

#parentfail – Isolation Parenting

Weekend Discussion Questions

February 11-12, 2017

Community:

1. This weekend Scott talked about the various temperaments and personalities of his children. How were you described as a child and why? (i.e. happy, curious, easy, challenging, a pirate...)
2. Besides your parents, who were some of the adults that had a strong influence in your life when you were a kid? (i.e. Coaches, teachers, family friends, etc.)

Core:

1. Describe a recent scenario where your pride was hurt. How did you respond in those circumstances?
2. In his talk, Scott mentioned two things he wishes he would have been better at when he was younger: asking for help and asking for advice. Is this something you've struggled with or currently struggle with? Why or why not?
3. What is the biggest area in your life that triggers you to want to isolate yourself from others? (i.e. parenting, finances, career, etc.)
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. For this passage Scott highlighted that we have to fix things in our hearts first. Where are some areas in your life where you try to teach or fix things in other people that you haven't given over to God in your own life?
5. Scott talked about the reality of living in community rather than isolation and that community can get "messy" as we share our brokenness and sin. Are you comfortable sharing your "messiness" with other people? Why or why not?
6. Are you comfortable with receiving other people's "messiness," brokenness, and sin and still living in community with them? Why or why not?
7. Read Romans 15:5-6. At the end of his message, Scott talked about the beauty of living in harmony with one another. Do you agree that we can accomplish our goals more successfully together than we can alone? Share an example that backs up your answer.

Challenge:

1. Who in your life would you feel comfortable receiving help and/or advice from when you're struggling? What is one step you could take to open yourself up to that feedback?