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Rebuilding: Thoughts on Life & Family After Divorce – Pastor Clint Schwartz October 21 & 22, 2017

1. Pastor Clint glued two pieces of paper together and then pulled them apart to illustrate the damage of divorce. What was your reaction when Clint pulled the papers apart?
2. In Matthew 7:3-5, Jesus says that we should take the plank out of our own eye before helping our Christian brother or sister with the speck in their eye. Do you tend to focus more on the problems of other people or your own problems? Give an example.
3. Read Psalm 18:1-3. These verses show God as our defender. What does it look like for you to allow God to defend you instead of trying to defend yourself?
4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Pastor Clint said that we will sometimes seek guidance and support from people around us instead of seeking guidance and support from God. Notice that in order for God to make our paths straight, we have to trust Him with all our heart, lean not on our understanding, and acknowledge Him in all our ways. What are some things that you need to change in your life to be better at trusting God, leaning on His wisdom, or acknowledging Him?
5. Pastor Clint mentioned in his message that he thought he would be disqualified from his call to ministry because of his divorce. What mistake have you made in your past that is holding you back from the plan God has for your life?
6. Read Philippians 3:12-14. In these verses, Paul talks about "forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." Paul is determined to prevent his past from interfering with living his future for God. What can you change in your life to keep your past mistakes from interfering with the life God has called you toward?
7. Share a time in your life when you desperately needed God. Pastor Clint found God to be a counselor, comforter, provider, defender, healer. Do your experiences align with his?
8. Is there some issue you are having trouble letting go of? Have (or would) you ever sought counsel or healing prayer for this difficulty?