

Knights of the 21st Century

Trail 20

Hey guys it's good to see you back. After last weeks I wasn't sure whether or not some of you were going to say, hey I'm coming back. One of the reasons why we do it this late in the year is that you have guys that walk through this with you because we just went on some holy ground last week. For you that weren't here last week, we talked about our moms, the mom factor in our lives and when we talk about it, we actually went and scored them. I, up until this point in your life, you probably never once scored your mom and we're pretty sure that you're probably going to burn in hell for eternity if you ever did it. Um, but the reality is it was an important practice to take a look at some of the things that you and I have come to believe. I scored my mom I told you that were with us last week that my mom scored really well. A hundred twenty-five possible points. She got a hundred and ten and so when I give her that score, now I want you to, again, you know my mom has been dead for a number of years now and so I, but I wasn't just kind of padding the score. That's actually a very realistic score. In fact, to get her down to a hundred and ten I actually had to be really tougher than I normally would be. My mom scores well. However, I want you to understand that even with a mom that scores well, they put stuff into your life

that you're not sure that it is necessary healthy or believable. You know that I struggle with pornography, right? You know that from the age of twelve to twenty-seven, that was an addiction in my life. Now I'm fifty-seven, so thirty years free from it. But that was really a huge drive in who I was. At the root of pornography, at the heart of it, is that it's people are not valuable, people are to be used and in essence, it's evolved around you must keep this thing hidden because you don't want people to know they're not valuable, you don't want people to know they're being used, you want them to somehow or another think that everything is okay. So in essence you learn to lie. Now my mom would have never taught me to lie. Now some of your moms might have, really, but my mom never would have, but she did. She didn't mean to. I'm not going to tell you that my problem with pornography was from my mom, although wanting to be taken care of by women, some of that comes from her. It's my choice. I'm not going to tell you that my deception in pornography was from my mom. It wasn't, but some of the beliefs in me came from something that was part of her life. I think I told you guys last week, in fact I know I did. I told you that my mom was, um, we were in a very religious narrowly focused religious family. Ours was like one of those, I don't know whether you, what kind of world you were raised in. My world was so conservative that there was a list of things I wasn't allowed to do. I wasn't allowed to

smoke even if I was on fire. I wasn't allowed to drink. I'm not even sure we're allowed to drink water. We weren't allowed to drink, I know that. We weren't allowed to dance. Oh my goodness, even if your feet were on fire, you just stood there and smoldered away. We weren't allowed to do a lot of things. We certainly weren't allowed to have sex before we were married, yeah, all that stuff was all part of our culture. Some of those were pretty healthy. Sex before marriage, pretty healthy concept. But some of them get a little, you know, fuzzy after awhile. You know I don't think it's really wise necessarily to do some of those things especially to excess, but in my family we weren't even allow to play playing cards. We played this game called Rook which is like playing cards but without the suicide kings and the one eyed jacks, you know. It was like they were somehow evil and, but we, my mom loved pinochle and you can reconfigure a Rook deck to play pinochle but you have to really use playing cards to play pinochle. We all loved pinochle. It was a great game so because my mom wanted to play pinochle and because we thought playing cards were wrong, whenever we were playing pinochle, if somebody knocks at the door of our house, we had to hide the cards. Now most of the time it was just put them underneath the table and see if we can get rid of them and if they come in then you have to put them all together and then bury them in some pile somewhere, right. We had to hide the cards. Now I

remember distinctly playing the game, knock at the door and it was back in the days when you had salesman stop by your house, your neighbors would stop by your house. People wouldn't have to call first. They would just come over, right. There's a knock at our door and my mom has this phenomenally good hand. You can see it in her eyes. She is so incredibly frustrated so she sticks the cards underneath and whoever got the door, it can't remember. It might have been Lynn, and whoever got the door, when they got to the door and we found out it was a person, you could just see this disgust in my mom who we just couldn't lay the cards on the table and play. We had to put them all together, alright. This amazing woman scores a hundred and ten out of a hundred and twenty-five. Godly woman. I woman that I love and to this day respect and I will tell you she is in God's presence in heaven because of her faith in Christ and the transformation that I've seen in her is just so evident. I mean it's just awesome. I can't wait to see her in heaven, right? If I get to heaven and she's hiding playing cards underneath the table, I'm going to be extremely disappointed. See what my mom taught me in doing that was there are times when it's appropriate to be deceptive, times when it's appropriate to hide. Remember when I talked about bad armor. Bad armor is when you're starting to guard against certain things. Now as we went back and looked at the windows of our souls last week, guys, some of you those were not

good windows. Some of them, they were windows that were pretty cool and good memories, you know. When we considered our moms. Here's what I want you to do now though. Wherever you were with the window of your soul, I want you now to take what you've learned and let it grow, let it grow as a brand new truth. The empty window box that was there last week, we now fill it. You might be recognizing the truth that your mom gave you was good and valuable and you keep it engaged or it's pulling it out of your life. This is really asking a question, Trail No. 20 is asking us so what do you believe? What do we believe? What do we believe to be true that's come from our past, from the windows of our soul. What we believe to be true that is now flourishing in our life? Some of it might need to be pruned out. Some of it needs to be placed in and grown even further. Some of it will be brand new replants as you take truth and move it forward, alright. We're going to work through what we've been calling chain mail.

So walk over with me to what we've considered as the view of our moms and our dads and how we view our past. Chain mail has two protective layers. It has filters and it has beliefs. Chain mail has two distinct areas. Now if you notice, last week we talked about filters, beliefs and filters. Now we're talking about filters and beliefs. Filters and beliefs come at it a little bit different. Now I want to talk about what you received, what was given that became the links of

this into the beliefs that you now are, alright. This is where, where we need to move with this. Now understand this. This chain mail right here and this put together is eighty pounds. Eighty pounds put on you, over you, but in reality you don't put on chain mail. It actually is in you. So in essence you're carrying around eighty pounds of weight sort of inside of you that will affect what you've come to decide about from your core. Chain mail affects what decisions you make because in chain mail are beliefs that are coming from filters.

So let's review real quick for us what these are. Um, filters. Filters are product of previous life experiences that affects the content of what we see and believe. Very rarely am I going to ask you guys to write the same things twice. You wrote this down last week, and you're writing it down again. This time we're leading with filters. Filters are what we did last week. We took a look at our moms, saw how they scored. Anywhere from a potentially low score to a high score of a hundred and twenty-five, alright. How did your mom score? That's all rooted in the filters. Now there's another side to this. It's your beliefs. Beliefs are the thoughts and ideas that we have come to trust as true. Beliefs are the things that you and I have come to believe as true in our lives. Let me give you an example. Growing up as a kid, remember I told you how my mom was a phenomenal cook. She not necessarily was a healthy cook. I

mean we always had vegetables. That was always there, but we always had desserts. Actually, I actually grew up believing that a Twinkie was part of a food group that was part of a food pyramid. A Hostess Twinkie was just what you needed to eat. Now I don't know all the ingredients in a Twinkie, but I'm pretty sure and I apologize to you people who work for Hostess. I'm pretty sure there's not a whole lot in it that's really probably great for you, but in my belief until I started to actually read the labels on things and calorie count and understand where the fat grams come from, and all that, my beliefs were, hey, Hostess Twinkies are just as good for you as a piece of celery. Now that sort of came out of the world in which I lived in. It, it got filtered into my life.

Now we have a bunch of stuff like this that we've come to believe and so I thought I'd read you a couple statements that these are things I've come to believe because of the way my mom raised me and one of these I know are going to be true for you. Here they are. This is what my mother taught me to appreciate a job well done. If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning. I love that one, mom. Number two, mother taught me about religion. You better pray that this will come out of the carpet. Three, my mother taught me about time travel. If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week. Actually that was more my dad that would have taught me that one

than my mom. My mother taught me about logic. If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to go to the store with me. That's good thinking, mom. My mom taught me about foresight. Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident. To this day, I just want dirty underwear with holes in it just to prove, I don't want to be in an accident, so I'm going to avoid that, right. That's sort of the way mom taught us. My mom taught me about irony. Not ironing, irony. Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about. That was always a confusing one to me. This is my favorite one. This is one, my mom did say this to me a lot. My mother taught me about the osmosis, science of osmosis. Shut your mouth and eat your supper. That was a hard thing to do. I just couldn't get it in there. My mother taught me about contortionism. Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck. Man's that's hard to do. My mom taught me about hypocrisy. If I've told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate. My mother taught me about the circle of life. I brought you into this world and I can take you out.

Number fourteen, my mom taught me about the behavior modification in my life. Stop acting like your father. This one, she taught me about anticipation. Just wait until you get home. Boy that was always bad or this one. Taught me about receiving. You're going to get it when you get home. No matter what was happening,

getting home was not going to be a positive experience. I like this one. Tell me about things that were kind of funny. When that lawnmower cuts your toes off, don't come running to me. I thought that was a good one. She taught me about genetics. You're just like your father, never a good moment. And then she taught me about justice. One day if you have kids, I hope they turn out just like you. See we all have these kind of things that moms taught us and those are kind of fun, they're kind of funny things. As a matter of fact, I have to be honest with you, when Cole was born, my first grandson, um, I said to Josh, there's a couple of things I'm going to explain to Cole that he needs to do to his father just to pay you back. That's one of the fun things about being a grandpop, right. Those are things that I think that are fun, but the reality is guys, there are some things that you've learned that are healthy and growing and developing all the flourishing in your life you need to have if you look back at the window of your soul and there are some things you need to know that you're going to have to prune out and change because they've messed up your thought process.

Okay, we're going to evaluate our beliefs and their effects on our view of the forest, just like we did last week. We're going to evaluate them. Now, here's what we're going to do. Grade each question on a scale of one to five.

One, pessimistic or negative. I'm not positive about this experience. It's not good. Five would be optimistic and positive so as you score yourself here, five is good, one is bad. Five is what I'm glad I have that belief. I feel positive about that. I feel like it's what I should be. One is I have this belief I really feel shouldn't be there, alright. Now understand. You're not going to evaluate your mom. You're going to evaluate your beliefs. You're not evaluating a parent. You're actually not looking back in the window of your soul. You're actually looking at the window box of your soul. What you're looking at is what you're growing outside of the window, outside of the past. What you're growing now forward. And when growing in your life with a belief systems that are going to enable you to do what you're designed to do. Alright.

So let's go through and we'll evaluate together. Number one. Presence. Do you feel or expect to be alone? Do you feel or expect in your life to be alone? Now you need to understand something. When you and I walk into a crowded room, do you feel like everybody notices you or nobody notices you? Do you feel like you're invisible? Do you feel like you're important? You know as students when we were growing up in school, there were the cool people, the cool groupies, the invisible people. I don't want to be geek, geeks, and the geeks. Alright, they were the five categories. The invisible people would feel like they're alone in the crowd. Do

you feel like that? Do you feel like you are not engaged with other people. Now as you score yourself one to five, score yourself somewhere in there, do you feel like you, and I love the way we say it, do you feel or expect to be alone? How do you deal with alone? I don't ever expect to feel alone. As a matter of fact, I long to be alone sometimes, to just have a few minutes by myself. I'm constantly surrounded by people, constantly engaged with people, but constantly engaged with people that are, I feel like are engaging with me and I'm engaging with them. So I'm a five on this. Now, just so you understand, we're going to grade ourselves when we get all done here. We're going to do what we did last time. We're going to see what kind of beliefs we have. You'll find that your number will correspond to your mom's number. You will find there are some similarities and the more similarities there are to that number, the more her filters have walked into your beliefs. So the chain mail is made up of things from her, so that's what you're going to sort of see how they go together. Now specifically some match up like the one we just did, the first one I just asked you about will match with the first one I asked her. The difference is we did twenty-five evaluations of your mom. You're going to do eighteen evaluations because we've sort of done a sum total of them, about what we believe. So some will match, some won't, um, but they'll all sort of correspond and you can kind of see did I get there because of

something my mom taught. Like I told you, some of my belief about hiding things, some of my beliefs about the fact that you could do the wrong and get away with it came from how my mom approached hiding the playing cards. That doesn't blame her. It just says that that's sort of gave me some permission, alright, chain mail, how that weighs into our life.

Alright. Look at number two. Emotional sensitivity. How aware are you of your feelings? Emotional sensitivity. How aware are you of what you feel? Um, this has everything to do with boredom. It has everything to do with anxiety. How quickly do you get to side of your brain that makes you go, wow, I get that. I feel that. How fast can you say, that was a feeling and legitimize it and understand it? Or do you deny it and compartmentalize it? You keep it out. Now remember I told you, we as guys, when we have a problem, we tend to throw it in a closet and close the door and ignore it. That's compartmentalizing. What we're actually doing in this whole experience together with Knights of the 21st Century is we do warrior, clarity of the knight, we're opening our closets and pulling that stuff out. How good are you doing that? Are you one, two, three, four or five?

Alright, look at number three. Number three. Personal recognition. Do you assume that others will understand you and want to get to know you? Do you understand that you are that kind

of person that people want to see, understand, get to know? Do you have a sense about yourself that he'll offer something when you walk in a room? Remember I talked about the five stages of a student's life. You or the five categories. You're the cool person, the cool person that everybody wants to get to know. Cool groupies are groupies who make cool people cool because they want to get to know them. Are you in those categories? If you're in that, you're what we would call in the upper levels of the food chain in a high school environment, right. If you're invisible, you're not picked first, you're not picked last, but you're doing okay, but if you're in the bottom level, I don't want to be a geek geek or geek crowd, geeks don't mind it. They're cool. They understand it. They feel good about who it is. That all impacts how you view yourself and others. How do you score yourself on that? One, two, three, four five, alright. What do you believe about you?

Look at number four. Friend availability. Do you believe that people care about you and will help you when you have a problem? Do you believe that people will care about who you are. If you're in need, they respond to your need. I, we've gone through a very kind of humiliating and cool experience through Caleb's cancer. Let me explain to you how it's humiliating. It's humiliating because people have been taking care of us. And you say well why is that humiliating? Because I like to take care of people. You know how I

told you about that. We had people bringing meals, people coming and clean our home, repaint Caleb's room. We've had all kinds of things take place in the journey that we've gone through with cancer. It has been a humbling and yet great experience. Do you feel that people want to be not only with you, but do you feel like they're going to care about you and help you?

Look at number five. How people are. Do you think that others can take care of themselves? Do you believe that people can take care of themselves? Are they weak and needy and do they, what do they have? I want you to score yourself on this. How well do you believe that? Before you score yourself though, I want to talk to you just for a minute about women. I say to you this all the time. A man's job is to protect the heart of a woman. As a matter of fact, a man's job is to protect the heart of every woman. Secret service agent for the President. Now if you think for a moment I'm saying women are needy, women are weak, women are somehow or another can't make it without us. Oh my goodness, I have so miscommunicated to you. When I say to you, protect the heart of every woman, what I'm saying is protect her value and her worth so she can flourish, so that she can become all that she is supposed to be, right. So I think sometimes we have to be very careful, um, that your view of another person is going to be connected to some filters that are in your life. If your mom was always weak and needy,

maybe you're viewing women as weak and needy. It's really interesting. I protect the heart of every woman. I protect the heart of Lynn's life like you cannot image but I never once thought she was weak and needy, alright. So understand that. How do you score on that, one to five?

Alright, look at the next one. How, six, my way or the highway. Can you develop a close relationship with others who have a different viewpoint from yours? Can you have a relationship with somebody who thinks differently than you? This is my lowest score on this test. I got a two on this one. Now that might make you all of a sudden get alarmed at whom, who have I been listening to all this time? Um, I scored two on this, um, because there are people that I sort of discount. They're actually, you'd be surprised why I discount them. People that sometimes I feel like they're smarter than me, I discount them. People that can do certain things I can't do. People who don't speak a language I can understand, because I can't understand it, I discount it. I don't devalue the people. It's just funny how that kind of works. How did I get to a point where I discounted people? I looked at my mom's test. My mom scores a hundred and twenty-five out, a hundred and ten out of a hundred and twenty-five. Look at her test. She scored low on this one too. This correlated, this number six correlated to that one, number six and what happened with my mom is remember I told you how she

had this view of if you weren't a follower of Jesus you were somehow you know not to be around. That was the way I grew up. If you, if you believed something differently than we did, we didn't go in your house. We didn't hang out with you. It was like this wall was around us like we had to be protected and somewhere as I was growing up, I got this belief that some people are to be heard and some people are not to be heard, some people need to be valued and not be valued. And I, may I tell you if my mom was here right now, she would say I don't believe that. I don't want to believe that. I don't want that to be part of our life. And I'm pretty sure, I certainly can't say it's her fault, but I will tell you that I can connect her behavior to my belief. Filters – belief. So when you understand that you begin to say, okay, I see how I'm scoring, why I'm scoring, why it goes the way it goes. I think that those understandings, those freedoms expand who you are.

Dwight Eisenhower is one of the guys we want to consider. He's the thirty-fourth President of the United States. Dwight Eisenhower as the thirty-fourth President was actually a pretty good President. He was an amazing general, led the ally invasions, you know all the kind of history of the Second World War with General Eisenhower. But maybe what I want you to know is about his mom. Um, his mom, Mrs. Eisenhower, was a woman that was very, very pacifistic in her nature. She was a woman that his dad was very

hard and cut and dry. My way or the highway kind of guy. She was really almost like a psychologist, very caring and engaging in valuing your kids. But she was a pacifist. I'll say that again. She was a pacifist. Her son becomes the leader, those most significant invasion of the Second World War. What happened was, Dwight Eisenhower came home one day and said I would like to go to West Point. And his mother was so into helping him become what he was designed to be other than what she wanted to make him into that she supported and embraced him. There is something very significant about that. Eisenhower became a man who would trust the people around him. When he became the President of the United States, one of my favorite stories about him is the very first day in office an aid walked in with a letter and handed it to him and he said please don't ever give me an unopened letter again. I don't have time to open a letter and read it all. You read it, highlight it, tell me what I need to see. I trust you to do that. He's valuing people. He gets that from his mom. So this quote that I'm going to put on the screen for you makes a lot of sense. This is from Eisenhower. Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it, because they want to do it. Eisenhower is a leader that I think comes from a mom who taught him to value people as they were. Because she valued him in his journey. His two brothers both very successful, but did not go

anywhere near the military. But she supported, a pacifist supported her son moving in the direction that was going to fulfill his calling, what he was longing to do.

Look at number seven. Flexible living. Do you live life expecting change to regularly occur? How flexible are you? How aware are you? How aware are you that you're in business and that social media has arrived? Alright. You should see me texting. It takes about a month and a half to say hi for me. I watched my kids go da-da-da-da-da bump bump while they're watching TV, Facebooking, and engage in free conversation. I don't know how they do it. I'm not sure how to do it. There are changes happening all around us. If you're in business are you aware of the fact that you need to be involved in Facebook? Are you aware of social media and Twitter and everything else? Are you aware of that involvement? Are you able to change or are you saying this is the way we do business. We've always done business this way? How are you? Where are you in flexibility whether it be in each area of your life because change, the forest around you is changing as a way of life. How do you do with that? One to five.

Number eight. Half full, half empty. Are you an optimist in mood and belief? Half full or half empty. How do you view life? Um, if you in any way going to be a leader and you are, because you're going to be a Knight of the 21st Century, pessimistic leaders get

pessimistic followers. Optimistic get optimistic. How are you? Where are you? I mean you've been hit by life. Man you've had enough people disappoint you, enough damage, do you view life as half empty or half full? Do you believe in full possibilities? Do you believe they're on the way down? Where are you on that? How do you score? Alright.

Next one, sober or not. Do you expect yourself and others to maintain some behavioral standards of self-control? Are you one of those guys that are you basically saying self-control is the norm, or hey, eat, drink be merry, tomorrow you die. If you're in that category, you're going to score yourself low on this question. One or two. If you're the kind of person you say, you know what, no, it's extremely important for me to be aware of the faculties around me, be aware of my entire core in making decisions and you got to make decisions all the time so you make judgments that are sober so that you are in control to one degree or another. How are you doing on that? One to five, alright.

Look at the next one. The next one says this. Fear factor. Do you believe reasonable risk is a mandate for growth and achievement? Do you believe that reasonable, I like that word reasonable, risk is a mandate of growth and achievement? Are you willing to step out of your zone of comfortability and do what's necessary as you follow the calling in your life. Reasonable risk. Are

you very cautious, everybody else decides to jump in before you do. Are you the first one in without ever checking to see whether there's rocks below? Neither one of those are healthy. It's reasonable risk. So how are you doing, one to five. How do you fall in that area?

There's a story in the Bible that you'll find in your Knightly News. The guy's name is Goliath. He's rather large. He's actually over nine feet tall. He has chain mail on him. He has armor on him. I mean they weigh, his chain mail alone weighs a hundred and twenty pounds. This chain mail weighs eighty. This man Goliath is a seasoned veteran fighter. All he does is kill people. He has the tip of his spear, you know when a bullet goes through you it's a couple ounces. It does a lot of damage. The tip of his spear, fifteen pounds. It's on the end of this like long weaver kind of javelin kind of thing that he's good at it. He has an armor bearer that walks in front of him just carrying his shield because of the weight of the stuff on him is so much. He comes out and he challenges the nation of Israel in a battle. He's the enemy. The nation of Israel is fighting this enemy. They're called the Philistines and he's one of them. He walks into this valley and he goes, you bring me your best fighter and I'll take him on. I will win. If I lose, we'll be your slaves. I won't lose though. If you lose, you'll be my slaves and every time the nation of Israel and their soldiers would run and go don't take on the nine foot dude with all this stuff. There will be a young man that will

enter the scene. The young man who enters the scene is named David, King David, the one I talked about with Bathsheba, the one I told you about dancing in front of the ark, King David will enter the scene and David will decide and he's really like a junior high kind of age, fourteen, fifteen year old kid, kind of scrawny, he's the smallest of all his brothers. He says I'll fight the guy. Now Goliath can't think outside of his zone. He thinks big fighters and everything else so he mocks David and he threatens David and David says, dude, you can say whatever you want. I'm going to take you down. David takes some stones and throws them at him and drops him to the ground. Here's Goliath. He has had so many beliefs, so many things that thought he was safe that he from his past has come to the conclusion that he can do something he can't do. Guys, when your beliefs leave you vulnerable, you're going to get dropped. So walking through this is extremely important.

Look at the next one we want to test ourselves on. As we look, as we consider the whole factor that Goliath should have been afraid of David but he wasn't, think about this one, number eleven. Work ethic. Do you expect to work hard for what you want to get? Are you of the entitlement mentality? Do you believe that somebody owes you? Do you expect to work hard or do you expect to be taken care of? It has an awful lot to do with where things go in your viewpoint. One, it's all about me, take care of me, I'm entitled. Five,

I have the understanding that if it's going to happen, I'm responsible along with God to make it happen. Alright.

Twelve, self-value. Do you expect to be loved and cared for by others? Do you expect to be loved and cared for by others? Maybe the easiest way to know how you do with that, um, is do you express love well to others. Because see, if you expect to be loved and cared for by others and if you expect that others will just value you, if you kind of lived with that confidence, then you will love others well. Now I don't mean by this, though, be careful of this. You don't demand love. You don't, you just assume that you have worth and value. You're worth loving. And that's a pretty good self you. How do you score yourself on that? Do you see yourself loving and how well do you do on that? Tell me how well you love others and that will tell you how this whole thing goes, alright.

Look at the next one. Life long learner. Do you enjoy learning each day? Do you enjoy the journey of learning each day? I want you to think back to that moment as a child when the first time you ever saw a crayfish. Remember the first time you ever saw a crayfish you were playing around the creek and you move a stone and out shoots this little lobster. And it doesn't go forward. It goes backward and you chase it. That's learning, that joy of learning. Have you lost that incentive to move a rock and find a crayfish? I don't like to read. I just don't. Roy loves to read. I've been around a

lot of very, very wise people who love to read. My sons, two of my sons are readers and they read an awful lot and Lynn loves to read. I don't so I have to keep forcing myself to learn because a lot of learning is done that way. There's also learning done through experience. I'm a kind of guy that took a carburetor apart when I was like fourteen years old and found out that carburetors had a lot of parts when I put it together and found out that leftover parts from a carburetor are not a good thing. You probably actually need them all to make it work. I, we learn. How do you learn? Are you a learner? Are you still learning? One to five. How are you scoring yourself on that one?

Ability to play. Fourteen. Do you expect life to have some fun in it? Are you enjoying life? Is life fun? That's pretty easy. Are you enjoying life? Do you find that today is a day that you're enjoying. Today isn't a day you're enjoying. And some days I don't always enjoy. My score here is sort of in the middle. My family will tell you there are some days I enjoy life greatly and some days I'm just a little too serious, overwhelmed, whatever it is. My score is probably what a three on that one.

Look at the next one. Responsibility. Do you expect to pay the consequences for your bad decisions? Do you expect to pay the consequences for your bad decisions? I scored very well on this one. Yes, I do expect to pay the consequences. Again, that's a

learned thing. If all your life you've gotten away with stuff, you think you're going to keep getting away with stuff. Learned beliefs, filters in, right.

Look at sixteen. Marital loyalty. Do you believe you can only be truly intimate with one person? Do you believe you can only be truly intimate with one person? Now this, I just want to tell you about my girl. See I believe that all people are valuable. I believe that my sons are worth dying for. I believe that their wives and girlfriends are extremely valuable and I believe my grandson is the second perfect guy ever born, but Lynn is number one in my life. That's my belief. It's actually connect to some of the things I've watched in my mom's fierce loyalty to my dad. It's also some things I've learned as I've gotten intimate with God. This is a five for me. It's not a hard one. You need to ask, do you honor the woman you love by not living with her until you're married to her? Do you honor the woman you love by only loving her, not sharing your affection, not having those emotional affairs, not playing on those edges. How do you do in this area? One to five, alright.

Look at number seventeen. Financial skills. Are you satisfied living within your means? Are you satisfied with living where you are? Are you okay with it? We talked to our guys a lot about this concept. I probably should just bring it up to you. We talked about ten, ten, eighty. I love this concept. It's really freeing. You give ten

percent of your money away so that you are aware of the needs of others. You save ten percent so that you have something to take care of, people don't have to take care of you, right. You're giving it away to care for the needs of others. You put ten percent away so that you don't necessarily need to be cared for by others. Eighty percent you live on. Ten, ten, eighty. How do you do with your financial responsibility? How is that, how are you scoring in that area? Are you saving? Are you giving? Are you living within your means? Those questions, one to five, alright.

Last one, number eighteen. Forgiveness. Do you expect to be, to forgive and be forgiven? Do you expect to forgive and be forgiven? Have you come to the place in your life when you messed up and you expect to get a second chance. Do you expect it of God? Do you expect it of others? We're going to spend actually a lot of time on this in two weeks, because it becomes very much a part of some of the situations that we grow out of our experience with our dad. Now this is all about your chain mail. This is all about your beliefs, where we go with this.

Here's what I want you to score. Add up the numbers for your present belief scores. Possible points out of this are ninety. Right? We have eighteen areas, ninety possible points, alright. Add them all up. Alright good. Again you accountants, I know you are waiting. Alright, we got it. Alright write that number in there. Your points are

whatever and now add thirty-five to it. Thirty-five to it because if you do that you're going to match your mom's score of a hundred and twenty-five max last week because we had more questions for her. Now place this number from last week of your mom's evaluation here. So in my slot, a hundred and ten goes there. Whatever your mom's score is. So interestingly enough, my score is a hundred and five. Her score is a hundred and ten. So it's interesting how we correlate. Listen to this, compare last week's number with this week's number. This is an indicator of how your mother's filters have impacted your beliefs. Now I'm going to put this slide up and I just want you to look at all the categories you can do. These are your chain mail conclusions. Check one of these. No impact from mother, like her in a good, like her in a bad way, different from her in a good way, different from her in a bad way. Kind of put your numbers, look at the numbers and then check the one you think is true and to be honest with you, I'm sort of like her in a good way. I'm the second one. That's what I would check. What would you check? You checkout this.

Every once in awhile when we get to this point about our beliefs, and who we are, I think that if I tell you stories from my life, um, it is or isn't consistent with where yours are. For example, when my mom was dying of cancer, remember I told you how she would rub my feet, before we put her in hospice in the final days of her

life, I stopped over at her house one day and I was talking to her, and she reached down. Now she's in pain, right. She reached down, she takes off my shoes and starts rubbing my feet. I'm in my forties at this point and she's still rubbing my feet. I wanted to pull them away and she says don't you dare. Don't you dare. That's my background with my mom. I mean think about that. That's just kind of an overwhelming time. I know some of you haven't had that experience, so when I talk about my world, it sort of makes it confusing sometimes because your experience is different. That's why I like movies. There's something about movies that just allow us an opportunity to think and do things differently.

I want you to think about a movie called "Take The Lead" and um, where a guy by the name of Pierre enters into an inner city school to help the students who are the troubled kids, the tough kids. How he got in there is he saw an event took place and that took vandalism, John and Paul, he was a witness to it. John and Paul tried to help the various students that were part of the whole process and it's a fascinating story. It's actually a true story. Um, I think his last name's Dulaine and he actually has schools that are all across the country now doing this in elementary schools across the nation. Um, it's about dance, take the lead and he has decided to teach these students ballroom dancing, these tough inner city kids from a variety of gangs, a variety of settings, all the tough kids

all in a room trying to work through it. As he's doing it, the students are being changed and challenged and becoming much more directed. He's starting to flourish. His beliefs are starting to help them grow, you know. Their past is being altered by what's happening. Um, but he's also pushing the limits to how a school thinks, alright. And there's always one teacher. So let me give you this scene where he is going to take these students. Consider the scene. It is cool. He's taking these students to an opportunity to dance on a big stage in a competition, ballroom dancing. Against students that are from refined well paid for world. He says we can do this. We'll figure out how to get the entrance fee money and all this. It will take hard work but you can do it. And as he's encouraging them and calling them up, he is suddenly called to the principle's office. Augustine is the principal. She has fought for him. She believes in him, but there is this one teacher giving him a hard time, how his subject doesn't fit within their subjects of the school and so in front of a parent association, it's sort of like a parent-teacher association, people who make decisions about the extracurricular activities in school, he's being told they're going to cancel the program. And the other guy goes, this is just a waste. Of course we got to cancel this thing and Pierre says to the people, all I want to do with your children is to let them know there's something about them. He says in fact, instead of my telling you, let me show

you and he asks Augustine to stand up. He says dance with me and he puts his arm around her waist and takes her hand and he says now we're walking, we're walking, turning, we're moving, you're following, I'm leading. The other guy goes Augustine, don't let him do this. She goes shut up, it's my body. I'll let him do it. And as he's doing this he says, all I'm doing is teaching dance. You know what's happening? She's trusting me as I move her around and she's trusting herself. Your daughter will have far less chance to be knocked up if you teach them to trust themselves and your men will be far, far more noble if they start respecting a woman. I am teaching respect, trust, and nobility. I'm helping somebody learn different than their filters. I'm growing something big out of all of this. As that scene fades, and the last line of the scene is so funny because the woman says, right, she says, the woman that was voting him out, she says, do you do night classes? Do you teach adults? I would love to have you teach us how to do the following things, show respect and value lives and trust yourself and trust others. That's what this is about, guys, creating men that do that. In order to do that you have to take a look at your filters, take a look at your beliefs, take a look at your chain mail and decide whether or not your chain mail is true and right. So as you do this, you have the right beliefs, you start to grow. Changing those windows will be your soul to being the man you were designed to be.

We're going to look at our dads next week. It will be a little bit trickier but I think it's going to be very powerful. See you then.