ClearCast Ep 2 – Transcription

Tiana Sampaio	[Music]
0:00	Welcome to ClearCast, Chancellor in the Ministry of Church Church in West Indianapolis.
	I'm your host, Tim Sullivan. And today we're talking about the art of course. Pastor Dave.
	So is follow up or what we've been discussing. I'm like in charge guess is little bit and talk about follow up and follow up to human follow up. Follow up to the church or follow up to a together.
	Follow up follow it which, okay. Talked about being shepherding or relieved is parishing when get to the church.
	Follow up is just I feel that we are not doing that is follow is a place to support and care for people.
	That doesn't necessarily work on all, I don't feel like I'm shepherding. What would you say to someone who doesn't feel like they're being shepherded?
Pastor Dave Ellis	Well, I'm not.
0:34	Most of life is not.
	I think when we think of knowing, you're looking at a lot.
	Well, I'm not, I'm not. I'm not. I'm not. I'm not. I'm not.
	It's really, it's one thing to know, you know, you're supposed to be coached in, really vulnerable, really dangerous.
	I don't, I don't even want to go with, you know, to speak literature.
	It just takes your water here to go out on your roof to deal and all of a sudden you're
	going to go home.
	But lots of people feel that way and they don't think that there's any, like, they just think that's
	normal.
	That's the way we do.
	And that this crises go up and that's like, oh, no, like, it's terrible.
	But the rest of the, I know, but well, they just become accustomed.
	You just become accustomed to what it is and what the burdens and the difficulties and the
	challenges are.
	We just have kind of a passive approach.
	Well, that's just tough. That just happens. Like you can't. We really think nothing can be done about that.
	Whether that's having various or you know, if using the financial example or of some, like there's
	nothing, there's nothing that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that, that,
	we're back to that is that, that's it. It's lifting is what it means.
	Lifting is what it means. It's what it is to lift. I mean, you probably, will teach people, say about lifts.
	Like, yeah, like, we're, we're, we're, we're, we're, we're.
	It's part of our personality.
2:13	[Music]
	It's like, not just around that it's, it's just gonna be impossible. Like, yeah, but there's a little a little
	great issue.
	[Music]
	It's not like the house is on fire. It's like, it's just kind of like the way it is.
	Well, we've talked about, we've talked about, we've talked about, we've talked about, we've talked about,
	we've talked about, we've talked about, we've talked about, we've talked about.
	We just think, well, what can be done?
	Nothing. And, and, and, the answer, another, another, another, you know, you know, so much of the stuff goes on in the church, it's just, it's just, it's just, it's just, it's just.
	We don't even, we, it There's, like, well, nothing can be done. Like, that's just the way it is. And so everyone, you, they, they've, they've, they've

Martin Barnard
Producer
24m 32s
Yes.

Pr Dave
24m 32s
Like, after all...

Martin
Producer
24m 33s
Well, even when the person is younger than you because he's not a pastor yet, the Eric, director of family ministries at our church pursuing, he's pursuing ordination right now.

Pr Dave
24m 35s
So even when the person is dead, is not a pastor.
24m 39s
Eric, Director of Family and Church pursuing all this information.
24m 45s
Tim and I got an argument that Fred went Eric there too.

Martin
Producer
24m 46s
Tim and I got an argument on a thread with Eric there too.

Pr Dave
24m 51s
And Eric makes different proof.

Martin
Producer
24m 51s
And Eric makes a different group, pulls both of us on to it and said, "This argument is way out of hand and you guys need to work it out and not in front of everybody else."

Pr Dave
24m 54s
Pulls both of us onto it and said this argument is valid.
24m 58s
You guys need to put that.
25m 1s
And it was helpful and reserved the people.

Martin
Producer
25m 2s
He's helpful and preserved the piece in a way that like, Eric is almost 10 years younger than me.

Pr Dave
25m 6s
But I think that America is all...
25m 10s
Yeah.

Tim
Host
25m 11s
Martin is very old.

Pr Dave
25m 11s
He's younger than me.

Tim
Host
25m 12s
He falls his ass.

Pr Dave
25m 14s
But he calls us out.

Martin
Producer
25m 15s
But he calls us out and says, "You need to work through this in a way that's more healthy than," and Abrams done the same thing on other threads.

Pr Dave
25m 16s
He says, "You did.
25m 17s
He worked through this in a way that's wealthy.

Tim
Host
25m 19s
Yeah.
25m 20s
Yep.

Pr Dave
25m 20s
And Abrams done this in the sense of dreads."
25m 23s
I don't know what it's about.

Martin
Producer
25m 24s
That kind of pastoral care in just small ways is how families work and it's how the church works.

Pr Dave
25m 25s
Always.
25m 26s
Yeah.
25m 27s
Our families work.

Tim
Host
25m 29s
Yeah, and I would want to say to that, like, building on that.

Martin
Producer
25m 30s
I would want to say that.
25m 32s
I feel it. I thought. You asked us for a. On.

Tim
Host
25m 33s
Martin and I both know a lot of Bible.
25m 35s
And so if you asked us for a list of verses on preserving unity, loving the brothers,

Martin
Producer
25m 39s
Because I love being the brother. I don't know. We know what.

Tim
Host
25m 41s
like we could rattle them off, we know what scripture says on this topic,

Pr Dave
25m 42s
I don't know.
25m 44s
I think we're doing that thing.

Tim
Host
25m 46s
what we need is for someone to point at the thing we're doing and tell us that thing you're doing is why the Bible tells you not to do this generalize thing.

Pr Dave
25m 51s
I will not do this.

Martin
Producer
25m 52s
Why the Bible tells you that if you miss this.
25m 53s
- Yes, especially Tim.

Pr Dave
25m 54s
Yes, especially too.
25m 55s
Right.

Tim
Host
25m 55s
But yes, especially me.

Martin
Producer
25m 55s
- Yes, especially Tim.

Pr Dave
25m 56s
Yeah, so especially.

Martin
Producer
25m 56s
[laughing]

Pr Dave
25m 57s
Especially too.

Tim
Host
25m 58s
And that, and it would...
25m 59s
in the absence of having someone point at the thing you're doing right now and saying, "When the Bible says you need to be diligent to preserve the unity in the bond of peace," then like that verse is forbidding the behavior that you are currently engaging and stop it.

Martin
Producer
26m 4s
the Bible says you need to be diligent to preserve the unity and the bond of faith.

Pr Dave
26m 4s
The Bible says, then like that verses bitty,

Martin
Producer
26m 9s
Then like that verse is forbidding the behavior that you are currently engaging with God and in the absence of that we're just not we're not going to realize what we're doing until I maybe later we like think better of it but then by then we've already created a huge path and so and as we mentioned Martin talked about so he can create a mess very quickly.

Pr Dave
26m 13s
the Peter's worker.
26m 15s
Right.

Tim
Host
26m 16s
And in the absence of that, we're just not going to realize what we're doing until I mean maybe later we like think better of it or something, but then we've already created a huge mess.

Pr Dave
26m 16s
And it is stuff that can get a request for it.
26m 20s
So maybe later we like that process.
26m 24s
Then by then we already created it.
26m 28s
So, and as we've heard.

Tim
Host
26m 29s
And as we mentioned Martin talks very fast so he can create a mess very quickly.
26m 33s
But.

Martin
Producer
26m 34s
But Billy and Pastor Dave's point the other thing are

Tim
Host
26m 35s
But the past year days point the other thing I would want to encourage like everybody in the sound of my voice.
26m 42s
There's a verse in Corinthians where Paul says you've had many teachers but you have not had many fathers.

Martin
Producer
26m 49s
[laughs]

Tim
Host
26m 49s
And a guy on the internet even if he's a great preacher he cannot be father.

Pr Dave
26m 50s
and of the topic. And have many for all from this.

Tim
Host
26m 56s
And you can have many teachers and learn.
26m 59s
Many wonderful, beautiful truths of Scripture from those teachers.
27m 4s
But what you need is unity, Father, who will say, "No, stop it."
27m 9s
You need an authority who will say, "You killed Jesus. You in particular did that."
27m 15s
You need someone who can say, "That verse is for you. You don't get to check that one off the list."

Pr Dave
27m 18s
first.
27m 19s
Don't get it.
27m 21s
Yeah, I think the other thing I'd say about pastoral care.
27m 25s
I remember when I was before the sermon on the mount I was preaching through first and second Timothy and we came to the passage where it says that they'll come a time when they won't endure sound doctrine but you know, desiring to have their ears scratched so you know,
27m 40s
he made for themselves teachers and accordance with their own desires and one of the most uncomfortable things that I had to say.
27m 45s
I felt compelled to say, during that uh...
27m 48s
During that text, during that term, and don't if you guys remember that term, but I said, "You guys, you can make my job really hard because you don't want me to take care of. You don't want to be cared for."

Martin
Producer
28m 2s
[laughter]

Pr Dave
28m 3s
And so it's really easy to say, "Well, the pastors are unfaithful, the pastors are unfaithful, the pastors are unfaithful, well they don't say, "Well, they're not bold, well they don't."
28m 11s
And I'm like, "Well, yeah, because you're miserable to deal with."
28m 15s
Now, pastors aren't ever supposed to say that about their people or
28m 18s
people in general. You're miserable to deal with. But Hebrews tells you like obey your leaders and submit to them or they keep watch over your souls and we stop there. Hebrews 13, 17, there it is.
28m 27s
But then it continues. You know, obey your leaders and submit to them for they keep watch over your souls. Let them do this with joy and not with sorrow.
28m 36s
For that would be unprofitable for you. And I can tell you as a pastor there are people you don't want to deal with because they're just miserable to deal with.
28m 43s
In the reason they're miserable to deal with is not because they sin.
28m 48s
It's because they won't listen.
28m 50s
They won't listen.

Martin
Producer
28m 51s
won't listen. It's like... Well ... okay.

Pr Dave
28m 52s
It's like, "Well, okay, it's hard."
28m 56s
Jesus said, "If you go into a city and they don't receive you, shake the dust off of your feet, and you're just like, "Oh, but there would never be a place that would do that."
29m 4s
Except that he gave them that instruction because there was. There were places like that.
29m 8s
And he also tells you in the sermon on the mount, not that there were girls before swine.
29m 12s
Otherwise, they'll turn around into power.
29m 14s
And it's like, "Well, that's not Christian ministry."
29m 18s
But those are the judgments and the pressures that pastors feel.
29m 21s
Are you worth, can say that way?

Martin
Producer
29m 25s
What is this work is doing.

Pr Dave
29m 25s
Is this worth? Is doing this worth it?
29m 28s
Or is this something that scripture actually tells me not to do?
29m 32s
Because you're not going to receive it. You're not interested.
29m 38s
And so part of pastoral care, we can talk a lot about what your pastor needs to be and what your elders need to be like.
29m 44s
like and all of their work but really most of the people you guys listing
29m 48s
aren't pastors and elders you're probably just Christians and you need to not make your pastor in elders life miserable that's what I would say to his a pastor don't make their work harder like because Hebrews tells you it will be unprofitable for you like if we went any other profession there would be you know off camera I was just talking to Tim Tim's a financial advisor and I said Tim don't you ever have clients that you don't want like you don't want to manage their money and he's like yeah I mean, you can just tell it.

Martin
Producer
29m 55s
That's what I would say to you.
29m 56s
It is a bad joke.

Tim
Host
29m 56s
Bye.

Martin
Producer
29m 57s
Don't make it.

Tim
Host
29m 57s
Right.

Martin
Producer
29m 58s
It's your first time.

Pr Dave
30m 18s
They're going to be high maintenance. They're just going to be trouble.
30m 21s
Now you don't say that to them. You don't say like you're miserable so I don't want to manage your money.
30m 26s
But when you're doing your prospecting, you take into account how much you want to do their management or not.

Martin
Producer
30m 29s
You take into account how much you want to do their.
30m 33s
They're in there.
30m 34s
And you tell them.

Pr Dave
30m 34s
And you sell them your pitch in a way that communicates to them, I may not be the best fit for you.

Tim
Host
30m 39s
Right, and I've told I've actually told a few people you shouldn't hire me like that's pretty rare But it does occasionally happen especially if they want to do these Why all speculative strategies that don't make sense and that we don't implement?

Pr Dave
30m 41s
I've actually met some pretty rare, but nothing.

Martin
Producer
30m 41s
I actually told a few people that's pretty rare but it does look...

Tim
Host
30m 53s
Right Devo!

Pr Dave
30m 53s
You're like, "I'm not your guy."
30m 55s
You want something that I'm not about.
30m 58s
And so we can all look at that goal.
31m 1s
That just makes good business sense.
31m 3s
But in the church, you do realize that pastors have those same thoughts.
31m 7s
I don't know that you're the kind of person I want to come to my church.
31m 10s
Because you seem like a troublemaker.
31m 12s
You seem like a malcontent.
31m 14s
And we're just like, "Well, pastors, because you're a Christian, you can't say that."
31m 20s
but some people are miserable, like there have been people
31m 23s
for the course of our years that we have disinvited from our church.
31m 27s
And it's not, it wasn't mean and nasty and there was one time we did actually physically remove a guy from worship service because he was screaming and yelling at the pastor during Lord's Supper, that's a whole nother story for another time.

Martin
Producer
31m 28s
And it's not, it wasn't in a nasty thing.
31m 40s
But there are people where we said, you know,

Pr Dave
31m 40s
But there are people where we said, I don't think we're a good fifth.
31m 46s
You don't seem to be thriving here.
31m 49s
We are not what you're looking for.
31m 54s
And people look at it and so weird.
31m 55s
They're like, you can't, like how can you say that you're the church?
31m 57s
You're supposed to be, you're supposed to have no boundaries.
32m
You're supposed to have no sense about this stuff.
32m 4s
And I don't think that that's, that's the case.
32m 6s
I think we should understand being a part of God's family and being a part of the church and receiving the ministrations of the church as an incredible blessing that we shouldn't take for granted and that you should realize your pastors are not perfect men.
32m 20s
John Calvin says, "God could have given you angels to preach to you."
32m 23s
But he gave you men to keep you humble.
32m 25s
Like if your pastor is a sinner, if he's not doing things the way that he's supposed to be, like encourage him.
32m 31s
Strengthen him, like Moses needs Aaron to hold up his arms and so build them up and encourage him.
32m 38s
Invite him into your life so that to do his job.
32m 42s
You know, when I talk to people who don't go to our church or they ask me questions about things they've got going on in there, you know,
32m 48s
and I say, "Hey, I'm on my pastor, if they just tell a situation, I say, "Hey, ask him, have you asked him?" Like, you're asking me to do this.
32m 53s
"Have you asked him?" Like, go to him and ask him and invite him to do pastoral care, not in those words, but go to him on a regular basis and say, "Hey, would you mind if we got together once or twice a month for coffee for an hour? Would that be okay?"
33m 9s
Like, invite him to do his job. You'd be surprised how many men will do better if they feel like they're not going to get their heads bitten off as soon as they, you know,
33m 21s
You know, this isn't pastoral care,
33m 23s
but in terms of the same principle applying,
33m 26s
our kids go to school, we've got eight kids in school right now.
33m 30s
And I make a point at the beginning of each school year,
33m 33s
in my first interactions with our teachers,
33m 35s
is I tell them, "Listen, you have free reign from us, free license from us,
33m 39s
not that you need it ultimately.
33m 41s
I need to express it, but I just want you to know,
33m 44s
we are never going to be the problem if our kids are out of law, correct them.
33m 49s
Straighten them out, we know their centers.
33m 51s
let us know, we are not gonna be those people.
33m 53s
We're not asking them to do pastoral care with our kids.
33m 55s
We're not asking them to be parents to our kids,
33m 57s
but what I do want to say to them is you're free to be my kids teacher and I realize my children are not perfect.
34m 2s
And so when they fail, correct, and you're not going to get blowback from my wife and I, and they always say thank you.
34m 10s
Because they've all had to deal with parents who think that their kid walks on water and doesn't want to be a child.
34m 16s
And they always say thank you.

Martin
Producer
34m 18s
thank you.

Pr Dave
34m 18s
Because they've all had to deal with parents who think that their kid to think that their kid walks on water and--
34m 23s
doesn't ever-- is never at fault.
34m 26s
And so I think it's important that we invite people that are in these positions--
34m 33s
the coaches, the teachers, the pastors, the titans to women,
34m 36s
the elders-- what have you-- invite them into your life and say,
34m 39s
help me.
34m 40s
I am willing and open for your help.
34m 44s
I want your input, your older, your wiser, your godly.
34m 48s
I want to learn from you.
34m 50s
That's what I want.
34m 51s
and you'll get a lot back.
34m 53s
You know, maybe a little more discerning than others, but the general problems are character laws that you have.
35m
It'd be fun to get to.
35m 2s
You know, maybe a little more discerning than others, but the general problems are character laws that you have.

Martin
Producer
35m 10s
[laughing]

Tim
Host
35m 11s
[chuckles]

Martin
Producer
35m 12s
Thank you for...
35m 14s
you

Pr Dave
35m 23s
You know, maybe a little more discerning than others.
35m 26s
You know, maybe a little more discerning than others.

Martin
Producer
35m 28s
They would, they would, they would, they would, no reach up like they would deal with the same, you know, he like, oh yeah, over here he's saying, hey yeah, and then the wife could come.

Pr Dave
35m 29s
And you know, you know, you're like, "Oh, I see that."
35m 32s
And you're like, "Yeah, yeah, he does that."
35m 35s
And then the wife can come and she goes, "Yeah, yeah, he does it at home too."
35m 39s
And it's like, you're not as good at hiding and pulling the wool over everyone's eyes as you think you are.

Martin
Producer
35m 40s
Yeah, yeah, he, you know, does it at home too and it's such.

Pr Dave
35m 44s
So you might as well just be honest.
35m 46s
Like, everyone already knows what you're trying to hide.
35m 50s
one already knows what you're trying to hide.
35m 53s
So just go get help for it.
35m 56s
That's really the point I think.

Tim
Host
35m 59s
What I would encourage our listeners to think about as well,
36m 3s
if you are like me and your stubborn,
36m 7s
and when people try to help you, you don't always listen to them,
36m 10s
or especially not right away,

Martin
Producer
36m 12s
I Need to courage you!

Tim
Host
36m 12s
I would encourage you to go to the people, the elders in your life,
36m 17s
and just thank them for the work and apologize for your stubbornness.

Pr Dave
36m 21s
and apologize. The other thing I would--

Martin
Producer
36m 22s
for your stubbornness. The other thing I would encourage you to do is think about a couple of times when they told you to do something. Do it and then something bad happened or when they told you to do something and you didn't do it and then later you started doing it and like you feel like,

Tim
Host
36m 23s
The other thing I would encourage you to do is think about a couple of times
36m 29s
what you need to do is something, and you didn't do it.
36m 32s
And then something bad happened, or when they told you to do something and you didn't do it, and then later you started doing it,

Pr Dave
36m 32s
and something bad happened before people something good and then later you started and like I said oh there is a reason

Tim
Host
36m 41s
and you realized, "Oh, there is a reason they told me to do this thing."

Martin
Producer
36m 43s
"Oh, there was a reason they told me to do this thing." Like go to them and like admit you were wrong Because that will help,

Tim
Host
36m 46s
Go to them and admit you were wrong,
36m 49s
because that will help build a kind of relationship,

Pr Dave
36m 51s
That will help.

Martin
Producer
36m 52s
that will help build a kind of relationship.

Tim
Host
36m 54s
that will help you get where you need to go that will help you be.
36m 59s
You have been wrong in the past.

Martin
Producer
37m 5s
So that will be fine.

Pr Dave
37m 5s
So that will be fine. I, I'm going to.

Tim
Host
37m 6s
You have been wrong in the past.

Pr Dave
37m 10s
>> Sorry, sorry.

Tim
Host
37m 12s
You have been right.
37m 14s
Start your relationship in a sense.
37m 16s
Restart it on that basis of recognizing that they know better than you do.
37m 21s
Maybe there is a reason he is the pastor and you are not.
37m 24s
And it's okay for you to admit that.
37m 26s
And finally,

Pr Dave
37m 28s
So and what I would do.

Tim
Host
37m 29s
what I would urge you if you're not at, if you don't have a church where your pastor can be a father to you and you can trust him in that way, then try to find a church that is.
37m 41s
And we'd love to have you here at Clear Note or on the west side of Indianapolis on Hunt Street.
37m 45s
Or if you're not in the India area, we'd love to help you find a good church for that.
37m 50s
But it can't overstate the importance of having someone who can be a father to you.
37m 57s
You can have many teachers.
37m 59s
But you haven't had many fathers.
38m 1s
You need a father.
38m 2s
And as someone who spent a big chunk of my life,
38m 5s
we'll probably get into this in our next episode.
38m 7s
But growing up, I went to over 100 churches because we church top so much.

Pr Dave
38m 8s
Growing up, I went short.

Martin
Producer
38m 8s
Growing up, I went to over 100% for jobs still much in for fairies.

Tim
Host
38m 12s
And we didn't-- you were very consumeristic about it.

Martin
Producer
38m 15s
I've literally...

Tim
Host
38m 16s
And so I've lived a big chunk of my life without pastoral care,
38m 19s
without that spiritual leadership.
38m 21s
And so I would urge you, if you don't have this dynamic and play in your life, find a way to get it.
38m 28s
This needs to be A.
38m 29s
You don't take these steps then you will eventually devour you.
38m 44s
Any last thoughts, yesterday?

Pr Dave
38m 47s
The only thing I would, I think I'd add to that is,
38m 52s
pastoral care doesn't only come from pastors.
38m 57s
It comes from elders, it comes from deacons,
39m
it comes from the older godly men in your church,
39m 4s
which you want is some, we call it pastoral care,
39m 7s
because it's the work of a shepherd, primarily.
39m 11s
But it's also the pastor's job to teach the people to do the work of the ministry,
39m 17s
unreasonable to think that the pastor of a church,
39m 20s
our church is 120 people or something.

Martin
Producer
39m 21s
I think that I, the one, only.

Pr Dave
39m 22s
To think that I'm the only person in our church that has these relationships, that has these conversations is just crazy.
39m 30s
Is this not true?
39m 32s
Like, Eric is our assistant, my assistant, he does this stuff.
39m 35s
We've got four elders, they do this stuff.
39m 37s
We've got deacons, they do this stuff.
39m 39s
Like, you guys are friends, and at various times are doing this thing for each other.
39m 43s
It's simply, this is life together.
39m 45s
It's called pastoral...

Martin
Producer
39m 47s
And you guys encourage us, that's one thing that stuck out to me because I was talking to some family last night and mentioning the fact like pastors also need pastors.
39m 57s
Like, some people that are listening might be thinking in the terms of like, we have one guy, he's the pastor and he gets to boss everybody else around and tell everybody what to do.

Pr Dave
40m 7s
>> Right. >> If you press the roll.

Martin
Producer
40m 8s
And if you knew the rest of our elders, you would know how hilarious that image is.

Pr Dave
40m 11s
>> Yeah. >> Yeah.
40m 13s
>> If there are people who are too in need of per-age, I've had multiple.

Martin
Producer
40m 14s
because there are people to take care of you and you.
40m 17s
Affirm and encourage I've had multiple times when other elders have said to me like I noticed this conversation you had and thank you for doing that because that was helpful.

Pr Dave
40m 26s
basically, for me, what do you do?

Martin
Producer
40m 26s
Basically a firm in what you're wanting us to do and help in this encourage to do that because everybody has to be in on this together.

Pr Dave
40m 29s
Is every...
40m 32s
Yeah, I think one thing I would say about pastoral care is that to get at the sort of the caricature that you're pointing out that it's this little...
40m 43s
It's this little economy of where there's one guy who does all the...
40m 50s
and to say that there's absolute authority and that everything he says is right.
40m 56s
I often tell people like, "I'm not always right. You need to figure out...
41m 1s
You do need to, depending on the issue. If it's like you're living with your girlfriend, okay, I'm right."
41m 6s
This Bible's right.
41m 7s
But when it comes to a lot of the normal stuff in life, it's not so...
41m 13s
Here's chapter in verse and how you sort it out.
41m 16s
There can be a accusation that you keep...
41m 23s
that the goal of pastoral care, what we've been trying to describe.
41m 26s
Is that you don't have any agency in your own life.
41m 28s
You don't make any of your own decisions.
41m 30s
You're not responsible.
41m 31s
And that's not the case. That's not what I'm saying.
41m 34s
Pastoral care is...
41m 37s
...ouncil its advice, it's having a dad.
41m 40s
It's not often...
41m 42s
...like, not behind the wood shed sort of talk.
41m 46s
You do have those sometimes.
41m 48s
But...
41m 49s
That's not the normal.
41m 53s
And one of the things that, like I said, the accusation that
41m 56s
comes is that that caricature is how it gets painted.
42m 1s
This is what you do.
42m 1s
This is how it works.
42m 2s
Now that's not what happens.
42m 3s
What I find is interesting, though, is that the people who accuse of that being the case, that it's just this top down,
42m 12s
higher, just everybody's being told what to do.

Martin
Producer
42m 14s
So everybody's good there.

Pr Dave
42m 15s
I try to diffuse that tension by saying, does people, if I'm feeling that pressure as a pastor, I say, listen, I've got a wife intended.
42m 23s
I don't need any more people to tell what to do.

Martin
Producer
42m 21s
Ooh!

Martin
Producer
42m 23s
Like, I have a laugh!

Pr Dave
42m 26s
I have enough people that are very heavily dependent on me to guide them, lead them.

42m 34s
I'm not trying to be your wife's leader.

42m 36s
I'm not trying to run your house.

42m 38s
I'm not trying to live your life.

42m 41s
I've got my own life to live.

42m 43s
I've got my own kids, my own family, my own sins.

42m 49s
And so anything I've got to say is not meant to come across as me standing on your neck and you'll do this or else.

42m 56s
How many years did I tell you to get off social media?

Martin
Producer
43m 1s
[laughter]

Pr Dave
43m
Two.

Tim
Host
43m
Um, two.

Martin
Producer
43m 7s
Here.

Pr Dave
43m 3s
Three.

Tim
Host
43m 3s
Wait, no, three.

Pr Dave
43m 3s
Yeah.

Martin
Producer
43m 5s
As many years as it took.

Pr Dave
43m 7s
So for three years, loving you, living in church, I just tell Tim, I'm like, you've got to be a husband and father.

Martin
Producer
43m 8s
Well, it's really less real.

Tim
Host
43m 8s
Let's re-wussing it, yeah.

Martin
Producer
43m 9s
So for three years, loving you.

Pr Dave
43m 11s
You've got to get off social media.

43m 14s
I see what time you're posting.

43m 15s
You should be talking to your kids and about it and I'm saying to you at one point, Tim,

43m 21s
if you want to be on social media, I want to see your social media posts at 5.30 and 6 o'clock in the morning.

43m 28s
If your family doesn't need you then, if you want to get up early and you want to go do your thing on social media, get up and do it then.

43m 33s
But at 6 or 7 o'clock at night or at midnight, like you should either be in bed or you should be with your.

43m 38s
And that went on for a number of years.

43m 41s
And I remember the first time I told you you should get off social media was at a men's retreat and you about turned inside out.

Tim
Host
43m 49s
Yup.

Martin
Producer
43m 49s
Yeah, I'm about turning.

Tim
Host
43m 49s
[laughing]

Pr Dave
43m 49s
You were so mad at me.

Martin
Producer
43m 49s
I'm mad at me.

Martin
Producer
43m 49s
[laughter]

Pr Dave
43m 49s
Like I was forgetting where you were to leave and you like, I'm in me down out in the parking lot and you're like, why did you say that?

43m 53s
Man, you gotta wipe in kids like you need to be

43m 56s
home at night. And so that really is that and that's about the tone in which I said it to you.

Martin
Producer
43m 59s
that really is that, and that's about the tone in which I said it to you.

Pr Dave
44m 2s
It was like Tim, you just need it. And I remember you being like your person, you're like,

Martin
Producer
44m 2s
Just like Timmy, just remember you being like, your person.

Pr Dave
44m 8s
"But why? But why?" And I was like, Tim, if you just trust me, I'm not going to defend it.

44m 14s
I'm just telling you this is important. And now you're off social media and you've got, you're doing well at work.

Martin
Producer
44m 16s
well at work.

Pr Dave
44m 18s
Your family is growing and it's been good.

Martin
Producer
44m 18s
The family is growing and it's been good.

Pr Dave
44m 20s
that was a pleasure.

Martin
Producer
44m 23s
But that was a decision that you allowed Tim to make and you guys were allowed to disagree.

Pr Dave
44m 26s
I'm not trying to live your life.

44m 27s
I'm not trying to make your decisions.

44m 28s
I'm just trying to tell you that's a good, that's bad.

Martin
Producer
44m 28s
Yeah, I mean for like more than a year.

Pr Dave
44m 29s
Do more of the good, do less of the bad.

44m 31s
What's interesting is the people who would accuse caricature pastoral care is being a very good, very good, very good.

Martin
Producer
44m 31s
If you guys could see them are in place.

44m 33s
Yeah, I mean it's not.

44m 36s
This is just an example of the same.

Pr Dave
44m 37s
I'm not trying to live your life.

Martin
Producer
44m 37s
I'm not trying to tell you.

Pr Dave
44m 38s
I'm not trying to make your decisions.

Martin
Producer
44m 38s
That's good.

Pr Dave
44m 40s
I'm just trying to tell you that's a good,

Martin
Producer
44m 40s
That's bad.

44m 41s
If that's bad.

Pr Dave
44m 42s
that's bad.

44m 42s
Do more of the good, do less of the bad.

44m 45s
What's interesting is the people who would would accuse caricature care is being a,

44m 53s
West Rail Care is being a...

44m 56s
So, this just top down edicts being delivered.

Martin
Producer
44m 58s
>> Or does it just talk down?

45m 3s
>> Dictatorship.

Pr Dave
44m 58s
Yeah, dictatorship.

Martin
Producer
44m 58s
>> Yeah, Dictatorship.

Pr Dave
46m
That's the way I'm looking for.

46m 1s
Thank you.

46m 1s
Is they... they... they chafe underneath it because that's their conception of it.

46m 8s
But what I found on more than one occasion is that when they have a problem in their life with somebody, whether it's their spouse or their children or an... or just someone they care about, that is exactly... like they hate it all the rest of the time, they're like,

Martin
Producer
46m 10s
46m 16s
or just someone they hear.

That is like they hate it all rest the judgment.

Pr Dave
46m 18s
"What's bad?

46m 20s
And it's no good."

46m 21s
And it shouldn't be like that.

46m 23s
But as soon as there's a problem, they get mad that I can't like duck to it.

Martin
Producer
46m 28s
I can't like duck stater kids to which Eric and the edge of the locked door so their kids can't go out.

Pr Dave
46m 28s
to a chair in their bedroom and locked the door so their kids can't go out and whatever their kids are out doing.

Tim
Host
46m 31s
46m 35s
[laughing]

[mumbling]

Martin
Producer
46m 36s
>> [INAUDIBLE]

Tim
Host
46m 52s
Right.

Pr Dave
46m 53s
46m 55s
And it's like a thief thinks everybody steals.

You think because that's how you conceive of caring for people, you think that's how we do it.

46m 40s
And so you get mad at us, but whenever it becomes time to do it, you're like, well, this is how it has to be done.

46m 46s
I'm like, I'll tell people, it's like we talk about pastoral care and we talk about the authority of the church and we talk about the necessity of being involved in each other's lives. In the at the end of the day is a pastor.

46m 56s
What authority do I have to affect the change?

46m
I have words. These are my weapons. I have words and I have prayer.

Theme Music
46m 4s
[upbeat music]

46m 7s
[upbeat music]

46m 9s
[upbeat music]

46m 12s
[upbeat music]

46m 14s
[upbeat music]

46m 17s
[upbeat music]

46m 19s
[upbeat music]

Pr Dave
50m 17s
the Blumington High Clients Trees for a living, as a tree guy, and our burst.

50m 22s
job I wasn't real popular. People didn't like that. But then

50m 27s
our district one safety award. We didn't have an accident for like 18 months. Something which when you're doing tree work every day that's you know you didn't sling somebody's gutter or grip their landscape lighting out or whatever. I'm going to have to go get stitches.

50m 40s
That's significant. And it was all preventative maintenance and the thing the interesting thing was though when we were when we were doing all this preventative maintenance.

50m 48s
Everyone just scoffed at it. Why do we have to do all this we never break anything we never tear anything up and it's like it's because we do the preventative maintenance that we we don't have the catastrophe. And so pastoral care is the same way like we'd much rather get in with a young couple when they're first getting married and talk with them about what marriage is like when you have your children what children what have an baby is like you know this is me with my with with the men the husband some fathers this is my wife or the older women in our church talking to the young mothers this is what life's like this is what it's going to be and it's not it's not when the kids for and screaming and you know has broken something. You know big it's just. When they won't eat their food or when they throw it on the floor what it like let's just deal with that that's normal stuff everybody has to deal with it. If you don't deal with it what I often say to people that doesn't scale. Like the way that that thing that's going on right now you you kind of halfway think it's cute because they're only 18 months old but when four year olds doing that same behavior. With four year olds a ability like it's not going to be cute and then when they're like seven or eight or ten or 15 like it's really.

6m 57s
I'm going to be okay.

7m 10s
Yeah.

7m 10s
Yep.

7m 18s
Yeah.

7m 19s
And so I think what's just,

7m 19s
why don't we deal with stuff ahead of time?

7m 19s
Like that's the,

7m 19s
'cause I have to find myself when I talk to people and I say things to them and they look at me like I'm crazy.

7m 23s
They're just like,

7m 28s
what do you mean?

7m 28s
Like you're serious and I'm like,

7m 27s
well, yeah, I'm serious.

7m 29s
Like, and I think the thing that's behind that is they, we just minimize.

7m 34s
We just under, we're just like, well, it's not that bad.

7m 38s
Well, it's gonna get better.

7m 38s
So it's either.

7m 40s
You can't be nothing can be done about it or we minimize that bad.

7m 46s
And so if someone comes in and says, actually, that's a big deal.

7m 48s
It can be jolting.

8m 53s
That is...

8m 7s
I've got that. I can, I can, I can, I am a fake

8m 26s
Yeah, it's funny. One of the things I've found it, I mean, the thing is when I preach or counsel,

8m 31s
that anything I've got to say is usually downstream of me thinking,

8m 35s
why would I have done what you just did? And then I address it, where what temptations or pressures would I feel if I were in your church? And I go, okay, now I understand why you did that really stupid thing, because I would have done a really stupid thing too.

8m 49s
If I was only given the opportunity. So, um,

8m 53s
film.

10m 10s
Yeah.

10m 10s
Oh, yeah, I sort of have this thing out.

10m 17s
Here we are doing a podcast and I have this thing about.

10m 20s
[laughs]

10m 23s
We had to work really hard to talk faster.

10m 24s
Yeah, as an aside.

10m 26s
Yeah, as you should know for a few years,

10m 28s
these guys have wanted to do a podcast and my constant refrain has been two things.

10m 33s
One, bring me a proposal,

10m 36s
like, and I'll take it to the elders and, you know, and relate to that.

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