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Scott Hilton (Host)

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Welcome again to the investment dad podcast. I'm Scott Hilton here with Todd Dylan has a new friend of mine, Todd, thanks for coming in, man. Hey, thanks for having me, man. You. You know, we're trying to inspire young guys who grew up without a dad. You know what the story the podcast is about. And you were excited because you think you got a story. And I've heard it, but I want to hear it again. So I'm just gonna let you roll with your story. I think people find it interesting. And then I want to kind of pick your brain as to how, how you overcame the circumstances you had to overcome?

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Yeah. Well, thanks for having me again, Mandy. Now you just put me on pause anywhere in between you go for doing what I mean? Well, my story is a it's not necessarily an unfamiliar story, you know, growing up without my biological father in the household. I was born in Franklinton. Louisiana. I don't know if you know what that is Washington Parish, and

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St. Louis. Yes. That's all quickly, no matter what, what parents you're in, it's all a different zip code. Yeah,

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yeah. And, you know, probably 18 months, two years old, or something like that. My mom moved to Wauke, Wisconsin, her and her sister. But if you had another sister that was there, and she had a sister that they moved together, I had a, I have a cousin, we're about a year apart. And so he moved there. And ultimately, my auntie moved back to Louisiana, my mom decided to stay. And so it was her. And I, of course, with she had her other sister, but she had a husband, family, that type of thing. So this is man, you know, early 80s. And so just had

different dynamics that came with them being raised in a single parent household, you know, saying interesting thing about it is, you know, it's not until I look back over those years that I realized some of the deficiencies, if you want to call them that, whether it's financial, whatever it is, because it just was what it was, as a kid, you just know, what you know, you know, and so, I didn't think it strange to, you know, go stand in line to get food or, you know, powdered milk back then, and peanut butter, cheese that comes in a little cardboard, you know, and so you had different dynamics, with, again, the financial pieces of it, you know, trying to make it make things happen, you know, as I got older, understand why mom couldn't get in certain things. Now, you know what I mean? So, shoes, or clothes, or whatever it is, but back then it just kind of, you just, you will just kind of live in life. You know what I mean? We went to neighborhood schools, you walk to school, I walked to school until I was in sixth grade. This isn't a walk, you got to be so this is snow and all these other type

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things. You really did walk snow, you really did and people talk about?



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Yeah, no, we really did walk to school in the snow. So I had my auntie who lived there, she had a five boys, one girl, you know, and so I had a family system kind of there. You know, I mean, within the neighborhood, that type of thing. But it still was your own personal core was me and my mom, you know, and so from a, a father standpoint, it'd begin to morph or evolve to picking up just traits from those who were around us to kind of the natural evolution, I think of things, you know,

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were to dad.



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So he was he was still in, in Louisiana, you know? And whatever the dynamics were between my mom and he, you don't want to be of course your kid you don't you don't get that. I just knew it was just me and my mom. He was still in Louisiana. And we haven't had any connection per se. Pretty much for the most of my life. You know, this. There's been a literally a handful of times that I've seen when I was a kid. And even since being an adult, I've reached out but it's really been to like no avail.

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Did he leave y'all when you were wavy? Or what did



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you know? I think my mom kind of said, she was out she was leaving, she was going to do something different. I don't think it was working. I don't think it was a planned thing. You know, so they weren't married at the time young, you know what I mean? So I think she just wanted to try new lifestyle, something different and he chose not to follow. Just create that distance. And now the keeping in contact part and all of that. Who knows, you know, but did he

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did he make any effort to keep in touch with you



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No, that is hard for me to say because, you know, of course, your mom's not gonna tell you all this stuff. You know what I mean? So I'm not, I'm not sure about that. But I know that we weren't in contact a whole lot. You know? So now who's part that was on? I'm not I'm not sure

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that bother you at any point, or did you did it was kind of part of life.



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I think it was. Initially, I think it just kind of was what it was. And then I think as I got a little older, there were things that I felt like, I should have been participating in with a dad more either, I should have known that my friends knew that I didn't know what simple stuffs like working on the car, shooting pool or whatever it is, it's like, some of my friends, that information came almost built in, and I had to learn it from them, you know, that kind of thing. So I knew something just wasn't. Right. And so I felt almost at a disadvantage in that regard. But, you know, I never held resentment, like, yeah, you know, was it meant for him in that regard? But I just knew, Okay. I was supposed to know that.

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Do you think though as a kid, though, do you think about those things? Or is it just something that happens? The think about, I need to be looking at Uncle Percy are I need to be looking at Joe? No, honestly, it just kind of part of life?



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Well, for me, I just, I wasn't necessarily thinking about, I need to be looking at a certain person. I just would kind of see what I wanted and didn't want that. So I would try to make this kind of hodgepodge of, man dad figure. I like the way he does this with his family. Oh, I like the way the job he has or whatever, ah, oh, he's athletic. He's so I'm trying to put pieces together from

different guys to make this like this person. And that's good. But it's also can be dangerous. I think I've shared with you before we got on the podcast when we talk and it can be dangerous. And I use for an example, just learning how to put on cologne. You know, I, I want to smell good. Because the guys told me it's what you need to do. And I saw you know, you get the compliments and all this stuff. And so man, I'm gonna get clone. I didn't know anything difference between cheap cologne, good cologne, whatever, I just want to smell good, you know? And so one guy says, okay, yeah, you spray it on your wrist because you know, less your pulse points or whatever it is, okay? Other Guy says, Yeah, but you've got to spray it on your neck to another guy says, Well, you're a little tall. So when you walk by, he wants to smell used to spray around your waist area. Another guy says, Well, if they walk up behind you, and you want to spray it, so it meets him, you know, the next thing you know, when you spray 10 1215 sprays and you run it everybody, everybody. So it's having to reverse effect. Okay, sometimes, like life, people advising you can be the same way. Yeah, you don't do it this way. We'll do it this way. Because in most cases, people are telling you, they only can tell you what they know. I think that it's getting better. Because there's a statement that a gentleman that has been very impactful in my life as a father, since I've been an adult, you know, he's my pastor, but he really taught me so much about manhood, about money management, about family, you know, that kind of he really embraced me like a son. And one of the statements that he makes is, exposure expands your expectation. And so sometimes when you're in a certain 678, block radius, that's your world. And you don't know any about any better food, or quality food you're eating, you know, chips and cheese and, and burgers and fries. And it's just what it is. That's what you eat.

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You think that's what you're supposed to,



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that's what you're supposed to you don't know about nutrition, you don't know about some of the health things you don't know about relationship things, you know, the relationship dynamics that you see, you know, you only know what you know. And so now with technology, there's just so many other things that you're exposed to. And so exposure expands your expectation, oh, I can eat differently, oh, I don't have to live like this. Oh, I can live in in better conditions. Because now you know, and so it gives you something else to aspire for, you know, and that's why I would say it's better because it's almost like the blinders are removed. Now getting from point A to point B will be its own thing, but at least I know a point B exists. Sometimes it can be very disheartening to think that this is all that there is. Yeah, this is life.

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So what I mean, that's why we had we I wanted you on the podcast, the minute we met, we talked on the phone for a couple hours, I think. And I knew I gotta have that guy because there's, there's young men out there who I know, who will look at to relate to you. Yeah. And you've expanded their whole world. We're gonna we haven't even told you her whole story to get there. But you've expanded the possibilities. What was that quote? Again? The exposure



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exposure expands your expectation. Yeah. So that's what we're trying to do on the podcast



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we grill is put the taste in your mouth for see, you know, we talked about the government cheese and all of that. It's hard to go back to government cheese. Once you've tasted, you know, some some Gouda made some good sharp cheddar. Yeah, it's hard to go back, you know, as you've been exposed now. So one of the things is trying to and we do that, even to this day, in our ministry, we tried to take kids to different types of restaurants, they wouldn't go with their family and teach them on or off the menu, that kind of thing would take them to, you know, different areas for buying clothes, or whatever it is, or events or whatever it is, just to put the taste in your mouth. And I think it awakened something. Yeah.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 11:19

You know, people don't really see it when I was at the Boys Ranch, I would take the kids for for a ride in a car. Yeah, they thought we're just going somewhere, you know, but I would take them through a nice neighborhood. Yeah. And they say, wow, look at that house. And I would just casually say, you know, that could be you one day. Yeah, I was planting seeds. I was exposing them someday. A lot of them had never seen



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it. I guarantee you it marked them for life in a good way.

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So what happened? You got on in the high school? There? Was there a point where you kind of thought, you know, I don't really fit this mold. I don't think I'm gonna be one of those guys, it's gonna be here, when I'm 40. I'm gonna move on, I'm gonna find something else. Do you recall a point that you said, I'm gonna do something different? Or was it somebody in your life? Where was what was the turning point for you?



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Yeah, I think that I think I always knew it was something more, you know, something more, and whether it's from TV, or magazines, or whatever, I just felt like, there was something else. You know. And even though I was in a certain environment, I felt like there had to be a way for me

to experience more than what I was currently experiencing. And you said that about high school. It's funny how words and we used to hear this thing about in the 90s was to hear this thing about, you know, the black male, there's going to be extinct by 2000. And whatever it is. And the crazy part about it is what I was seeing, in my however many block radius, and what they were saying at school, it was really like confirming, because when you when you're hearing about this one's got shot, and just wouldn't happen to this person. And I had a one friend over Thanksgiving break. He died from a Russian Roulette, playing with a good eighth grade, you know, had another guy, he died from robbery gone wrong. This is like within probably two, three years. And that was your norm. Point. I wrote them all down. And I probably had my 18 Really, and that I knew personally, within three, four years, that kind of thing. So you're hearing this, you're not gonna make it. You're thinking like, Man, I just need to get to 1820. And you're thinking like, man, I've I've lived you still a baby? No, you're still a baby survived. Yeah, I survived. So I'm, I'm getting back to your question you're talking about, you know, when did I make a decision? Well, I figured that just life wasn't gonna be long anyway. That and I wanted to go for it, whatever it was, and at the time, I had no clue what it was. I just knew that there had to be something else. There had to be something different. I didn't want that to be like my story.

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So what do you do? What's your point? Well, initially,



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I just I just worked all the

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Scott Hilton (Host) 14:39

time. You know, to be just any kind of work you could find or it's any



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good. My first job was at Mr. Perkins soul food restaurant. This is at 14 and they broke me in real good, you know, I guess I was a young back strong we gotta get having

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to do all just started working when I was 14,



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I worked when I was 14 and stopped.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 15:05

What else did you do? Well, I



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did that. Then I worked at a mall job, I worked in a clothing store, I worked at a outlet clothing store. At one point I worked. This is of course, when I'm old enough to work before that it was shoveling snow. It was raking leaves, it was that kind of thing. I've always been okay with working, you know, that kind of thing. And doing those things, man was kind of one of my primary focuses just trying to figure out how to make some money, how to help my mom, you know how to buy some of my own stuff, whether school clothes or whatever it is. And so I felt a need to, to contribute.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 15:50

But she eventually decided to go into barbering. That was where you found your passion. That's where



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I found kind of my niche. And eventually, I was cutting here when I could and I was working my mall job. One Saturday, I was cutting so much here that morning, I had to be to work say one or two o'clock to close, you know, in the mall. I pretty much made my mall check. That morning. I said, Okay, well, something's gotta gotta give. And I made a decision at that point, that I was gonna go full throttle, with the whole cutting hair and barber type of thing. So it was it was a it was a good move.

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How old were you there?



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Really? Already in business. It's



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already going forward. You know, and it was working out really well, man for me. And

interesting enough, it was another level of being fathered and being matured. I didn't know what at the time we couldn't hear you know. But once I got in that barbershop once I finally kind of matriculated out of the house into working in my first shop. Well, I'm in a shop full of guys. Okay, you know, and so you're getting the stories, you're getting the things they did wrong things. They're okay. They did well

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Scott Hilton (Host) 17:12

as a message there. Yeah. Listen to that. Listen to people. Yeah. So I'm listening. You said you were inquisitive? Yeah, I think that's a trait a lot of young guys can can say Be inquisitive. Yeah, ask questions, ask questions, find out from other people. So you got into the barber shop business, then you ended up having your own



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ideas. I did. But before I had my own place, I worked at this particular shop for maybe a couple years. Now this shop didn't have the best reputation. So I made a decision to go to another place. It was called GS clippers. And it's like a household name in Milwaukee till this day. And I would I finally got there because I told you this shop didn't have the best reputation. So the owner he's like, yeah, he was kind of blowing me off like, Yeah, well, maybe because he didn't know me. And ultimately, I kind of convinced him to give me a shot. And we just kind of clicked in. I like to Yeah, he's probably just wise, Mandy, probably he's six, seven years older than me, you know what I mean? So not a very old guy. But another level of being father. So he began to help me put some structure in place, okay, you have the skills, but Let's now put some structure around what you have. So you can package it and can really be a business and it can do you and your family well. And so he began to grow me up and kind of grown me and I was kind of longest side as he grew his whole business. And, to this day, he's the go to place for, like, the Milwaukee Bucks. And, you know, different people come in town concerts, and all that are going to call him his name is GE shout out to GE if you're watching this, you know, and he's really helped me just grow into another level of manhood. And so along the way, God always had people in place to help me to function in that father role. So he didn't leave me just out there. You know, that's

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Scott Hilton (Host) 19:03

a message to young guys. Yeah. If you look, yeah, if you look, I think God has a plan for all I believe, and if but you gotta be looking. Yeah, you gotta be aware. You gotta be inquisitive. I want to I'm gonna put you on the spot. Talk to yourself. Okay, is that kid? I mean, that's really why I wanted to hear yours to just speak to that young man and my prayer is that there's gonna be a young man or a lot of them, who are where you were, and they'll be able to relate to you. What do you want to say to what do they need to hear? What are the keys? Yeah, I



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would say to to myself, or a young man who is in the same position that I was in. I would say to him that you don't number one. With God all things are possible. And I will let them know that



you are not. you have valid you, and whatever may be happening around you, whether it's your family dynamics, or whether it is the neighborhood that you live in, or, you know, maybe, you know, being bullied at school, maybe you don't have what every body else has, and the tennis shoes and just any other and you feel like you're less than I would say to you, you are valuable. And I will let you know that there are so many opportunities for you, your life is not a waste. It's not something that you should take lightly. I know you may be thinking that, you know, what's the use, you know, as always going to be like this. I would, I want to give you a message of hope to let you know that if you hang in there, if you listen to those who have your best interests at heart, if you make good decisions, when you do right, right will follow you, you know, you may not know all the ins and outs of this study other you may not have all the wisdom, you may not know how to do some of the things that you just don't know how to do. I would encourage you this Do not give up. Do not quit and do the right thing.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 21:16

Tell me how did you learn to be a good dad?



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Man? One of the ways was seeing a good mom, okay, I can go without, you know, kind of shouting my mama, she did an amazing job

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Scott Hilton (Host) 21:31

Sprecher and your mom, you can speak to your mom, if you want to Yeah,



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now be the tissue if I do all that stuff. No, she did a she did an amazing job. And the more I grow in which I've grown and matured, and as I've been kind of a parent, then I've been able to see and get a true picture of what unconditional love looks like. That was a big part of it. But the other part of it is I want it to be for my kids, what I didn't have for myself. And so my children have such an advantage to be able to lean on dad to be able to call on that. You know, those simple things being being being there. If I wasn't, and I'm not anything else for my kids, I want to be there. I want to be dependable. I want to I want there to be no question. Whether I love them, whether I support them, whether I would protect them with my very life, if necessary. And what did that to be like? No question.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 22:53

So tell tell us briefly as we get ready to close, tell us a little bit about your kids and your wife. We heard about your wife and kids and maybe some some things you feel like you're doing right. Yeah, and maybe some things you're doing wrong or have done wrong. And I think



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I'm doing the the 100% all in part of it. Right. I think I have the priorities. Right. I think even as a pastor, you know, I have the priorities right. I I have, you know, God, family church. You know, I've seen a lot of, again, I've learned a lot of what not to do, I've seen a lot of pastors that have tried to save the world lose their own house. So making that adjustment and making sure that the priorities are straight, and that my kids and wife don't feel in competition with the church, and that they know that they they know the place that they hold with me, you know, and that dad is belongs to them, not just to the church and to the people. Yeah, that kind of thing. I think that's very important. So being all in and having the priority piece of it is right being there for them. I believe I'm getting that right. You know, I'm the things that I know I can work on is just being met. I'm told I don't as much as I talk in a setting like this, and on microphones that I don't communicate the best with my family. And we talk but just really having those those conversations that are heartfelt, those conversations that can be difficult or challenging conversations. That's something that I continue to work on.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 24:52

What's your family mean to you?



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Oh, man, it's everything. It's everything. I don't know of a greater gift that God has given me. And my family. My wife is amazing. We're, we're human like everybody else. And so you know, we have our our times and moments I'm not saying perfect, but it's amazing. I can't think of anybody else I want to do life with and be connected to and be on this this journey of life where in my children are three, three little miracles. They're busy, little hungry, little miracle growing little miracles, but they're miracles nonetheless. And the wonderful thing I can say, and I'll stop, is that, if you ask them, I believe that they would say that when I'm saying to you now publicly, that they feel that way privately, because I tried to make it my business to express that to them on a regular basis

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Scott Hilton (Host) 26:10

when they get to be adults, which won't be, man. Yeah. What do you hope that they look back and think about you and say about you as a dad? Yeah.



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Really? The dad that loved us beyond words, you know, and he whatever was necessary to express that he was willing to do

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Scott Hilton (Host) 26:41

I know you want to know what they think now. We, we used to surprise people. It's kind of hard to surprise but they kind of they kind of liked that. I think kids aren't the only ones that like

that. Yeah. So I know you want to see this. I don't know if you know, we did it or not. But yeah, well, I

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didn't know if that was a regular thing.

 Scott Hilton (Host) 27:03

I just a little, just a little gift that we like to share where you can get your reaction to appreciate.

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I like most about my dad, because he plays basketball with me. And he's nice. Thank you for hanging up my basketball hoop and my in tying my shoes. Thank you dad.

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The thing I like most about my dad is that he's loving that I want to thank you for being there. For me. One funny story with my dad is one time, we went somewhere and my dad took a big box and put a whole bunch of snacks in it. And then he said he ate all the snacks in the pantry. So I wanted to do if I go my siblings, so my dad to a jar of sugar and a jar of salt. I got the jar sugar, put some water in it. And that was good. But then my sister got the soul who was super funny. The thing I like most of my dad is that he's creative. So he helps me on projects and the allies. And we can do it ever that I like he takes me to Hobby Lobby.

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The thing I appreciate most about my husband as a father is the fact that he is an excuse Eliminator, even though he did not grow up with his father. And even in this current season where he's building a new ministry. He is there for his children. He is a great father. Everything from being involved in DIY projects, sports with our son, and telling funny jokes, making up jokes together, he is there engaging them and letting them know they are a priority as much as he works. He still prioritizes his children. And that's what I appreciate most about him. Man

 Scott Hilton (Host) 28:58

Did you know your wife felt that way?


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Man. I hope she did. You know. And it lets me know that what I'm telling you that, I hope is the

impression that I'm making on them that I'm headed in the right direction. You know, and that's such a far cry from

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my roots. But it's, it's a testament to how far God can how much God can do in our life. You know, your guy

 Scott Hilton (Host) 29:42

that came out of a totally different situation than what your kids are going to experience and it's our hope, as you said to expose people out there listening I mean, I like it that the women and adults listen to the podcast and watching. They tell me They enjoy it. But what I really want is I really want guys who came out of your background to see where you are now. And I want them to see that people think we show those children's tributes. So we make people cry. And no, it's really because we want young guys to see what it can be. Yeah. We want them to have a vision for the potential that of their life. Absolutely. So you've, you're going to inspire somebody, you said, and as we close, I wanted to mention this. You wrote a book, I did. Tell me the name of the book and how we can find it and what it's about.

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I appreciate you letting me share it on your platform, man.

 Scott Hilton (Host) 30:40

Sure, yeah.

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I wrote a book. It's called Go get unstuck, and move towards your dreams. And it's a very comprehensive it's almost a manual more than a book and it's 20 principles in there that are biblical success principles. And each of them. Interesting enough, I liberated go Gee, oh, you know. And, you know, each of them talks about how you can do practical things to help you start moving forward. You know, each of them also has a little a little on the goal was what we call it, and this is something you can do immediately because I believe you can't just be a hero, but you got to be a doer to see the stuff working, you know, and you can find it anywhere books are so

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a million, that type of thing. Or you can go to my website, timey trick dylan.com And you can get it directly from me.

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So a Google Todd Dylan, Google Ty Dillon. You'll find it you'll find it. Thanks for coming on.



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Thank you, Scott for having me, man. I really appreciate it. It's been amazing.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 31:52

Thank goodness so much that conclude this episode. That's my dad. We're inspiring fathers to become great dads and we're breaking cycles of generational fatherlessness. Come back next week. See you