

Eddie Nichols_Audio_V1

Fri, Feb 17, 2023 10:05AM 32:58

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

dad, people, god, teach, life, children, world, left, worked, money, talking, mom, kids, brother, game, eddie, camps, years, growing, love

SPEAKERS

Scott Hilton (Host)

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 00:15

All right, welcome again to the last mile dad podcast. I'm Scott Hilton, your host here with Eddie Nichols. A lot of people know Eddie, tell us about yourself, hey,

i

00:24

where do I begin? Let's see. Old been here for a long time at like at song Bay, Menlo, I've been alive forever. That's kind of the way I look at my life these days. But thank God every morning for another day of life. But you know, also thank him for just allow me to do all these years what he's called me to do, working with young people started way back at the Boys Club in 76. Working with, you know, people you and I were just talking about. And it's just progressed up to now where we're working with all these children across St. Floyd Elementary at the Dream Center. And I think this will be probably the greatest ministry I've ever done with the last years of my life. So looking forward to what the future holds.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 01:02

Yeah, so I know I've heard of at Nichols, I'm a little bit younger, not much. We were just talking you were director at the boys club when I was playing high school football and the boys clothes next door to the Fieldhouse. So that's that's where we met. But through the years, you've just kind of you've kind of had of a unique ministry, you haven't been on staff at a church in quite a while. But you've ministered to a lot of people a lot of down and out people. Yeah. I remember here. And you know, there were some guys one time told me that they were living in a house that you had found. Probably don't need him to talk about that. But you've done those kinds of things for years, where he just kind of taking people in unofficially and helped them out, tell us some of the things you've been involved in probably

i

01:49

telling you the truth. We were given a transition home over on Cherry Street downtown. And, you know, we go in, and we didn't have any money to fix the house up didn't have any money to put power, or water or anything. And I remember got a call from a church and they said, we got this homeless guy that keeps coming in the church. And he stinks. And thank you, Mike could talk to him. And anyway, I remember jumping this curb in my expedition and driving up through the woods where he was. And he was the first one I put in that house. And I remember saying to him, I'm so sorry that I don't have any water and don't have any power. And he said the most profound thing to me, he said, You saw where I was leaving out there under that sheet. This right here is the best thing I've had in a long time. So don't apologize for it. And I realized right then, you know, it's not that you got to give them big stuff. Just got to show them that you care that they are somebody there's potential in their life, and God created them for greatness. And if they see that, and believe that you believe that in them. It's amazing. The transformation that you can see sometimes with him. And so you

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 03:01

just do this on your own. Oh, yeah. Like let's say you didn't have a heavy buddy support and helping out. Those are some

i

03:07

of those are some things on your own financially. Yeah, because it was nobody.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 03:12

You've just been a guy that's helped out a lot of people through the years just kind of on your own. And people have heard about that. You've also ran a ministry breakaway ministries you do. youth camps. What else do you do with breakaway?

i

03:24

Yeah, we didn't do in youth camps since 1987. We had been doing winter camps, but we stopped those 2018 Well, when we started the Dream Center, and we realize that the winter months, when we do Christmas parties, you know, for two to 300 people, we just can't do both. And I knew this was the time to call that one quits. So what we did was increased our summer camps to four to five camps in the summer. And, gosh, we've been doing that for a long time. And basically, we just bring church groups in from from all over and do more of a smaller, more relationship building top down.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 04:03

Yeah, so you've been doing that. And then what 10 years ago, you started the Dream Center is it meant 10?



04:10

Well, it's been actually 2012 Yeah, 10 years that we started seeing the possibility of doing something and trying to figure out, you know, where we were gonna go from what we were doing at First Baptist because it was time for us to move on from there. But I'll tell you something beautiful that took place once we left and in the meantime, looking for a location. A bunch of the guys that were come in were gang members, and they begin to say, Mr. Eddie, can we just keep doing a Bible study? So we did a Bible study all the way up to COVID from 2012 Up till 2020 started that with about 28 And I realized when one of the 28 rob the pizza man when he was bringing peace To do this, that it was time to have a conversation with him from my heart. And I told him, I love you, I'll do anything for you. If you need me, just call me I'll come pick you up whatever you need. But if you're not sincere about wanting to know about God's word, then I don't need you to come back. And so it dwindled down to about 1213. But yeah, I knew the guy and I knew exactly what was stole from him. And I said, Dave, man, what do you mean? So he said, I'm Stanley, how did you know it was me? Yeah, well, it's pretty obvious. But yeah, that was beautiful to see that, and I still can ride down on the strip and see these guys. I just saw one yesterday at 630 in the morning at a Walmart. And he saw me works in it came up and hugged me and said, Mr. And he was talking to his girlfriend on the phone. She's a teacher across the street from the Dream Center, and was talking about who I was, and how much that meant to him to have me in his lap. You know? Yeah. You know, it's funny, you think, Well, what's know, what do you do with a bunch of gang members? I still don't know. But I just showed him I loved him and poured God's Word in their heart. And the rest is history. And

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 06:06

you've been doing that for for years and years in our community here. And a lot of people know that the dream Center's kind of formalize that. And so you're doing an after school program, you got a lot of, there's a big Christmas event of toys and things. And you doing doing an after school program, a kind of a mentoring program. And it's in an area where I missed it, or I grew up in as a matter of fact, and we're, there's a need, there's people that are hungry. Well,



06:33

that's a community that that needs hope, and really needs what we're doing. And you know, I told you earlier, we really believe that we're going to change a community and eventually change the city by investing in the life of the child. Yes. When we began to invest in that child's life. Next thing, you know, we're getting moms and dads, with our dads, Granny's siblings, and we're able to form a relationship not with just one child anymore, but seven or eight in a family. Yeah, especially in that happen.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 07:06

Let's talk about that in relation to fatherhood. You know, that's one of the reasons I wanted to have, you know, you spent your whole life mentoring. That's basically what you've done. And what is it? What is a kid missing? When he doesn't have a dad, you've had a lot of that didn't have a dad, what are they missing?



07:22

You know, the biggest thing is, and you hear it all the time, he's just that male role model. They don't have opportunities to do a lot that a child with a father does, whether that be teach them how to play basketball, you'd be surprised the number of kids that I had those gang members that couldn't shoot oh, you know, we, we had them out there on Tuesday nights. And it was really strange to me, I mean, I'm cutting shoe to lay up with not awkwardness. But you take for granted that they know these things, but they don't they don't have that role model to teach them how to change oil in a car, to teach them how to dress for an interview. You know, none of those things that you take for granted, when the dad's not present, much less somebody in there to lead them spiritually, and guide them in the right direction.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 08:10

What do you think this does to our society? What are the effects of that from a guy who's been in the trenches, you can speak to this,



08:17

you see it today? The more the more that we can believe that the government is going to be the Savior of the world. And the more that people can buy into that, it's called we'll call it generational curse. Granny was own it, mama was own it. My brothers and sisters known it, I'm going to be on it. And I'm trying to show him there's a different way, there's a better way. You know, you're a perfectly healthy 19 year old young man, let's go over to Walmart. I still this guy this one time, and his mom got so mad at me. She's getting to check on five kids. And I'm telling him, go ahead and give your mom \$780 You just still have about 700 more working at Walmart. And you know, the crazy thing is now he and his brother both have got their own place to live. They're out on their own. But those are the kinds of things that the government going to come back one day, and they can call back on you. They want a favor from you. And if you don't, I mean, think about it. EBT cards aren't food stamps anymore, their cards, what they get in the mail, than how many more it's put on their card. And one day the government's gonna be to shut that down if you don't play ball with them. And I've been talking to them about that for gosh, 1015 years

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 09:30

and that's poor. What's important for us as mentors and get guys that are reaching out those fatherless to those fatherless kids is we we've got to teach them a better way of doing things. It's not all about money. It's about purpose in life. Really. It's it's about emotional health. These guys are growing up dependent on the government, the families are and they don't have any sense of worth there. They're just leeches just soaking it all in. I think one of the things that you've done in your men Turing is you've tried to teach guys, that's not right. And they, you know, these guys didn't have a dad to teach them that that's not right. But you've tried to show them the right way to do it. And I have to, but it's tough. So one of the things that you've done, I think we should all appreciate it is you've tried to re educate guys, and you've reached out

and you've loved on on young people in the community and just trying to flip the situation, the script. Tell me about though your relationship with your dad, because that all plays into this? Well, you



10:29

know, my dad was a total opposite from me. He was quiet. He was very reserved, didn't say a whole lot. You know, he's the candidate when he said something, though, everybody listened to him. He was chairman of the deacons, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of everything, Sunday school teacher for 40 years, and he scares him. But you know, that was the kind of guy he was. And he and my mother were divisional sales reps, managers for world. And childcraft. Back in the days when you had encyclopedias. They had a territory that encompassed about 600 miles, you know, 200 this way to under this way. I never saw much during the week, we go to school and come back and it'd be later not there'll be somebody there to watch us and to cook for us. So I didn't get to be there with him a lot. Like I feel like I've been with my children, because they were trying their best to better our life for us allow us to have opportunity to go to college. You know, they worked fields, if their mom and dad need to work in the fields, they didn't go to school. They call they farmed him out to make some money. Well, they weren't better for us. And so I never counted that against them. I look back now and I'm thankful for the time I've got to spend with my children. But I don't hold any grudges. You know, because of him not being in my life. As much as I wish he could have been.



Scott Hilton (Host) 11:48

Yeah, what do you what do you think he did? Right, in terms of raising you up to be a compassionate person? You know,



11:54

I tell you what he did. It's crazy. It's gonna sound impossible. But we didn't go many places together. I mean, we went on vacation sometimes. But out of the blue in 1969. He took me to see Tom Seaver against Phil Niekro in the National League Championship Series. And, you know, it was one of those things were supposed to be a pitcher's duel. And we weren't hit what no pitchers do. And we got through MIT. The game was over, he whisked me off. I had no idea where we're going. He whisked me off. And we went to Tuscaloosa. And we got there just in time to see Archie man and play against Scott Hunter. Well, the greatest football games I've ever seen in my life when Alabama eked it out at the end. That game didn't start till 830 At night, you know, which is why? Because they tried to get Lawrence Welch to move his show back. He wouldn't. So they had to wait till 830 To start, which allowed us to get there. And I think it's probably one o'clock in the morning before he



Scott Hilton (Host) 12:55

took you to see a pro baseball game and a college football game. And the same day.



12:59

I guess he figured he won't gonna be able to do it anymore. So let's just get it all in one day. And I'll never forget that. You know, when people say, hey, which game did you like the best? Which one? I don't have that choice. I like the six nine World Series and I like Archie man against Scott Hunter. I'll never forget those days.



Scott Hilton (Host) 13:15

So what was it like spending that day it was just you and your dad? Just



13:19

me. My dad. It was like one of those things where for a little while you don't know how to respond. He taught more, you know, actually saw him cheer at the Bama game, because we were big Alabama fans. But we got in the car and I pretty much dozed off because I was dead. I can't imagine what he was at home because he was probably 52 or so with at the time. Never complained about the time and I'll never forget the next day. Tell him how much I appreciate it and enjoyed doing that. I said I'll never forget that long as I leave.



Scott Hilton (Host) 13:47

Well, you know, there's a message in that ad because that's been 54 years. And you're still talking about that's



13:53

it's the greatest memory I have on my dad. Yeah, no, it's the I have to tell you this part. One of the things he told or taught me was how much he loved my mom. I was a senior gas in high school. The the school year was about over. And he they worked me luck slave. And I hated it. I was low 510 Fat Boy. And I hated that stuff. We'd eaten and doing the hedges and mowing the grass. You know, you'd have rod mowers in his push mowers. Sometimes we had one that had a motor on it. Sometimes you didn't. And then farming me out for \$1 to the next door neighbor to mow her big old mansion yard. And I got to the point one day where I thought I'm tired of this. I'd been over there and I was cutting hedges and I got stung by a whole bunch of Wasp and that was the that was the final straw. So at Friday, I took the money up from a carpool. I said I'm not gonna be here this afternoon. Y'all need to get a ride home and I took that money. And I drove to my brother's house in Macon, Georgia. He worked for the power company. And I didn't know this but they were packing up to leave to move to Brunswick on Saturday. And I called Friday not. And they were worried about me and I talked to my sister and she started crying on the phone and my dad got on, Tony said, where are you? And I said, I'm down here with your other son. And I'm not coming home. I'm tired of being worked like that. And all these things. No, I'm laying all of all of my demands on the table. And he's, well, I think you need to come home. Oh, he said, we'll talk about it when you get home. But, you know, you brothers move. And I said, I know that. And he said, so it's probably not wise to go with him. And I remember driving back from Macon, Georgia, thinking I had achieved greatness. You know, I

had laid out all my demands, and they were fixed to be made. And this is the true story I got, I got home and he said to me, we're gonna get up Sunday morning, and we're gonna drive to Brunswick. We're gonna see you, brother. I want to see where they're moving. And we're gonna leave in time to get there in time to see the sunrise. I said, Well, that sounds great. Here we go. So we get up, probably like one o'clock in the morning, which is weird. And we drive and he smoked cigar. And he's perfect on that thing. And I was sleeping. We got there in time, right on the beach. Let's see the sunrise. And he said, I want to give you something. And he gave me a brand new wristwatch. And I said, Dad, I mean, what's this for? And he said, I just want to tell you something next time you decide to run away, if you'll let me know, I'll give you some money. And I said, No, why would you do that? And he said, You broke your mother's heart. And you'll never do that again. So next time you run away, I don't want you to come in back. And I thought, wow, you know, it's quiet for a long time after this. I just soaked that in. But he loved my mom enough that he won't let me hurt her again. That's resonated with me for gosh, the rest of my life. I've I've done a miserable job compared to him loving my wife as much as he loved her. But he taught me that lesson. And show me right now, I didn't get any mind demands, man. I still had to cut grass. But I had a whole different perspective. Because I knew if I ran away, there weren't gonna be a roof over my head.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 17:18

So he made an impression on you by showing you that, that that his his wife, your mom



17:23

was the queen was the queen. Yeah. And I was a gesture at best.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 17:27

Yeah, so he taught you work ethic taught you that he loved your mom. And that gave you a sense of security? Absolutely, absolutely. You know that that family was gonna be intact.



17:38

I knew he was gonna always be there for me, might not might not show it sometimes because he was working so hard himself. But I knew and you know, when we started Breakaway, my mom and dad up until he died, never missed a breakaway room for 20 something years, they came to all the summer camps came to all the winter camps. And we had a little place over there for them sit in a bench that they sat in, and got to share their testimony with the kids in Nam. And that that probably meant more to me to be honest with you than him spending time with me growing up to know that here's this time in my life, when I've developed into something that I never thought I'd be. And I know they didn't think I would be. And then here they are, you know, he died. Bringing the close up to go to our winter conference had had a massive heart attack on the steps and fell down and died two days before we were leaving for winter camp. And that's that's the testimony of how much he loved me that he was proud of me. Didn't have to say it often. But he was proud of me. And by coming to those things, and I can look off the stage and see them in the corner. No. A

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 18:41

Yeah, he does. So the message there is, you know, as a kid, he was busy. Yes. And a lot of guys are busy. But he still let you know he loved you. And as an adult, he kind of made up for some lost demons. So you never felt like you were alone or rejected or



19:00

no. And you know, to be honest with you. I hate to say it, but I think I've done that my own life. I think I neglected my kids growing up, because I had all these young people, you know, for 15 years. I'm going to the ballgames on Friday. I have different retreats that we're doing on the weekends and then camps that I'm taking them to and during the week they want to go hang out after school and you know, I didn't realize this till a few years ago, and we're looking at a bunch of pictures. And one of my boys said, Dad, where are you? All said I'm in there somewhere. My Washington No, you're not. No, I'm sure you were one of your camps or you're one of the bowl games or, or something like that. And it just made me realize that as the my boys got older, I began to pour my life into them. I began to spend time with him. I begin to let them be part of the ministry that I was doing. I tried to make up for lost time. metaphor I went to break away when Jonathan was born, I left first Baptist because I realized with three Kids, I can't do what I've been doing anymore. I'm going to have to be here for my wife and be here from other children. You know, with two kids, you can handle that one. But the third one, you got to punt because you got enough hands. And it brought the reality in my life that I need to be here for my family. And that's when I really woke up and hopefully did enough to make him proud to call me there, Dan. Yeah,

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 20:21

so many times we get so involved in doing the good things that we forget to do, the things that we should have been doing in the first place. That's a message for a lot of guys, I'm afraid.



20:30

Well, we we make an excuse sometimes that we're gonna put church and it's priority. But it's not just God and family. And it wasn't luck that in my life for a long time, it was God didn't church in family. And I'm glad somewhere along the line, I saw the reality that it changed.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 20:49

What are your kids mean to you?



20:51

Oh my gosh, they're everything

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 20:53

that will tell us about you know,



20:55

my I have such a diverse group of children. Josh is a musician. Great, Colin are telling me to go abundant gifts video and and Jonathan is Johnson's Jonathan smart, one of the smartest kids I've ever been around in my life. He's got the world by the tail, rather than then it got him by the tail. And he's got all kinds of ideas reminds me a lot of myself. He's got ideas, and his mind is constantly going. And then Jessica, she's, she's just a princess. She's always been my beautiful princess. You know, we adopted her, we weren't able to have children. And she began praying for brothers. And I remember one night I was up there, and we were having prayer. And she turned and she said, Dad, when's God gonna give me some brothers? And I went to my wife, and I said, I don't know what to say. I mean, it's not a fair question. Because we're not having children. And we'd be going to school, she'd be in the backseat, and she'd say, Dad, what's God gonna give me brothers? And I said, Baby, you know, what you all we ever gonna have, and we're gonna spoil you rotten. You always want him. And Scott, you know, you teach your students about faith, you get breakaway talking about faith. And your own daughter is asking you and you're rattling off the fact that God can do the impossible. So she bypassed me. She quit asking me on the way to school, she'd look out and say, God, when are you gonna give me my brother's? And, lo and behold, on Father's Day, my wife and I had the bedroom, she comes in with a hands behind her back said, had Father's Day dad, and she'd have nothing. And I said, Babe, what do you got me nothing. She said, We got your baby brother. And I said, yes, sure you did. I looked at my wife. And she nodded. And I said, Jessica, you think you could kind of step out? Let me talk to your mom. And I said, you know, I'm not even met the mom. I didn't know anything about this. And she said, No, I'm fixing to have a little boy. That's Josh. And then two years later, there, Jonathan. And then I sat down, Jessica, and I said, Jessica, I really need you to quit praying for any more children. But I won't be 108 by the time Jonathan's a high school senior. And that's just not going to be fair to him. But it's because of the faith of a child, that she believed what I didn't believe was possible. And I could go into detail why it was impossible. The doctor said, there's no chance and all that, but God didn't know impossible. So now she gave me two grandchildren a column thunder and lightning, they're seven and five. And I love them. Just about as much as I could love anything in the world. Yeah. What

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 23:35

do you what do you hope that your kids? Think about you? What would you want to say if you were gone?



23:42

You know what said? Somebody said, What would you like on your, on your headstone? And I said, if you could just put these words, he lived for his Savior every day. That'd be enough. If my kids could see that, my love for God was above anything else in my life, that I believe that,

no matter what other people saw was impossible, that if he gave me a vision and a dream, that I did everything I could to see it come to pass. And to know that I loved him. As much as I love them, and my wife and I loved him more. If they could see that, then I feel like I was successful.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 24:20

Yeah, what was it take? For the sake of a guy who's not grown up with a dad? You've you've known lovers? Yes. Let's just address them. We always look in the camera and address those guests. Yeah, just, you know, what does it take to be a great dad?

U

24:38

You know, first of all, Proverbs three, five and six is the best and everything you do put God first and he'll direct your paths and crown you ever so success. If you don't start them off with Jesus, I'll just put it that simply. And you don't get them involved in church. Believe it or not, you don't teach them the word of God and you don't show them that by the way that you live. Then the foundation is going to be shaky for the rest of their life. But once you've achieved that in their life, then you need to understand there's something called unconditional love. It doesn't matter what they turned out to be, you still got to love them. It doesn't matter if they achieved what you wanted them to achieve. And we have a lot of dads living their life through their children these days. You got to love them for who they are, and know God's got a purpose for him and listen to this, His purpose is greater than yours. So don't be that stumbling block that doesn't allow them to find why God created him. And then last but not least, consistency. You got to be consistent in the way you love them, you got to be consistent in the way you discipline. And you got to be consistent going that I'm going to treat this one just like I treat this one just like and that's hard. That's hard. But that's what I would challenge you with, as you're raising your own children.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 25:52

So Eddie, considering that you've worked with a lot of guys who grew up fatherless, tell us from your perspective, as a guy again, that's been in the trenches. What is the pain? Like? Is there a level of pain that they experience? They know that, that they're missing something?

U

26:11

Oh, yeah, they, there's a feeling of abandonment that all of them have. They don't have what others have. And there's a resentment that builds up inside of them. You know, this as well as I do. There's an anger that builds up. And a lot of the anger that you find in a young man comes from the fact that he doesn't have a dad. He's never had a dad. And I've heard him curse, the father's name. I've heard him say that I could care less if he came in my life right now. And there's a feeling of almost hopelessness because they think I cannot ever be what I'm supposed to be because I never had a dad. But boy, that's a lie. That's a lie. And a lot of them use that as a crutch that I've had in this Bible study group that I did. I'm telling you right now, there might have been that 28, two of them that had fathers early too. Yeah. Yeah.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 27:05

Well, I want to do low your chance to do something. Okay. You spoke of your dad. And I know he's, he's passed away. But if you could, if you could speak to that one last time, what would you want to say to them?



27:21

Wow, Boy, that's a good one. Pretty much that as I got older, I realized that you being there, or not being there for times, was not a choice that you really wanted to make, is something you felt you had to do to provide for all of us, to give me the opportunity to graduate from Jackson State University, to be able to go into ministry. And to know that, honestly, anytime I ever needed you, you are always there for me. Also, those times you had me we'd eaten and how in the garden and made me get a job when my friends didn't have jobs. We're on a stupid bicycle with a jump basket delivering papers. It developed a work ethic in me that I wouldn't change for anything in the world. And one day, I'll be able to tell you that personally, that's awesome.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 28:13

One of the boys who's almost 30 Now, I guess, pushing it as a musician, artist, he's almost 30, who and he, he wrote a very, he wrote a song about you as a dad did. And we may, we may get that. But he also left to a tribute for you, we'd like to share with you.



28:38

My name is Josh. I'm Eddie's oldest son. And the thing I like most about my dad is he's always willing to go the extra mile with people. And for people. He is the embodiment of that passage in Philippians, That tells us to consider other people more important than ourselves. And there's the moments of my childhood where I watched him do this. There's been moments in my developmental years where I watched him do this. There's been moments in my adulthood, where I've seen him do this. And it's created a legacy in my own life, where I've looked for opportunities to serve other people above myself because of how my dad led me in that growing up. One of my favorite stories of my dad is I remember vividly, we were eating lunch at Logan's, and Gadsden before they closed down, rest in peace, Logan's. And someone who knew my dad came over to our table very briefly and just said, Hey, Eddie, I've got something for you after lunch, you'll just come by my car, then I'll hand it to you. And I remember leaving that place happened in my car and it wasn't five minutes of me being on the road. Before I get a phone call from my dad, who is just sobbing. I can't understand a word he's saying. He's just overwhelmed with emotion. And when he finally was able to speak clearly, he just said to me, if there's nothing else you remember, for me in this life. There's nothing else I teach you. I want you to always know that God provides someone had given him a very large amount of money. This was a season where there was not a whole lot of money coming in, it was a season where the Dream Center was in desperate need of renovations, which required money, we didn't have it, there was a season where my dad was, was really just walking in faith and trusting that the Lord was gonna provide. And so this was one of those monumental moments where he did. And it's just been story after story like that since that day. But I remember that being the moment where I was like, man, God's got us and he's got my dad, he's got this Dream Center under

control. And so I love the fact that he immediately took any glory and praise for himself of being able to raise those kinds of funds. And he directed it back to Jesus. And it reminds me of John the Baptist in that, who immediately when people come onto the scene, to see what it's all about this godly man, this follower of the Lord making a way. The second he gets the opportunity to see Jesus, He directs all the attention off of him and says, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. And so my dad has been a great role model in that. And I'm just super grateful that I have stories and experiences like I do, that have been able to shape and mold me as his son and as a leader, in my own right, and so that I love you. So excited, they're doing this podcast with you, you deserve it. And the city of Gadsden, in the world needs to know the story of the Megyn Kelly Dream Center. And they need to know the story of Eddie Nichols, who is a faithful, obedient servant of God. And I've seen it with my own two eyes. And I'm so grateful to be your son. I love you.



31:37

Wow, I

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 31:40

feel you're one of those guys who's reached out and cared for those people. So thank you for what you do. And for setting that example, I think you will never know the impact you've had. But you don't care to know. It doesn't really matter if you know or not, but you'll never know the impact you've had on so many lives. And we just want to thank you on behalf of the folks from our little town here.



32:05

Josh has learned as I hope all mine have the faithfulness of God. That just because the world sees it is impossible, if God leads he's going to provide. My daughter said to me down all your friends retiring when he retired. And I said, Babe, you don't retire from what I do. You just die. And she said, Well, that's more but I don't know. I can't think of a better way to go. And what the Recology created.

S

Scott Hilton (Host) 32:31

That's great. Thank you for sharing. We appreciate it. That'll conclude this episode of that's my dad, where we're inspiring fathers to be great dads, and we're breaking cycles of generational fatherlessness. Thanks for joining us and we'll see you next week.