> 00:12:19,038

not even think that they respect you like that.

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But when they're little that's kind of inbuilt, I

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think that they have this picture of you.

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I know my kids sometimes think I'm

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00:12:27,466 --> 00:12:29,046

so great at basketball or something.

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00:12:29,108 --> 00:12:31,962

I'm like, guys, I'm not good at this stuff.

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Like, I'm not I promise you're, pretty good.

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00:12:37,230 --> 00:12:38,400

It was better.

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00:12:42,130 --> 00:12:44,558

But I have to tell them, look, I was

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on a high school team that lost every single

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00:12:46,648 --> 00:12:50,814

game, and they laugh and it's a little shameful

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00:12:50,862 --> 00:12:52,538

to think of that, but I don't know why.

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00:12:52,624 --> 00:12:53,522

Not every season, right?

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00:12:53,536 --> 00:12:56,810

Yeah, not every season, but yeah,

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00:12:56,860 --> 00:12:57,950

all the good that God did.

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00:12:58,000 --> 00:12:59,310

It's good to learn to lose.

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00:12:59,430 --> 00:13:00,830

You're going to do a lot of it in your life.

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00:13:00,880 --> 00:13:01,840

Most of us.

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00:13:03,370 --> 00:13:06,378

So whether it be sports or competition, piano recitals

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00:13:06,414 --> 00:13:09,930

or writing an essay or something like that, there's

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00:13:09,990 --> 00:13:12,940

always these prizes and competition like that.

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00:13:15,130 --> 00:13:18,558

I guess the question is, especially for kids who aren't

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00:13:18,594 --> 00:13:22,406

saved right out of the womb, you're not saved. Right.

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00:13:22,468 --> 00:13:23,798

You're sinful in that sense.

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00:13:23,944 --> 00:13:25,514

How do you your kids, too.

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00:13:25,552 --> 00:13:27,280

Yeah, my kids, too.

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00:13:28,210 --> 00:13:29,320

How do you work?

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00:13:30,010 --> 00:13:32,078

Not necessarily work in the gospel, but it's more

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00:13:32,104 --> 00:13:34,938

like in light of the bigger picture of Salvation

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00:13:35,094 --> 00:13:36,542

you're talking about in regards to the winning and

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00:13:36,556 --> 00:13:38,502

losing, that's not the end goal.

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It's to honor God, I guess.

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00:13:41,884 --> 00:13:43,466

How would we be able to use those type of

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00:13:43,468 --> 00:13:45,734

scenarios to point them back to Jesus as well?

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00:13:45,772 --> 00:13:47,920

In that sense, yeah, that's a great question.

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00:13:50,570 --> 00:13:53,850

Perhaps then you should answer it because

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00:13:53,900 --> 00:13:55,974

I was thinking about something else.

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00:13:56,132 --> 00:14:02,898

No, but just thinking about there was something

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00:14:03,044 --> 00:14:06,366

you had said, but thinking about why we

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00:14:06,428 --> 00:14:09,574

do sports or why we want to excel.

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00:14:09,742 --> 00:14:13,614

And there could be really good reasons like that.

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00:14:13,652 --> 00:14:16,782

God made us in his image and part of being

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00:14:16,796 --> 00:14:18,834

made in his images to be a worker in his

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00:14:18,872 --> 00:14:22,806

world and to overcome the chaos of the fall.

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00:14:22,928 --> 00:14:26,262

And so you strive to do something beautiful

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00:14:26,456 --> 00:14:30,630

by playing, by playing a piano piece.

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00:14:30,680 --> 00:14:32,398

Well, as well as you can for the glory.

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00:14:32,434 --> 00:14:33,582

I mean, there's all kinds of beautiful

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00:14:33,656 --> 00:14:37,230

themes there, but then there can be.

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00:14:37,280 --> 00:14:41,994

I'm seeking glory and just kind of thinking about

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00:14:42,152 --> 00:14:47,554

Romans, too, how God encourages seeking glory and honor.

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00:14:47,602 --> 00:14:50,214

But it's from him for doing good.

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00:14:50,372 --> 00:14:54,174

And so that is an interesting am I doing this as good

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00:14:54,272 --> 00:14:57,538

for the glory of God because he made me in his image?

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00:14:57,574 --> 00:15:01,090

Well, then does it really matter if I misplayed a note?

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00:15:01,150 --> 00:15:02,982

Am I going to cry because of that or

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00:15:02,996 --> 00:15:04,854

because I got second place or third place?

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00:15:04,952 --> 00:15:07,580

Was this about me or about him?

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00:15:09,830 --> 00:15:14,134

So that's just so different from Romans

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00:15:14,182 --> 00:15:17,480

eleven, end of the chapter for him.

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00:15:18,890 --> 00:15:26,854

So Stuart Scott, kind of talking about pride and humility,

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00:15:26,962 --> 00:15:29,914

does this great thing with the end of Romans.

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00:15:30,022 --> 00:15:33,142

And so the end of Romans eleven says the depths

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00:15:33,166 --> 00:15:35,142

of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God.

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00:15:35,216 --> 00:15:36,550

How insurchable are his judgments,

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00:15:36,610 --> 00:15:38,274

how inscrutable his ways.

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00:15:38,372 --> 00:15:40,306

For who has known the mind of the Lord.

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00:15:40,438 --> 00:15:42,562

Okay, here for 16.

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00:15:42,646 --> 00:15:45,606

For from him and through him and to him

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00:15:45,668 --> 00:15:48,454

are all things to him be glory forever. Amen.

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00:15:48,502 --> 00:15:52,746

What pride does is say for from me and through me

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00:15:52,808 --> 00:15:56,494

and to me are all things to me be the glory.

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00:15:56,542 --> 00:16:00,138

And so that's where competition get really messed up.

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00:16:00,224 --> 00:16:02,238

That's from me and through me and

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00:16:02,264 --> 00:16:03,670

to me, to me, the glory.

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00:16:03,730 --> 00:16:06,642

So put that little trophy on your stand.

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00:16:06,776 --> 00:16:11,022

That's totally different with the way that we could

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00:16:11,096 --> 00:16:13,114

look at that trophy and say that was totally

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00:16:13,162 --> 00:16:15,200

from God and through God and to God.

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00:16:16,010 --> 00:16:17,322

That was the question I was thinking about.

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00:16:17,396 --> 00:16:19,554

But that's actually the beginning of an answer to this

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00:16:19,592 --> 00:16:22,546

question in terms of just how we as humans.

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00:16:22,618 --> 00:16:24,140

No, it's wrong.

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00:16:25,970 --> 00:16:26,902

It's a great beginning.

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00:16:26,926 --> 00:16:29,274

Because if you're working with your child, one of the things

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00:16:29,312 --> 00:16:32,662

you can do is look at something like sports or piano

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00:16:32,806 --> 00:16:38,058

or any pleasure, really, and say, okay, as humans, we're so

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00:16:38,084 --> 00:16:41,742

broken because, look, here's something that God gave us for good

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00:16:41,936 --> 00:16:46,794

and for our joy playing the piano or shooting baskets and

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00:16:46,832 --> 00:16:47,958

what are we doing with it?

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00:16:47,984 --> 00:16:49,278

What are we tempted to do with it?

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00:16:49,304 --> 00:16:52,270

We're tempted to turn this created pleasure.

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00:16:52,330 --> 00:16:54,090

We're tempted, first of all, to stuff our face

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00:16:54,140 --> 00:16:56,874

with it and, like, make it a God.

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00:16:57,032 --> 00:17:00,598

Or we're tempted to use that created pleasure

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00:17:00,694 --> 00:17:02,502

to act as if we were God.

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00:17:02,696 --> 00:17:04,962

And so what happens when we do that?

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00:17:05,036 --> 00:17:06,705

Get a title like a King James?

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00:17:06,778 --> 00:17:08,000

Yeah, right.

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00:17:08,569 --> 00:17:10,662

And other people are searching for glory and

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00:17:10,675 --> 00:17:13,498

they'll try to find glory in our successes.

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00:17:13,534 --> 00:17:16,397

But what happens when we do that?

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00:17:16,483 --> 00:17:19,758

We end up destroying the pleasure and we end up

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00:17:19,844 --> 00:17:23,742

doing damage to ourselves and do damage to others.

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00:17:23,816 --> 00:17:27,958

And so we need a savior and finding your identity

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00:17:28,054 --> 00:17:31,242

and being a great basketball player or being a great

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00:17:31,376 --> 00:17:35,120

piano player, that is not what those things are for.

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00:17:36,230 --> 00:17:38,758

That is taking those good pleasures that God's

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00:17:38,794 --> 00:17:40,770

given and you're going to turn them into

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00:17:40,820 --> 00:17:42,930

something that ends up destroying you.

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00:17:43,100 --> 00:17:44,610

And so I want to show you a better

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00:17:44,660 --> 00:17:46,786

saver, a better place to find your identity.

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00:17:46,918 --> 00:17:50,178

And that would not be in boasting in the fact

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00:17:50,204 --> 00:17:52,978

that I can play basketball better than others, but boasting

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00:17:53,014 --> 00:17:56,070

in the fact that Jesus Christ died for me.

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00:17:56,180 --> 00:17:58,258

And so that's where the Bible tells us to boast.

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00:17:58,294 --> 00:18:00,294

It doesn't want us to stop boasting, like you said,

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00:18:00,332 --> 00:18:02,550

but it wants us to boast in the right place,

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00:18:02,600 --> 00:18:04,830

which is what Christ has accomplished for me.

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00:18:04,940 --> 00:18:07,700

And now that I have that identity, I'm in Christ.

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00:18:08,090 --> 00:18:10,234

My identity is not defined anymore

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00:18:10,282 --> 00:18:12,310

by I want a piano competition.

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00:18:12,370 --> 00:18:14,550

I can just take that for what it is. That's great.

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00:18:14,600 --> 00:18:16,818

I can play the piano for the glory of God, or

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00:18:16,844 --> 00:18:18,834

I'm a good basketball player for the glory of God.

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00:18:18,872 --> 00:18:21,150

It's not this is me.

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00:18:21,260 --> 00:18:24,620

This is everything depends on this.

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00:18:25,490 --> 00:18:27,918

And the other thing I think, to be honest with our

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00:18:27,944 --> 00:18:30,342

children about is how tempted we are to do that.

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00:18:30,536 --> 00:18:34,230

And so even as Christians, we're tempted to go back

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00:18:34,400 --> 00:18:37,474

and make life about something as trivial as basketball.

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00:18:37,522 --> 00:18:40,974

Last night I was telling Will we were having devotions and

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00:18:41,072 --> 00:18:43,902

the Sixers game was on, and I was just having to

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00:18:43,916 --> 00:18:46,880

tell my children, look, isn't this so silly and wrong?

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00:18:47,390 --> 00:18:50,190

I'm sitting here around the table and

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00:18:50,300 --> 00:18:53,120

I'm wanting to watch the basketball game

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00:18:53,570 --> 00:18:56,900

instead of talking with you about God.

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00:18:57,950 --> 00:19:01,542

That's not my main one, but that feeling is in there.

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00:19:01,736 --> 00:19:03,954

What I want most is to glorify God.

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00:19:03,992 --> 00:19:08,238

And so I'm choosing this now, but I need to save you.

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00:19:08,324 --> 00:19:09,034

I'm so broken.

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00:19:09,082 --> 00:19:10,830

I'll make a silly basketball game

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00:19:10,880 --> 00:19:12,740

more important than hearing from God.

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00:19:13,190 --> 00:19:16,866

And you need a savior as well.

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00:19:17,048 --> 00:19:18,200

That's really good.

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00:19:19,310 --> 00:19:21,260

If you had watched, though, they would have won.

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00:19:21,710 --> 00:19:26,094

I got the Sixers down the superstition, but

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00:19:26,132 --> 00:19:29,274

this is applicable even for social media.

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00:19:29,432 --> 00:19:31,482

This is getting down the track of Web

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00:19:31,556 --> 00:19:33,858

2.0, Web 3.0, and stuff like that.

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00:19:33,884 --> 00:19:39,214

But people are so into how many followers

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00:19:39,262 --> 00:19:40,738

they have or if they have the blue

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00:19:40,774 --> 00:19:43,842

check Mark to validate who they are.

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00:19:43,976 --> 00:19:46,542

And yeah, it's just tying back to everything that

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00:19:46,556 --> 00:19:48,118

you guys are talking about outside of competition.

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00:19:48,154 --> 00:19:49,974

It's more like, oh, I want the number

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00:19:50,012 --> 00:19:51,678

of people who follow me, who love me,

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00:19:51,704 --> 00:19:54,200

who get the accolades, who gets the money.

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00:19:55,010 --> 00:19:57,522

Also in the US marketing aspect of things, you see

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00:19:57,536 --> 00:20:01,230

that all the time, it's always promoting the best whoever.

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00:20:02,870 --> 00:20:04,482

That's what we're feeding and

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00:20:04,496 --> 00:20:05,434

that's what we're consuming.

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00:20:05,482 --> 00:20:06,562

And that's not what we're feeding,

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00:20:06,586 --> 00:20:07,942

but that's what we're consuming.

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00:20:08,026 --> 00:20:11,290

And unless we're able to shepherd, to come alongside

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00:20:11,350 --> 00:20:14,382

our own hearts and those who are watching, I

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00:20:14,396 --> 00:20:16,638

think our family members, our kids, then it's easy

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00:20:16,664 --> 00:20:18,946

to like, oh, that's what we should be desiring.

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00:20:19,018 --> 00:20:21,306

We desire to be King James or

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00:20:21,368 --> 00:20:23,960

whoever, whatever it is in whatever field.

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00:20:24,590 --> 00:20:26,722

I think it's just really interesting, very applicable.

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00:20:26,806 --> 00:20:26,982

Yeah.

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00:20:26,996 --> 00:20:29,058

We were talking with the children last night just about how

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00:20:29,144 --> 00:20:33,378

we do desperately want to be King and King of the

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00:20:33,404 --> 00:20:39,198

world as a result, that's part of what makes it so

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00:20:39,224 --> 00:20:44,814

difficult for people to submit to the kingship of God, making

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00:20:44,852 --> 00:20:46,290

their life all about the glory of God.

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00:20:46,340 --> 00:20:48,870

But we also said, isn't it interesting when you

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00:20:48,920 --> 00:20:51,246

want to be King, the center of the world?

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00:20:51,308 --> 00:20:54,102

What ends up happening is that

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00:20:54,176 --> 00:20:56,322

other things rule over you.

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00:20:56,516 --> 00:20:58,462

We're not made to be King.

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00:20:58,606 --> 00:21:01,542

And so when we try to be King, so we want

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00:21:01,556 --> 00:21:05,218

to use basketball to be all about our own glory.

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00:21:05,374 --> 00:21:06,498

What ends up happening is

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00:21:06,524 --> 00:21:08,382

that basketball rules over me.

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00:21:08,576 --> 00:21:11,014

If I want to make pleasure, I want to be King.

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00:21:11,062 --> 00:21:12,910

So I'm just going to give myself to alcohol.

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00:21:12,970 --> 00:21:15,114

What ends up happening is alcohol rules over

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00:21:15,152 --> 00:21:16,798

me if I want to be King.

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00:21:16,834 --> 00:21:19,206

So I'm going to make as much money as possible.

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00:21:19,388 --> 00:21:22,230

What ends up happening is that money rules over me.

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00:21:22,340 --> 00:21:25,422

And as a result, those things are not

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00:21:25,436 --> 00:21:28,662

good Kings, and they end up producing a

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00:21:28,676 --> 00:21:31,750

terrible kind of slavery and so real freedom.

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00:21:31,870 --> 00:21:35,718

To be able to play basketball well or enjoy any

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00:21:35,744 --> 00:21:39,358

pleasure well is submitting first and foremost to the authority

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00:21:39,394 --> 00:21:42,358

of God because he's the only good and gracious King.

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00:21:42,514 --> 00:21:43,520

That's great.

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00:21:44,450 --> 00:21:48,006

It is crazy how our human hearts will

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00:21:48,128 --> 00:21:50,418

kind of seek because we're so bad at

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00:21:50,444 --> 00:21:52,618

being Kings and because we aren't King.

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00:21:52,654 --> 00:21:54,366

And God reveals that to us again and again.

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00:21:54,428 --> 00:21:56,082

We really have no control.

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00:21:56,216 --> 00:21:57,918

So we shrink the size of our

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00:21:57,944 --> 00:22:01,650

Kingdom to something that we can control.

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00:22:01,700 --> 00:22:03,618

So if I'm a good enough athlete, I'll be

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00:22:03,644 --> 00:22:06,846

satisfied with however long a basketball court is.

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00:22:07,028 --> 00:22:08,958

If I'm a really bad athlete, then maybe

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00:22:08,984 --> 00:22:12,118

I'll be satisfied with keeping my bookshelf organized.

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00:22:12,274 --> 00:22:13,882

If I'm really bad at that, well, then I'll

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00:22:13,906 --> 00:22:17,854

just carefully consume a certain number of calories.

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00:22:17,902 --> 00:22:19,618

I mean, all the ways that we as humans

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00:22:19,654 --> 00:22:22,220

try to be King, but that's just awesome.

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00:22:22,670 --> 00:22:26,250

You're saying, Joshua, that eats upon itself, right?

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00:22:26,360 --> 00:22:27,342

In a sense.

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00:22:27,536 --> 00:22:31,302

We're ruled by what we worship, which is good.

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00:22:31,316 --> 00:22:32,094

It's also good news.

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00:22:32,132 --> 00:22:35,960

We can be ruled by who we worship. Yeah.

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00:22:37,950 --> 00:22:40,222

It's a kindness of God to build into a lot

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00:22:40,236 --> 00:22:45,346

of these things, just an emptiness or an end.

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00:22:45,528 --> 00:22:47,594

And if our eyes were open, we would realize

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00:22:47,642 --> 00:22:52,334

that he's the only source of lasting satisfaction.

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00:22:52,382 --> 00:22:55,560

Even a great basketball player at 38 is old.

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00:22:56,130 --> 00:23:00,118

All these things money he's made it very obvious that

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00:23:00,144 --> 00:23:06,614

they're not good Kings, which is kind of wild, though,

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00:23:06,772 --> 00:23:11,022

being made in God's image that we are little Kings,

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00:23:11,166 --> 00:23:14,478

right mean, but that has to be redeemed.

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00:23:14,574 --> 00:23:17,214

So that then we become his servant. Servant.

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00:23:17,322 --> 00:23:18,774

It's very humble. Dependent.

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00:23:18,822 --> 00:23:20,310

I'm going to work in your garden.

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00:23:20,370 --> 00:23:22,502

It's not going to grow exactly the way that I want.

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00:23:22,636 --> 00:23:25,830

Yeah, it's a neat theme.

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00:23:26,010 --> 00:23:27,354

So we're going to rule

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00:23:27,462 --> 00:23:31,574

for eternity under Christ Lordship. Awesome.

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00:23:31,732 --> 00:23:32,402

That's really good.

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00:23:32,416 --> 00:23:34,682

I think that was awesome in

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00:23:34,696 --> 00:23:35,942

regards to talking through that.

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00:23:35,956 --> 00:23:38,534

And there are so many facets to that.

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00:23:38,572 --> 00:23:41,066

Even the question about my child

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00:23:41,128 --> 00:23:43,694

crying uncontrollably at whatever event.

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00:23:43,792 --> 00:23:46,634

Well, because it is being human, right.

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00:23:46,672 --> 00:23:48,890

I mean, all of its kind of

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00:23:48,940 --> 00:23:52,178

glory, but all of its sadness, too. Yeah.

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00:23:52,204 --> 00:23:54,110

And it's good to remember as you deal with your kids

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00:23:54,160 --> 00:23:56,690

in those moments, that it's not just about that moment.

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00:23:56,860 --> 00:23:58,826

So that can be a difficult moment.

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00:23:58,888 --> 00:24:01,902

But there's more to that child's

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00:24:01,926 --> 00:24:03,458

life than just that moment.

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00:24:03,604 --> 00:24:06,398

So keep it in perspective as well that you

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00:24:06,424 --> 00:24:09,110

might be embarrassed right then, but there's other days

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00:24:09,160 --> 00:24:15,026

coming and then that you have struggled at point

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00:24:15,088 --> 00:24:19,490

with over exaggerating disappointments in your own life.

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00:24:19,540 --> 00:24:21,710

Your child is not the first one to make

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00:24:21,880 --> 00:24:23,966

too big a deal out of a small deal.

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00:24:24,028 --> 00:24:24,974

You have done that.

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00:24:25,012 --> 00:24:26,930

So be careful not to be.

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00:24:26,980 --> 00:24:30,050

Even now that you're like 40, you still do that.

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00:24:30,100 --> 00:24:32,978

You don't get the promotion at work and you go

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00:24:33,004 --> 00:24:35,618

around talking about maybe you don't cry on the field

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00:24:35,704 --> 00:24:38,642

all day long, but you talk about it with a

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00:24:38,656 --> 00:24:40,934

lot of people as if and you're tempted to make

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00:24:40,972 --> 00:24:45,738

that the center of the whole universe, that loss.

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00:24:45,834 --> 00:24:48,458

So it's just good to be humble as you talk

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00:24:48,484 --> 00:24:51,714

to your children as well, so you can come alongside

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00:24:51,762 --> 00:24:55,190

of them more than just like, hey, you didn't only

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00:24:55,240 --> 00:24:57,098

lose on the field, but you're like a loser right

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00:24:57,124 --> 00:25:02,502

now because they're not so different than you.

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00:25:02,636 --> 00:25:06,138

They're just Littler and they show

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00:25:06,164 --> 00:25:07,470

their emotion in a different way.

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00:25:07,520 --> 00:25:09,498

But you've gotten a little more sophisticated, but

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00:25:09,524 --> 00:25:11,262

you're tempted in some of those ways, too.

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00:25:11,336 --> 00:25:14,082

Well, and perhaps even crazier some of us.

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00:25:14,156 --> 00:25:16,174

And I'm sure that this is not going to resonate

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with everyone listening have felt an emotional loss when somebody

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00:25:21,872 --> 00:25:25,086

else lost, like the team that you were rooting for.

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00:25:25,268 --> 00:25:27,342

I remember when the sex lost the

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00:25:27,356 --> 00:25:29,770

Super Bowl, and I felt sad.

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00:25:29,950 --> 00:25:32,098

Now that is like borderline nuts.

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00:25:32,134 --> 00:25:35,238

There that kid who loses the game is like

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00:25:35,264 --> 00:25:38,310

rational compared to feeling sad when someone else loses.

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We can probably go dive deeper into that.

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But with the time that we do have going

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00:25:46,224 --> 00:25:49,714

back to I appreciate both of you the answer

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00:25:49,752 --> 00:25:51,790

and contribution in regards to that question.

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00:25:51,900 --> 00:25:54,514

But going back to the message from this past

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Sunday, from Luke 442 to 44, I'm just going

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to read through it and then ask the question.

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So Luke 442 says, and when it was day,

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00:26:02,784 --> 00:26:04,822

he departed and went into a desolate place, and

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00:26:04,836 --> 00:26:06,562

the people sought him and came to him and

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00:26:06,576 --> 00:26:08,026

would have kept him from leaving them.

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00:26:08,088 --> 00:26:10,510

But he said to them, I must preach the good news

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00:26:10,560 --> 00:26:12,718

of the Kingdom of God to the other towns as well.

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00:26:12,804 --> 00:26:15,482

For I was sent for this purpose, and he was preaching

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00:26:15,506 --> 00:26:19,500

in the synagogues of Judea, and there was a lot there.

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00:26:20,010 --> 00:26:21,910

You can go through the sermon notes

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00:26:22,290 --> 00:26:25,582

that Pastor Joshua provided that week.

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00:26:25,656 --> 00:26:27,154

But one of the questions that came up

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00:26:27,192 --> 00:26:30,578

was, I feel like it's easy to interpret

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00:26:30,614 --> 00:26:33,000

this section of the passage as like, oh,

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00:26:33,570 --> 00:26:36,550

we're here just to go evangelize non believers.

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I'm sure you could apply that.

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00:26:40,056 --> 00:26:42,406

But at the same time, there could be an application of

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00:26:42,468 --> 00:26:45,850

how do we apply this as believers, to other believers?

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00:26:46,290 --> 00:26:49,006

So I guess that's a question that's coming up.

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All right. Yeah.

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00:26:50,088 --> 00:26:53,038

I like this opportunity that we have to talk about

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00:26:53,064 --> 00:26:56,386

the sermon and to look back at the text and

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00:26:56,448 --> 00:26:59,182

specifically to think about application, because part of why the

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00:26:59,196 --> 00:27:02,974

Bible was given Second Timothy three says to teach us,

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00:27:03,012 --> 00:27:05,386

to instruct us, to correct us.

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So coming to the scripture to know how

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00:27:09,588 --> 00:27:12,970

we should now live is a good instinct.

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00:27:13,350 --> 00:27:14,662

We should want that.

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00:27:14,796 --> 00:27:17,460

But application isn't always easy.

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And one of the reasons why it's not easy

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00:27:21,696 --> 00:27:23,314

is because we haven't always had a lot of

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good examples of how to do that.

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And it can be especially difficult in a narrative.

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00:27:29,370 --> 00:27:31,394

And so it's a little bit easier

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00:27:31,442 --> 00:27:33,202

when Paul says, give thanks always.

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00:27:33,276 --> 00:27:34,186

What's the application?

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00:27:34,308 --> 00:27:38,330

Well, kind of having a struggle there, but it's easier

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00:27:38,390 --> 00:27:40,322

in some of those passages than it is a narrative.

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And so when we come to a story like

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00:27:42,012 --> 00:27:45,598

this where we see Jesus doing something, how do

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00:27:45,624 --> 00:27:50,390

we and Jesus even explaining his own personal purpose.

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That's what's happening here.

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00:27:52,224 --> 00:27:55,620

How do we apply it to our lives?

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Because there is an application to our lives.

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All scripture is written for this purpose.

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And so there's maybe some steps that

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00:28:04,356 --> 00:28:06,142

we would take to do that.

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00:28:06,336 --> 00:28:07,858

One of those steps would be to

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ask, why was Luke writing this?

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00:28:10,740 --> 00:28:13,234

So if I was sitting down with Luke, what is the

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00:28:13,272 --> 00:28:18,118

application that he wants me to primarily go away with or

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00:28:18,204 --> 00:28:21,190

that he was intending the reader to primarily go away with?

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00:28:21,240 --> 00:28:24,370

And fortunately for Luke, he tells us what

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his purpose was at the beginning, which was

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certainty and confidence and all of that.

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So that would be one place.

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Another thing that we can do when it comes

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00:28:33,984 --> 00:28:36,634

to application is to say, what does this tell

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00:28:36,672 --> 00:28:38,810

me I'm supposed to believe about Jesus?

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00:28:38,990 --> 00:28:40,706

Sometimes we don't think of believing

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00:28:40,778 --> 00:28:43,870

as an application, but believing these

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00:28:43,920 --> 00:28:45,646

truths is a pretty big application.

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00:28:45,768 --> 00:28:48,430

And one of the things Luke wants us to do

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is to believe that Jesus accomplished all kinds of signs

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and wonders and also to understand and believe that Jesus

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purpose was bigger than accomplishing signs and wonders.

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It involved preaching the good news of the Kingdom

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00:29:05,738 --> 00:29:07,898

of God, which, by the way, is what we're

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00:29:07,934 --> 00:29:10,620

talking about with our children who's a sports game.

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Go ahead.

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00:29:16,390 --> 00:29:18,294

Am I supposed to believe about Jesus?

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00:29:18,342 --> 00:29:19,900

That would be a big application.

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Then second, we can continue, I suppose.

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00:29:23,466 --> 00:29:25,094

I don't know if it's second anymore, but we

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00:29:25,132 --> 00:29:30,762

can continue and say, okay, I would be tempted

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00:29:30,786 --> 00:29:32,298

to look at this and say, I must preach

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00:29:32,334 --> 00:29:33,902

the good news of the Kingdom of God.

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00:29:34,036 --> 00:29:35,178

So I need to go out and preach

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00:29:35,214 --> 00:29:36,938

the good news of the Kingdom of God.

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00:29:36,964 --> 00:29:39,806

That might be true, but obviously the eye there

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00:29:39,868 --> 00:29:42,570

is not Joshua Mack, the eye there is Jesus.

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00:29:42,630 --> 00:29:45,938

So if I'm going to get to I need to

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00:29:45,964 --> 00:29:47,442

go out and preach the good news of the Kingdom

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00:29:47,466 --> 00:29:50,954

of God as an application of this particular text, then

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I'm going to have to do some work.

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Like I'm going to have to figure

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out how did I get there.

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00:29:55,696 --> 00:29:57,914

And so there are ways perhaps to get there.

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So is Jesus giving me an example?

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Am I taught from other places in the

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00:30:02,356 --> 00:30:04,600

Bible to look to Jesus as an example?

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Yes and no.

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00:30:07,708 --> 00:30:10,818

So Jesus did signs and wonders.

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00:30:10,854 --> 00:30:13,994

Am I to do signs and wonders in the same way? No.

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Jesus taught the good news of the Kingdom

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00:30:17,346 --> 00:30:19,130

of God to other towns in Israel.

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00:30:19,450 --> 00:30:21,842

Well, am I to teach the good

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00:30:21,856 --> 00:30:23,126

news of the Kingdom of God? Yes.

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00:30:23,188 --> 00:30:25,540

To other towns in Israel? Maybe.

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00:30:26,230 --> 00:30:27,398

Why am I making that

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00:30:27,424 --> 00:30:29,234

application of this particular text?

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Again, there's reasons.

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The book of Acts, I think, is written to

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say, yes, that mission that we see Jesus having

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00:30:39,820 --> 00:30:42,306

here has been given to the Church.

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And so in Acts we're seeing that explain.

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It's not just going to be to the towns of Israel.

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Actually, Jesus says to the Apostles, you

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00:30:49,624 --> 00:30:51,590

do what you are my witnesses.

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00:30:52,150 --> 00:30:54,182

I'm going to speak to the world really

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00:30:54,256 --> 00:30:56,318

through you I've had this mission of being

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00:30:56,344 --> 00:30:58,334

the servant and taking the good news out.

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00:30:58,372 --> 00:31:01,022

Now I'm asking you, and through you,

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00:31:01,156 --> 00:31:03,282

I'm going to carry out this Ministry.

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00:31:03,306 --> 00:31:04,718

I'm going to continue to preach the good news

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00:31:04,744 --> 00:31:06,530

of the Kingdom of God to the entire world.

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00:31:06,580 --> 00:31:10,178

So that's more how we get to the application of how

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00:31:10,264 --> 00:31:12,242

we are to preach the good news of the Kingdom of

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00:31:12,256 --> 00:31:17,834

God as a Church, as a priority in our lives.

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00:31:17,992 --> 00:31:20,330

Now, what application does this have

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00:31:20,380 --> 00:31:24,770

to our relationships with other believers?

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00:31:28,670 --> 00:31:38,514

Well, as I listened on Sunday, I did feel a desire to

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00:31:38,552 --> 00:31:44,466

be like Jesus, put his focus on preaching the good news.

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00:31:44,528 --> 00:31:46,098

And I do want to do that.

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00:31:46,244 --> 00:31:50,458

And I was so excited about that

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00:31:50,484 --> 00:31:52,262

and that's I'm encouraged because that wasn't

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because Pastor Joshua said we should.

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00:31:55,572 --> 00:31:58,366

I don't think that you gave that application at all.

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00:31:58,488 --> 00:32:01,558

It was just like, this is what Jesus valued, and this

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is how Jesus is going to bring in eternity is through

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00:32:06,576 --> 00:32:10,090

this good news, which is going to be about himself.

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And I want to do that too, because this is good.

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But that's not devoid of what we do to

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00:32:19,704 --> 00:32:22,500

one another, which is preaching the good news.

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00:32:23,130 --> 00:32:25,282

I interrupted there about sports, but that's a lot of

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00:32:25,296 --> 00:32:28,090

what we're doing is we're sitting and talking about how

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00:32:28,140 --> 00:32:33,974

human nature is broken and how we are King builders

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00:32:34,022 --> 00:32:36,674

building our own kingdoms rather than God's Kingdom.

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00:32:36,782 --> 00:32:38,962

Now here we see how dramatically different and

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00:32:38,976 --> 00:32:41,950

how beautiful Jesus is as he's bringing in

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00:32:42,060 --> 00:32:48,238

God's Kingdom for God's glory and knowing that

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00:32:48,264 --> 00:32:51,254

Jesus preached the good news of the Kingdom.

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00:32:51,422 --> 00:32:52,882

I think that is the Ministry that we

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00:32:52,896 --> 00:32:53,950

were just doing here to one another.

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Even as we talk about parenting is.

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00:32:56,628 --> 00:33:01,330

Look how transformative following Jesus is that it completely

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00:33:01,440 --> 00:33:04,102

changes the trophy we have on our shelf to

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00:33:04,116 --> 00:33:06,974

be about God's glory rather than our glory.

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00:33:07,082 --> 00:33:09,538

So with so many I don't know if it's so

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00:33:09,564 --> 00:33:11,590

many applications, at least with this one, when it gets

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00:33:11,640 --> 00:33:13,474

to the heart of the gospel, I don't think that

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00:33:13,512 --> 00:33:16,378

there's that much difference between the person who hasn't heard

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00:33:16,404 --> 00:33:18,694

it for the first time or the person who needs

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00:33:18,732 --> 00:33:20,100

it for the billionth time.

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00:33:21,210 --> 00:33:23,494

It's so neat to even hear you talk there.

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00:33:23,532 --> 00:33:26,950

In terms of how application in the Bible works

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00:33:27,120 --> 00:33:28,882

and how we work as humans, one of the

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00:33:28,896 --> 00:33:31,870

ways we work as humans, we actually change is

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00:33:31,920 --> 00:33:39,018

by looking at people and having heroes.

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00:33:39,174 --> 00:33:42,242

So what does a person since we're talking about sports, what

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00:33:42,256 --> 00:33:45,470

does a person who's a huge Lakers fan often do?

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00:33:45,640 --> 00:33:50,030

They wear the Lakers outfits, pins.

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00:33:51,190 --> 00:33:54,222

They start valuing what King James values.

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00:33:54,246 --> 00:33:57,858

In a sense, we are changed

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00:33:57,894 --> 00:33:59,766

often by looking up to heroes.

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00:33:59,838 --> 00:34:02,142

So we don't even recognize always that we're changed.

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00:34:02,166 --> 00:34:05,454

Even high school students, they look at someone who's

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cool in class, and they start looking like that

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00:34:09,856 --> 00:34:12,074

person in the way that they express. Yeah.

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00:34:12,112 --> 00:34:13,322

The things they talk about.

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00:34:13,396 --> 00:34:15,302

I'm going to start trimming my a

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00:34:15,315 --> 00:34:16,985

beard shorter to look at Pastor Joshua.

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So part of the purpose of how part of

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how the Bible changes us and how applications work

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is we're looking at Jesus and we're seeing how

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00:34:28,132 --> 00:34:31,525

beautiful and awesome he is even in this moment.

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00:34:31,708 --> 00:34:34,386

And we're learning what he values.

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00:34:34,578 --> 00:34:37,898

And his values are radically different than

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00:34:37,924 --> 00:34:39,866

the values of this crowd right here.

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00:34:39,987 --> 00:34:42,409

And actually the values of many people

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00:34:42,460 --> 00:34:44,030

that we would know as well.

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00:34:44,139 --> 00:34:46,621

And so when we see what Jesus values and

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00:34:46,636 --> 00:34:49,297

how beautiful Jesus is, that shapes our values now,

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00:34:49,324 --> 00:34:53,058

and we begin to realize in life, the ultimate

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00:34:53,094 --> 00:34:56,893

priority is not just being healthy or having my

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00:34:56,992 --> 00:34:59,054

world, just the way that I like it.

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00:34:59,152 --> 00:35:01,014

The ultimate value to Jesus.

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00:35:01,062 --> 00:35:03,362

And my ultimate value now is the

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good news of the Kingdom of God. Does that change my

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conversations with other Christians?

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00:35:06,966 --> 00:35:08,174

Yeah, it changes my

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00:35:08,212 --> 00:35:09,594

conversations with other Christians.

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00:35:09,642 --> 00:35:12,218

My ultimate value, the thing that gives my

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00:35:12,244 --> 00:35:18,218

blood boil, my heart beating is the good

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00:35:18,244 --> 00:35:19,214

news of the Kingdom of God.

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00:35:19,252 --> 00:35:21,530

And so that's going to impact my conversations.

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Yeah, that's good because, like, piggybacking

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00:35:26,766 --> 00:35:29,138

off of that for me.

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00:35:29,164 --> 00:35:30,878

I would assume all the miracles, those

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are the things that I should be

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00:35:31,984 --> 00:35:36,520

valuing, because those don't happen that often.

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There's a big wow factor to it.

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But you very succinctly talked about it in Sunday's

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message, like, he was providing all these miracles to

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00:35:48,490 --> 00:35:52,890

Capernum, and they were like, we struck gold.

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00:35:52,950 --> 00:35:55,046

We found the guy who's going to heal everybody.

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00:35:55,168 --> 00:35:56,522

He's going to bring prosperity to

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00:35:56,536 --> 00:35:57,998

our land, this and the other.

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And then you're talking about the end of it.

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They turned away from him.

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They wanted to kill him.

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They didn't believe in him anymore.

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Understand, what are we the value, like, realigning

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our value systems, because our world, our neighbors,

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00:36:14,310 --> 00:36:18,194

whatever has been trying to thwart us from

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00:36:18,352 --> 00:36:23,560

our true vision of worshiping God.

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00:36:24,550 --> 00:36:27,350

Instead, they want us to worship ourselves. Right.

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And that's part of what makes just a physical

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00:36:30,342 --> 00:36:34,442

miracle inadequate for dealing with the fundamental problem of

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00:36:34,456 --> 00:36:36,722

a human, because what a human would do with

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00:36:36,736 --> 00:36:40,790

a physical miracle is what he does with sports.

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00:36:41,110 --> 00:36:44,560

I want that person to make me.

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00:36:45,310 --> 00:36:47,020

I want to make it about me.

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00:36:47,410 --> 00:36:50,118

And Jesus is like, no, what's

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00:36:50,154 --> 00:36:52,082

real is that it's about me.

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And once a person's confronted with that,

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00:36:54,364 --> 00:36:55,998

they need more than a physical miracle,

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00:36:56,034 --> 00:36:57,522

they need an even bigger miracle.

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They need a spiritual miracle because humans naturally

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don't submit to the authority of Jesus and

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00:37:04,552 --> 00:37:06,170

want it to be about Jesus.

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And that's why even spiritual

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00:37:08,094 --> 00:37:11,286

miracles are more exciting.

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00:37:11,358 --> 00:37:14,750

When you see a person who is convicted of

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00:37:14,800 --> 00:37:18,758

sin, when you see a person who loves Christ

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00:37:18,844 --> 00:37:22,658

more than they love themselves, that is bigger than

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00:37:22,684 --> 00:37:25,982

seeing a paralyzed man walk or a blind person

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00:37:26,056 --> 00:37:31,060

see, actually and more rare in a sense.

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00:37:31,990 --> 00:37:34,430

So that's why we're also to give praise to God.

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00:37:34,480 --> 00:37:37,550

When our brothers and sisters before us, they're like, Man,

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I was so angry or I was so idolatrous.

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I've been pursuing business and work and wealth so much,

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00:37:44,812 --> 00:37:47,478

and God's been revealing that to me, and it sucks.

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I'm having to work through that.

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But we can praise God.

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That Holy Spirit is showing that to you.

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And by the Grace of God, he's going to bring

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you out of that hole, like, no longer desiring that.

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If you really are pursuing Jesus or you really

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are calling yourself a Christian, we should really celebrate.

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It's a good point.

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Like, if someone who was paralyzed and they started

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to walk in the Church service, probably the rest

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of us wouldn't be just like, I don't want

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that guy to get proud now.

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I don't want him to get proud.

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So I'm just going to act like nothing happened.

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Maybe we won't say, this is amazing.

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When we see someone changing, that is a miracle.

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That is something that only God can do.

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Holiness is something only God can perform.

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And actually, at the end of the day, only he

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can accomplish in somebody's life, and he should get the

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praise for it, and we should be people who spot

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it and give thanks to him for what he's doing.

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It's really crazy.

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So Jesus doing this and preaching the

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good news of the Kingdom here.

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Jesus miracles were the authentication

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of Jesus as well.

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One of them, he has all the power to

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give them the Kingdom that they were craving.

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So instead, he tells them with

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a Kingdom that they need.

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It is God's Kingdom.

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It's a completely different way of a living.

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So how wild that they hear the proof that he

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could have crushed Rome and he could have done anything.

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He could give us the Kingdom that we want.

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And so he says, I'm going to call you

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to the Kingdom that you need, which is real

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living, and that puts him into suffering.

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And that's really what he calls us to

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as we pursue God's Kingdom and not our

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own is the fellowship of his sufferings, too.

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I guess I'm just more riffing off of the passage now

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than responding at all to what Josh you just said.

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But, yeah, it's helpful to even

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think through in that regard. Yeah. Thanks, Will. Yeah.

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So appreciate the time you gentlemen have given us in

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regards to answering questions or things that we have in

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regards to the message even we're going through, how to

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interpret the Bible in the sense of application.

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These are the questions that we should be

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asking ourselves when we're thinking about, oh, okay.

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I should go to Israel now.

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I should take a flight and go start vagilizing there.

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It's like, no. Yes.

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Take some work and steps in understanding that.

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And so our goal is to really help members and those

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who are listening answer any questions that you guys have.

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And so we have a Google form

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that's probably the most effective way.

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Instead of emailing each other or

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people, there's a Google form.

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Write down your questions and we'll look to address it

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whether it be next week or in a future podcast.

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We're working through this week by week, right?

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Trying to figure out the rhythm of it.

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You really will serve us by asking questions

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and serve other members of the Church.

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We want this to be for you and so that's really

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why we're doing this and we love the conversation too.

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But if you're afraid to ask a question, we're

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not going to say your name on the podcast

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or anything like that unless you want us to.

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It's just actually a way of helping others

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by sharing what you're thinking about because probably

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five other people are asking similar questions. Right.

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Well, thanks, everyone.

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I hope this was helpful. Yeah.

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And we'll see you next time. Yeah. Bye for now. Yeah.

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There it is.