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- S** Scott Hilton (Host) 00:15
Welcome to the final final episode of that's my dad for this season man. Hey Rick, Colin Edwards, one of our producers Nathan Goldman's behind the camera today. Wow, it's hard to believe we made it this far guys,
- C** Colin Edwards 00:29
I really don't know what to think about it. Yeah, we,
- S** Scott Hilton (Host) 00:32
we've been interviewing doing this thing for a little less than a year. And it's been an awesome experience. So we thought that for tonight we'll talk about some of the things we've learned and some of the impact and just just kind of fill people in. But one of the things with it's been fun, it's been the funny stuff that's happened over these handful level these last this last year. You guys edited out so much stuff. And I've always told everybody, man, I'm terrible. But when when you look at it on the in the final version, it looks great. So one of the first thing that really sticks in my mind that was funny was that we started by you know, we talked about this being an old shed kind of put this fake brick on the wall and
- C** Colin Edwards 01:22
it's real man, you ordered every one of these.
- S** Scott Hilton (Host) 01:24
Yeah, so to begin with, it was just wooden ceilings. So someone donated some acoustical tile was black.

C Colin Edwards 01:34
I saw how bad it looked when I saw

S Scott Hilton (Host) 01:37
our very first four interviews with just raw wood and they donated some tiles so I'll hook them up in here and thought I had done a pretty good job and get them up and and they were they were holding pretty well. Until episode number seven till episode number seven with otter Crumpler when right in the middle of one of the most moving pieces that we've we've had the whole time the ceiling tile just fell in right there and it could not have been a better it was absolutely right in dead center the room I fell and Arthur never missed a beat that's when it just amazed me i We just kept looking at he kept talking. The tower was laying on the on the dash He

C Colin Edwards 02:21
clipped the desk right here and broken the 10 to 15 pieces on the floor and I never checked up.

S Scott Hilton (Host) 02:28
Yeah, never never. It never phased in one bit. And you when you guys edit it, you can't even tell it. Yeah, it's amazing. So that I was one of the funny things then we had. I think when Derek Franklin was here and Zack Zack the canvas just fell off the wall, didn't it?

C Colin Edwards 02:43
Yeah, it just fail. And I even think the bottom right little acoustic panel fell too. And we even had to stop the episode. If I'm remembering this right, we stopped. We said, bro, hold on just a minute and came and fixed it. But we kept the cameras rolling. So Nathan, you'll need to go find that clip of us drilling. Yeah, to get all this fixed mid episode without interrupting too much.

S Scott Hilton (Host) 03:04
Breaking the continuity of the interview. Yeah, just had stuff falling all the time. One of the funny things that happens and Andy hitl will present me forever. I always told everybody, if I asked you something and you don't have the answer, he was fine to stop. And so Andy, we were doing this great interview with Andy and I asked him a question and he went. And he just asked that question again. It was just that was one of the funny things that happened. One of the funniest things to me, I hope this is appropriate. We had this particular guy, we'll call his name, but he had eight kids. And

C Colin Edwards 03:46
we were the only episode that we've done or the

S Scott Hilton (Host) 03:49
kids. And we did this great episode Great. God had all these great stories and um, but I just couldn't help asking him if he if he did he know what was causing this issue. He had not learned his lesson and totally caught him off guard. But yeah, he had a big kick out of that. And then there was the story where I asked the guy and again, I won't call his name because we edited this out and probably will never share this. But I asked him to tell us the story of his his daughter. And he began the story way before we were ready for the I mean, he started to conception. And when he said he's talking about now when he said to our Grand Canyon, Asa Tama we can I mean, let's let's go like when you found out six months later, when you visit the doctor because when I asked you to tell me the story of your child, I didn't mean to go away. So we had some really funny things but probably one of the funniest ones was my brother, Alberto. Doctor extrovert. We were waiting around. So the way this the podcast works is we record more than one app Certain times, so we're three or four at a time. And my mom and dad always came and waited to greet our guest. So Berto was in the house waiting to be interviewed and he found a guitar well, they in the cloud that he can sometime be, he'd start strumming the guitar, and I got to get him to bring him to the studio. And I said, Alberto, can you make up a song and we'll trick Nathan and Colin, I want you to tell him that we've made up a theme song for the for the best my dad podcast so he on the spur of the moment made it up. And the look on your face and

C Colin Edwards 05:35
I'll tell you what, look on my face was tragic.

A Alberto Echeverri (Guest) 05:39
So I've been thinking genealogists it's been a really a great honor to be here. And, and to be part of this project. So so it just made me think about my dad, I love my dad got the best out in the world. So So I made a song I love my dad. like nobody else. He was wonderful. He was great. He was always press saying he was always with us. Will were five children. Or no ha Haidee.

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He's in heaven by he's still with us. I just deal in my heart. He was a wonderful guy, he left a great legacy for us.

A Alberto Echeverri (Guest) 06:41
So how to be a great dad. It take COVID and man, it takes consistency. It takes affection, to be

a great da you got to love them. You got to pray for them. You have to ask God for humility, because you need to have to be great.

S Scott Hilton (Host) 07:11

The most awful song and we played it up like it was gonna be some serious rendition

C Colin Edwards 07:16

jingle intro to the podcast from here on now as the guys Alberto

S Scott Hilton (Host) 07:20

has really been working on this song. He wants to present it to the this for our our theme song. And he played in and I happen to be recording. Nathan's face was just priceless. And he looked at he looked at you, Colin, as if to say, how are we going to get out of this? How are we going to deal with this? When so we've had a lot of fun. And those are just some of the ones that I remember. Do you have any other

C Colin Edwards 07:45

stood out? For sure. I don't think I have any. Nathan Can you think of any? On top of that?

S Scott Hilton (Host) 07:51

We just got a handful. We just had a lot of fun but

C Colin Edwards 07:55

and then I think about pouring down rain to remember the video that Yes. So we you know this a metal roof right here and the bottom fell out of the sky. We couldn't even hear and hear what Dr. Mike and what Scott were saying. Am I ever gonna survive this or how they ever get out of this? I think this is

S Scott Hilton (Host) 08:19

our overnight.

C Colin Edwards 08:20

Were able to fix it on the back end at least but definitely some hiccups and then we set up and tear down in the rain is fun. Didn't we video that one night? Am I remembering right?

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Scott Hilton (Host) 08:29

Yeah, we had a terrible thunderstorm. Yeah. And then we had the one where Mark Price and Charlie Parker were here and it was Oh air conditioner broke. It wasn't even

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Colin Edwards 08:39

I don't think I got it installed. The heat came in early last spring. I remember at the

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Scott Hilton (Host) 08:43

end of the interview, I asked Mark a tough question. And he said and I'm sweating bullets because the question is because it was 90 degrees please find that are sweating like crazy but

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Colin Edwards 08:58

we got a text from Scott the next day and he sent us a picture of the winter unit he had installed just texted back and said praise the Lord.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 09:06

It's funny to me because you know people talk to me about this podcast thing as if it's it's really something neat. If you see it on YouTube or one of those, whatever those things are. It really looks professional but we're really in 12 to 24 said that used to be my son's drums studio. It was a foodshed for the ranch for a long time. So I don't know where I was going with that but anyway, we had some interesting things happen as a result of this great said but you know, trade it man I wouldn't trade it for anything. As I look back we had a lot of other options we could have gone with for for setting up the recording, we call it a studio and we kind of laugh about that. But we had a lot of other options but the said has kind of gained some sentimental value to us and think about the people we've had in the moments we've had and this shared and and it's amazing to me that the moments that have been shared in this shed have been so powerful to a lot of people. But now that they've impacted people across really literally across the world, thanks to the, to the internet. Yeah,

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Colin Edwards 10:19

absolutely. I think back. It really started with episode one. Do you really think about it, the powerful moments you had the opportunity to interview your dad, share your heart with your dad right out of the gate? I want to ask you, what did that mean to you?

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Scott Hilton (Host) 10:33

Well, that meant more than me than you realize. My dad, I think those that admire him and love him and appreciate him and just he's my hero. But to be able to tell him that was something that I think I cherish now. And I think that I will, one of the things that we've been able to do here that was kind of unexpected impact was that families of the guests that we interviewed were impacted. It was kind of a side note, we really didn't, that wasn't part of the plan, but it happened. But I had so many families come to me and say, Hey, thanks for doing this. This was a gift to our family, it was our chance to tell grandpa or her dad, that we love him. And we appreciate him. And so often, we don't do that enough. And you know, we've had two guys who lost their dad within weeks of doing this interview. And just just the fact that they got to pay respect to their dad while he was still here. And yeah, that that interview I did with my dad, and then a lot of my friends began to talk about it. I told the story of him rather than the touchdown. And so all my childhood friends began to talk about, but that story, so it was interesting.

C Colin Edwards 11:51

It's interesting to you, you've mentioned many times about how it's difficult to look your dad in the eye and share what you really feel. But this podcast provides a setting that makes that, you know, it eases that a lot. Why do you think that is?

S Scott Hilton (Host) 12:07

It's just because we're men, and we're just, we're just wired different. We're not wired to be emotional. We're wired to be kind of, you know, kind of graphy I guess you'd say and to look to look somebody in the eye and tell them thank you and admire us, not our nature. So really, especially when it's somebody that you're really close to thank you. You do a better job at that with people that you're not really close to say so. And you know, I think we're gonna get to this too, but the emotion?

C Colin Edwards 12:38

Yeah, there has been so many tears sit in this chair. I'm sitting in right. Yeah,

S Scott Hilton (Host) 12:41

yeah, that's been one of the things that's just blown me away is for a while there, everybody was every single one of Everybody cried. Yeah. And these are grown men. You know, the one that sticks out my mind most to think is my friend brick Haley. Is this massive, you know, college football coach, coaches, linebackers and defensive lineman Division one. Yeah. And to see him break down and cry like he did and break a record be mad for me for. But there's been a lot of guys, when some of them we've had, you know, we just had to edit it out because they cried so much. Yeah. But I can remember

C Colin Edwards 13:21

one. In particular, I want say his name, but he finally just said, He okay. You don't have to say

one. In particular, I won't say his name, but he finally just said, it's okay. You don't have to say anything else.

S Scott Hilton (Host) 13:27

Yeah, I would look him in the eyes. And I just felt sorry for these guys. I really did. Because but that speaks to the power of fatherhood and their lives.

C Colin Edwards 13:37

We started out I don't want to ask you this question as well. There's been a lot of things happen over the last 50 episodes and things happen that we didn't like there's been impacts that we didn't necessarily plan on. But the Lord just used it in ways we didn't make maybe necessarily see, I want to ask you this question. When we first started, what did you want to accomplish?

S Scott Hilton (Host) 13:59

I really just wanted another way to get the message that the book, How to be the dad you wish you had, I just want another means of communicating the things out of that book. That's really all I was looking for. And it turned out to be a whole lot more than that. The kind of the secondary thing I wanted to do was be it to be able to collect the stories. The chicken soup stories, we sent them column and the script flipper stories. So those were really those are those are my two expectations. In the beginning. You feel like both of them were accomplished. Yeah, absolutely. We've had so many stories. I mean, that's just powerful stories. And I've learned so much about people that I knew that I didn't know, you know, the things that you don't know about people. One of the things that's kind of interesting to me is that families have called and came up to me and said, Hey, I didn't know that about my dad. I didn't know that but my grandfather, you know, I respect him even more than I did, because I learned something that he shared on the podcast with you. And guys that, you know, in terms of unexpected impact, this has been sort of therapeutic for some of the guys we've interviewed, you know, like, I remember Mike McClellan coming in and saying, yeah, just a terrible, yeah, you know, childhood, really. And he said, I've been thinking about telling somebody, I've never told anybody as the first time he sat in that chair and told everybody his whole story. And then that would follow us out when I'd walk them out to the car. Because it would just be me in our guest. And they would say, hey, I want to tell you something else that I didn't want to see in there. And it was things that they had kept bottled up for 50 years sometimes. So that's been kind of an unexpected thing for me.

C Colin Edwards 15:55

What would you say in speak personally, here has been most impactful to you as an individual from season one, first 50 episodes of the podcast.

S Scott Hilton (Host) 16:05

So I think one of the things personally for me has been just the guys who would send us a

message through social media or through our website, or call or text, and you guys got those calls as well as I did. And they would say, like, one guy said, you know, I think he had three kids. And he said, I'm just reevaluating what I'm doing. As a father, I've been watching your podcasts, and it's caused me to stop and kind of reevaluate myself as a dad, and I'm gonna be more intentional about being a great dad, and then the gas who would call and say, you know, I'm driving down the road, and I had to pull over because I'm crying, because this has caused me to stop and think about my impact as a dad. And then of course, we had that young man who wanted to go out and eat with me and told me he was about to be a father and didn't want to be, and was trying to decide his words, what to do about it. And, and he said, I watched your podcast, and I think I can do this, I think is word for I think we're gonna keep the baby well, and I don't know exactly what he meant by that. But to me, personally, that was powerful. And then, you know, I go out to Eagle Rock and some other places, and there'd be those young men would come up to me and say, Hey, I seen your podcast, I like those. And they would think, wow, those, you know, we're reaching somebody that within reach.

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Colin Edwards 17:37

So I want to ask you another question to the whole, you know, all 50 of them. They've been filled with such just incredible moments. Some of them, you know, obviously came from people with pretty brutal paths, but some of them came from guys who were raised in a really healthy homes with tremendous fathers. That's when I asked you, do you have any top moments from the entire season? That you'll just you know, they're just mark to you just remember.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 18:04

Yeah, I'll tell you, the one that sticks out my mind more than any is Arthur Crumpler? When the just be their speech? There's author who never knew is that and he's, he's he's turned things around. He's really successful guy in so many ways. And I said, What do you tell a young father, he said, Just be there. At the end. He said it in three different ways. Just be there just be there. I call it the be there speech. But that, to me, that was the the top moment. And I think, coming in at a close second was when David Williams told the story of how he found out that he was going to be a dad at a high school basketball game. And he went and told the coach, he's a senior in high school at this point, Senior High School, and he finds out at the game, yeah. And he goes and tells the coach, Hey, Coach, this is my last game, because tomorrow, I'm getting a job. To me that was, Wow, that's powerful. And then to bring a course it turned out to be twins, but to bring them in. As you know, they're grown women, now. They're their mothers. And to bring them in and have them say, Hey, thanks, Dad for making that decision. That was a powerful moment for me. Wow, they were there. Just so many, but I think those two are the, probably the top two most powerful moments that I experienced.

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Colin Edwards 19:31

So we need to get a shirt or hoodie that says just be there. Yeah, let that be. Would you say that's almost a resounding message of season one?

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Scott Hilton (Host) 19:39

Scott Hilton (Host) 19:59

Yeah, thanks. So one of the things I've learned is that being a dad is not complicated. We just heard that over and over and over and you don't have to be perfect. You know, even the guys who were just, we're offering forgiveness to their dads for many, many mistakes they've made would say, just do Listen, you know, I'm just glad my dad was there.

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Colin Edwards 20:02

So over the course of the first season, we've gotten phone calls texts, like you've mentioned. But there's been a few things happen, that Allah kind of, you know, it's just really incredible to me. And I know you would say the same. One of them was something happened with a homeless shelter. It was out here in town, you want to tell kind of what happened there? Yeah.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 20:23

So I just talked to a friend of mine, but that's a population where I think there are a lot of very hurting people. And a lot of their hurt comes from just being abandoned. You know, they're their own childhoods. And I just suggested to a friend of mine, that we play the videos at the homeless shelter, and they were doing that, and I think they're still doing it. But yeah, I think, just to be able to reach the populations that we want to reach, and then that I know that there's a private school that's maybe more than one that uses our videos for their boys Bible classes. Just to know that the things that happen in this set are going out there and potentially impacting those who need to be impacted the most. Yeah,

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Colin Edwards 21:14

I think back to as you were talking with James span episode, he was you know, James was a band, and I believe he was seven years old. And obviously, that led him into a few years of struggle, but there was a, there was a teacher that took James and James under his wing or her wing. Remember, if it was male or female teacher, male female teacher took James under his wing. And it ended up making all the difference in James life, there was a teacher that saw that episode of James talking about that went out of her way, the following day in class to find that that kid that was struggling, that was isolated, yeah, to really make I don't know, if you remember that story,

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Scott Hilton (Host) 21:52

I do remember that story. She actually sent me a text and said, I, you know, there was almost a substitute teacher, there's a child who's in foster care in my class. And, and she made it a point to reach out to that child. And I thought that probably, she probably made a more of a impact on that child. And she realize, but these these videos that we've made, and these little stories have been used, I know, in schools a lot already. And to remind teachers, because I have teachers come to me and tell me, hey, you know, I've been reminded that I have an opportunity to make an impact, like, sometimes you get so you can't see the forest for the trees and get so busy. But teachers have told me that they've been able to make an impact. And I think about the story that Charlie Parker and I told about our fourth grade teacher, Oh,

yeah. What was her name? Again, Gala. Taylor was her name and how she, you know, when Miss Taylor had me and Charlie, we see what I never imagined, I guess that either one of us would do anything or other life, but she validated us. And we told that story. And I was thinking about Tony Reddick. And the people who offered him a scholarship, Tony was a fatherless child. And I think 11 or 12 kids, and just, you know, just the a lot of opportunities weren't there for him. And someone offered him a scholarship to go to a private school. And I think you know, how life changing that was for him. Of course, he's now the superintendent of schools. We didn't get to tell the whole story of author Crumpler, there was a book his his interview was so rich, we had a cat so much, but there was a couple when he was in college, reached out to him and mentored him, kind of took him in to be part of their family. So those those kinds of stories have been used. And then of course, we had dusty, dusty, right and coach farmer that was a, I should say, you know, that moment when dusty, paid tribute to coach farmer should have been right up there and in the top two or three of all the moments we've had, but just the, you know, we've been able to VISTA McDuffie talked about a neighbor, who reached out to him and then he named off about 10 other people in the neighborhood who reached out to him. Todd Carnes, great story about Todd Carnes. And a childhood friend by the name of Greg McGriff. He called him goose goose MoGraph, but never gave up on him. And even when Todd went astray, Goose never gave up on it. And so I think there's so many little inspirational stories that we've gained out of people just being there for other people and sticking with them.

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Colin Edwards 24:48

That was a message to the community. After hearing those handful of incidences you just mentioned, what's the message to

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Scott Hilton (Host) 24:55

well, the it's, it's simple there, we can make a difference in the life For over a child, it doesn't take a whole lot. It's often said just be there doesn't take a whole lot to stick with somebody to encourage them to say a kind word. You know, James Spann said that he feels like he would be imprisoned today, or dead or dead. Had it not been for that principle, his fourth grade principal, who made it a point to come to him and say something positive to him? And that's all it took. Yeah, yeah. So so the point is one of the things I'm most excited about as a futures, we break these interviews down, and we can share those things to inspire people, because a two or three minute inspiration can have a lifetime effect. Absolutely.

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Colin Edwards 25:43

You talked and we can even kind of tease at this a little bit. One thing that's in your heart that you've shared with us, is making, you know, we've got, what, 30 hours, 40 hours, at least of footage that we've recorded over the past year. And you're wanting to break that down into bite sized pieces to make it available to counselors and schools. And you want to say a little bit of your heart there and what's to come,

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Scott Hilton (Host) 26:05

yes, we're already here. And from school counselors who are using our videos, we've you

yes, we're already here. And from school counselors who are using our videos, we've, you know, their kids who lose, lose their parents lose their dads, we've we've told stories of guys who've lost the dads, their kids who are growing up in alcoholic homes, we've told stories of kids who have grown man who grew up in alcoholic homes. They're guys who basically left, even today are left to fend for themselves. And we've worked telling stories about those guys. So we've we're working on a catalogue of stories that we can give to school counselors. So that when a kid comes in is having a certain problem, they've got something that they can look at, it's a lot better, you know, the, the counselor can only say so much. But if they can look at a real person who's who's been where they are, and we can offer those kids some hope, then that's important. What one of the things I'm most excited about in terms of the schools is this idea that we will develop a a fatherhood curriculum. You know, just think about that today. We've, we've got, our schools have gotten so full of stuff that we don't really need, you know, but I think it's time we ask for Fair, fair play. You know, I think it's time that we get to do some things away from our value system, if we're going to be teaching all these crazy values in the schools, which might not be the place to teach. But if we're going to do it, let's teach about fatherhood. Yeah. So one of the things that's on our agenda is to take these videos and some other knowledge that we have, and develop a fatherhood curriculum that can be used in public schools. And I think that's how you really changed the world. Yeah. influence young guys who maybe didn't have a father, maybe they maybe they did, but you just teach them the importance of fatherhood. And I was thinking, when I was in high school, once that once football season was over, we had a whole semester left. And we just had to take electives, because we had our credits. So let's offer a fatherhood classes of elective Yeah. So we're gonna work I'll do that. I think it'll happen. It's pretty

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Colin Edwards 28:20

awesome. I wanted to ask you this as well. You know, you call them chicken soup stories. And we have heard dozens and dozens and dozens and you already had dozens before we even started this season on the podcast. I want to ask you this out of all of those stories, that's chicken soup stories, as you call them. Which one stands out most to you?

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Scott Hilton (Host) 28:40

Well, I think I have to say the day dad called far yeah, the little girl who

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Colin Edwards 28:46

did it was her anonymous guest if I remember, right, yeah,

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Scott Hilton (Host) 28:48

his her dad caught fire work and burned himself pretty badly. And instead of going to the hospital, he drove two hours to be at her gymnastics meet because he had, he had promised he would never miss one. And, and he sat through a two hour gymnastics meet, then went to the hospital or to download he had third degree burns, third degree burns all over his body. And to hear her say, I knew from that point that my dad was always going to be there. For me. That's one of the most powerful. Well, I think of think of Kenneth Bruce and the story he told

about his dad being the PA announcer PA announcer for Kentucky basketball, and what a position and what kind of perks he had. But he gave those up, to be able to watch his son play soccer, watch his son play soccer on Saturdays. That was one but yeah, we've got just tons of those. And you're actually putting the book together. Is that right? Yes, we're putting a compilation of those together. And they're They're kind of cute stories, but they're also inspirational. Yeah. That I love stories like that. And we've probably got, what I think 30 or 40 of them now, at

C Colin Edwards 30:03

least, in counting to kind of these last few episodes we've found and stuff, it's just

S Scott Hilton (Host) 30:09

yeah. And we might even include some of the stories of people who've had mentors to, to reach out to them like, you know, like Mr. McDuffie talked about. Mike Britt, taking him to Captain days. Find him at \$3. Lions back when you could do that. Investor said that was not a big deal. But to me, it was a big deal.

C Colin Edwards 30:31

So those are was it Blake with the fleshies Was that

S Scott Hilton (Host) 30:35

like can be with slushies and Gatorade. Blake Blake said, Scott, that's not really a great story. I said, my dad took me to the Kwik shop and we had slushies and Gatorade. And I said, You do realize I spent like 40 years ago and he's still telling me you're still talking about so. And then you know, the, with Dusty and coach Pharma. The fact that coach former came over and the dusty has cerebral palsy. And Coach Farber came over to his house and saved him saved his face. Did rebounds a week. Yeah. Because because his mom was in the hospital. So those those stories are

C Colin Edwards 31:16

the fishing story with Keith Owens Leto and but yeah, that one all the time

S Scott Hilton (Host) 31:20

when his dad was went in and change clothes and came came back out to and then Gary kealan at the fire. Yeah, it when when Gary said, you know his dad ran into a burning house to save his his exercise equipment, his weight bench. Wow, what a story

- C** Colin Edwards 31:38
because that was the bond right there. That was the place where he and his dad had relationships.
- S** Scott Hilton (Host) 31:41
That was that was where they had relation. He said he let he say let family photos go up in the fire. But he wasn't gonna let that symbol of his relationship with us.
- C** Colin Edwards 31:51
ruin the story. For those who haven't seen Gary's episode bigger. He goes on to join the Power Team. Yeah, travel the world. And isn't it was a platform just platform for him to share the gospel for years and years and years and years. It's just wild to think about all that. Yeah. Small moments that just carry for decades.
- S** Scott Hilton (Host) 32:12
Yeah. Even even Todd Harris talking about sitting in his dad's lap operating the hook. Yeah. Yeah. The front end loader? Yeah. You know, he just remembered that. And Ty didn't think it was a big deal. But he remembered it after all these years.
- C** Colin Edwards 32:27
So what's the message to dads right there.
- S** Scott Hilton (Host) 32:29
It's just the little things. It's not complicated. It's just the little things. Just day in, day out being consistent.
- C** Colin Edwards 32:38
Brian man sat here and said, You don't gotta take your kids to Paris. Right? I said, just just maximize the moment.
- S** Scott Hilton (Host) 32:45
Yeah. And Brian, Brian said, you know, I thought he is Brian was a college quarterback. And he said, I came onto the field. And I wanted to look and see where my parents were. So stories like that are priceless to me.

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Colin Edwards 32:59

Absolutely. I want to ask you this. It was actually it was actually last minute. People don't know this. It was God's idea. He texted us, I think we were two days before the first film date. And he said, I've had this idea, as I was praying this morning that we need to get videos from the kids and from the family of the guest to actually show them to pay tribute to the Father to honor the role of the father, as you say it. It's turned out to be one of the most impactful pieces in the entire season one of the podcasts, those want to ask you, what are your takeaways from that, as we've now interviewed 50 guests, and I've had the opportunity to sit here and see how their kids really feel about them?

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Scott Hilton (Host) 33:43

Well, there were several reasons we did that. One was to I wanted to demonstrate to our target audience who was Father fatherless kids that are going to be fathers one day, and fathers in general, that this is how it can be. Because I knew that there will be young men who would watch and they would have no clue of what things should turn out to be. And I wanted them to be able to look at these, those family tributes and say, Well, one day, I'd like for my kids to say that about me. And to think, Wow, this is possible. So that's why we did it. That's why we started doing those in the first place. But the secondary kind of reason for that was that we kind of wanted to restore honor to the role of the father and our society. There's this kind of movement that says fathers aren't important. And I think it's nuts. It's crazy. But we wanted to restore a sense of honor to the position of the father in the home and that's that was one of the ways we did it. We knew to be perfectly honest that it would also bring in some other listeners There's particularly women, the women love the family tributes. And the women gotta get their husbands to come and look at this and it inspires. But it's, it was all about inspiring. And we just thought it'd be a great way to encourage the gas that we brought in to interview as well. Because they, you know, they put in the work we interviewed, most of the guys had already done the fatherhood thing, you know, most of the guys we interviewed had adult children, not all of them. But we wanted to, to honor them to honor the the contribution they had made and the work they put in,

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why do you think that was? So moving to that?

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Wow, you know, it was just really moving. Nobody knows, I don't even know if we captured it on video. But to sit here and look in the faces of those guys, as they watched, and I'm talking about some horses, I'm talking about some major, some tough guys, as they watched their children pay tribute to them. It was powerful as you go ahead. I think it for a lot of those guys, it was just like a sense of you that they don't get appreciated enough, or they don't sense it or feel it and we like to be appreciated. And one of the things is important to man is to be appreciated by our children. And for them to be able to do that. And again, the kids would wouldn't always say that in person. But then this medium,

 Colin Edwards 36:39

or you've done it 49 times, you sat there, yeah. Wow. These dads get to sit here and listen to what their kids have to say about them. So now we have pulled a quick one. Yeah.

 Scott Hilton (Host) 36:49

Okay.

 Colin Edwards 36:53

And so now, I think it's fitting that episode 50. Scott, you've raised, you've raised, you've raised over 300. Kids, you got to have your own biological and I think your wife has something to say, right here as well enjoy this moment.

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Hi, Dad, I just want to jump on here and say congratulations on 50 episodes of The, that's my dad project Podcast. I'm incredibly proud of the work that you've done with this podcast, and your book launch. And really everything that you've done, coming out of your retirement, it's just been really inspiring. And I'm just glad to see that you still have that passion in you to, to go out and serve others and you still have more to give the world. And I think when you told me you were starting a podcast, I was a little worried about you, releasing all of your inner thoughts and stories into the world via the internet. But looking back, I'm just very blessed to have to have this sort of anthology of stories from you and your friends and these people you met, not to mention the impact that you've had just around our local town and around the world in the country with your stories. And I know that the impact will continue to grow and grow. So I look forward to see what you do in the future. I miss you. As always, I love you a whole lineup, we get to see you soon. But until then keep up the great work. I'm incredibly proud of you.

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Hi. So you know, when you started the podcast, I was a little bit nervous, because I feel like I never know what you're gonna say. But it's been so good. And I'm so proud of you and proud of everything that you've accomplished. And I want you to know that. And I just want to take a minute just to tell you how thankful I am for you. And I think in this season of life that I'm in, I have really been able to appreciate how you and mom just lead a life of ministry, and you are transparent about it. As we were growing up, I feel like I have just learned so much about what it's like to sit with people in their hurt and in their pain, and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in those moments. And I'm so thankful for you and I'm thankful that I know that I can always call you. I can always count on you. You're always going to be there for me. Even now that I'm an adult. I know that I can call you for advice. I can call you if I need just some comedic relief. I know that you're always there and that really means the world to me. You know, I'm grateful

that I never felt like I had to share you with anyone. But I really love that I got to share you with everyone because you really taught me so much there but I'm just so thankful for you and I love you so much and



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so fries Hey, Hedy, congratulations on a wonderful season of this podcast. You have done so well. One of my friends even asked me if you had done this before because you look like a CSUN podcast. Interviewer That all kidding aside, all the experiences and the lessons that have been shared in each one of those episodes had been a blessing to me and I'm sure to everybody who has listened to them. You have been a wonderful father to Danny and Ali. You're always talking so well about them. But let me tell you yes. We have two wonderful children. But we have two special kids because they have a special day at you have accepted our Steen our son in law like he was your own and you're always talking so well about all three of them. Even though they finally we've had to share you with the boys from the ranch. You always made sure that they understood that they are very important to you. And you did all kinds of things with them but one of them was to coach soccer when you need a nine if they have a soccer and we have we went to so many ballgames and drumline bands and we did camping trips and those the innards of the table had been some of the best memories I have with our kids. It's been a blessing to see how God has renewed your call. Your call has been to take care of the fatherless and this new version of you. Sometimes we call it the 2.0 version of you. It's is wonderful. And so this is my prayer for you planning that as you see God that you will be like that man in Psalms one, the one that is planted besides the streams of water that you will give fruit and that everything all those plants that you have will succeed. I love you honey and I am so proud to be your wife



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I guess I know how those guys feel what goes around comes around yeah just first of all my son Danny it means the world to me. And two people could not be any more different than me and Danny he's six foot three above six. We have totally different personalities and he had to share me you know for all the years on up to know he didn't hold that against me. And Ally as well. You know Ali and I are two peas in a pod which is the like but for her to say that she never felt neglected. That's something that always what I was concerned about. And when you are consumed in the kind of ministry we were in consumed with 32 years it's easy to to give yourself to everybody else and forget that you got a family and to see the my two kids realize that and they feel that that they were not second hand They were my first priority. I think it means the world to me. And I've been blessed with a wonderful wife. I mean, she's just She's incredible. We've been very open about the fact that we've had our struggles, and you know, wrote in the book about that, starting, you know, getting married and changing your culture, and starting a children's home, immediately, you know, six months, we had six kids, we've been married six months. And we, we've stuck together through thick and thin. And that's been one of the themes of our, our marriages is tough. It's tough. It's not always about a roses. But

we've we've hung in there, and now we're reaping the benefit. So but it was a blessing to me to see that my kids don't feel like they were second place. Think there's nothing more important to me than knowing that.

C Colin Edwards 46:03

I've only got one more question. And we'll cap off season one, and it has to do with this right here. Hold this for just a minute, let us watch and get a look at it. It's been our backdrop for 50 episodes now. And I want to give you an opportunity to look at it up close. And for those who don't know, this was blank to start. And as we've had each guest come on, they sign in, it's slowly filled up. It's been kind of cool to watch it as well. But I want to know when you see this. What do you what do you feel anything? What goes through your mind? Was it represent to you,

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it represents one of the most fun things I've ever done in my life. This podcast was a lot of work. But it certainly wasn't easy. And I had to be honest, we I'm glad that we're wrapping it. But it just it represents a lot of changed lives. It represents to me the power of God to change a life it represents potential. It represents people who did it the right way it represents fathers who have been doing it just doing the right. It represents people who have flipped the script, it represents what our whole country could be about. If we can just inspire people, and that's what we said from day one, we're at five per set inspiration and 15% instruction, I got it right, like

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you said 20%. And the first step. Yeah,

S Scott Hilton (Host) 47:47

something like that. This rep this to me, I mean, the archers this, you know, we did a an event where we had got lost. And I got up in the middle of the night to go back to the to the venue and get it almost in my pajamas. But this represents really one of the most rewarding things that I've ever done. And, you know, we talked about impact, calm, and then Nathan. Our impact is not in the number of views we've had, we were even going to talk about that

C Colin Edwards 48:24

every day in almost 3 million views on all platforms.

S Scott Hilton (Host) 48:28

If you had, if you had told me 10 months ago, that there'd be 3 million views of what we did in

this shed, I'd have laughed until Jesus crazy. But the real impact is not in 3 million views. The real impact is in the years to come. That maybe we've inspired some young man to be a father that he would not have otherwise been. And maybe we've changed the life of a child and probably a bunch of them. And for me to be given the opportunity in my retirement to do something that could potentially change generations to come long after I'm gone is an incredible blessing to me in this this represents that so I'll always cherish this, this piece of you can burn the house down. I shouldn't say that. But I'm, I'm hanging on to this.

C Colin Edwards 49:31

Awesome. Well, I'm sure in the days and weeks to come here after this episode airs. We'll be rolling out what's to come with the project and there is going to be a season two. So we will just clarify that we'll be rolling out details about that. In the weeks to come but for now, Scott, why don't you take us out of here one more time. Well, I'll say one

S Scott Hilton (Host) 49:54

last time. It's been a great ride. That'll conclude this episode. That's my dad. Add we're inspiring fathers to become great dads and we're breaking cycles of generational fatherlessness. Thank you for joining us.