



Highchair Jim Burgen July 27th, 2025

// **Bible References:** 1 Cor 13:11, 16:13; Eph 6:4; Mark 12:20; Eph 6:12-13

// **Community Question:** How do you feel about Jim's comment *"If it won't matter 5 years from now, don't spend more than 5 minutes on it."*

// **Discussion Questions**

1. The 'Highchair' represents a self-centered stage where a person is highly needy and emotionally driven, focusing on their own desires. What does it mean to be in the 'Highchair' stage of life, and how does this impact our relationships with others? Can you think of a time when being self-focused affected your interactions with friends or family?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:11, What are some "childish" patterns (like blame, defensiveness, entitlement) that you see in your life or our culture? What's one area where you know you need to grow up; but it feels easier to stay where you are? What do you think maturity in that area would look like, and who could help you take that step?
3. Jim stressed that being watchful means taking responsibility for your life and your family and avoiding excuses. Where in your life have you caught yourself making excuses rather than owning your part, especially in your home, marriage, fatherhood, or faith? What does it look like to move from passive to proactive in that area?
4. **Going Deeper:** 1 Corinthians 16:14 says, *"Let all that you do be done in love."* Why do you think Paul ends a charge to men with this reminder? What's the difference between doing something out of obligation versus doing it out of love? How can you bring love to the forefront of your leadership, your parenting, or your friendships this week?

// **Challenge:** This week, be intentional in how you show up for the men in your life, whether it's your son, a friend, husband, a coworker, and/or Father. Reach out, pray with them, show up, and speak truth with grace. What man in your life do you want to support during this series? What's one specific way you'll commit to being present and encouraging him in his walk with Jesus this week?