



HOW DOES LOVE SURVIVE IN 2024?!

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so could you guys thank uh sha and K for joining us thank you guys for coming out and uh you left your beautiful kids and you've got a wonderful family we love you guys you've been here many times we appreciate you beautiful family and I wanted to show a photo and then ask a question and I want you to answer okay so show the photo please this was your wedding photo are you ready ah okay here's the first question the last time you had a haircut I was going to ask thank you so tell us the story how did you guys meet just background on your relationship we had in youth group worship leader over here and actually it's funny we were friends and I I was so naive I had no idea that he was like pursuing me because I was like you know 16 years old and we were friends and he would start showing up my games my volleyball games and then all of a sudden one day at a volleyball game my coach was like Kate we need to have you come over here um you need to tell your boyfriend he's never allowed to come here I'm like boyfriend he got kicked off because he was driving the the go-karts around the the pro the golf carts around the property of the private school I was playing at so that's how we started a relationship the rebel over here but yeah we started dating at 16 and wow we have grown up together that is the perfect way to say it how old were you guys when you got married 20 it was I mean you can tell we were babies you were 20 you were 22 22 Yeah and how long have you guys been married for now 18 coming up on 18 years no coming up 19 19 well we just celebrated 18 we just celebrated 18 so that's really funny to tell people when we're out to dinner our waiters they're like so what are you doing celebrating our anniversary like oh yeah how long we're like 18 years they're like what cuz people get married at like 40 now yeah which is great and marriage is so tell us about the kids real quick the family I'm sorry tell us about the kids the family real quick we have four kids uh we have one girl who's 13 Cura and then three boys that just it's Rowdy it's wild it's fun I grew up with three sisters I was the only boy she grew up with three sisters all girls so the Lord is is is bringing back the testosterone in our lineage yeah and uh and it's a great thing yeah I'm living out his childhood dreams of just having like boys everywhere that which is great it's we're never bored it's great you guys willing to answer some questions we took from the internet let's do it I don't know what they're going to be they're going to be good or bad but they'll be up in a minute so Grayson you want to read them and ask the first one sure should you text or be friends with people of the opposite sex if you're married no [Laughter] no why like um just always be above approach right reproach yes I I know that when we first got married and we were in Ministry and we had interns and different people and he'd be like texting them just get things done or whatever and I'm like you can't do that like we we were trying to figure out boundaries and he was so confused he's like but she's a really great person she's really nice she loves the Lord I'm like yeah that's the problem yeah exactly I'm not worried about you with like weirdos like that's not a worry so we definitely set up some some big boundaries a great boundary to have I I totally agree so what do you guys I mean you're on social media a lot you tour a lot you're on the like how many times a year like you on the road doing worship events at state capitals or I mean how much are you guys just out and about yeah I mean it's always been a big big part of our life and a big part of our ministry is is going and whether it's you know Nations or the Middle East around the world or or here domestically and the seasons of her coming or the kids coming I mean that kind of fluctuated of course during Co when everything was shut down we just rolled as a family you know everywhere and so we still do that to some degree but yeah there is a lot of times where we're separated and times where there were part of them were with me or some of them were with me or none of them were with me so so what do you guys do like wise counsel just here's some good habits just to maintain healthy balance yeah I I really love um and just interjecting my own personal uh advice in this like there's a book called the leadership

secrets of Billy Graham and one of the things that people always were um you know they thought Billy Graham was so religious because he would never get in an elevator alone with a woman he would never he would go into a hotel room he would make them take the TV out of his hotel room before he got in there he did all these things that people thought in his day were very religious and over the top but yet he came out of it with no Scandal and that's his legacy as opposed to I could mention the names in his day and so I I just think that's a very great way I mean it you know I I travel a lot with my team there's a guy that I I we stay in a hotel room together he unfortunately snores a lot um but I mean we always know where each other are we're always keeping tabs on each other and we just we don't play games with that kind of stuff yeah even with social media like having people in your life have access to your social media so do you think your spouse should have access to your social media or somebody on your team yes I do because it's just accountability yeah you know it's safety I think have you guys ever seen not because you're scared it's not out of fear have you guys ever seen those videos of like where the guy walks up on the street hey let me see your wife's phone let me see your husband's phone and they scroll through it like have you seen those unbelievable people get all like and and yeah the spouses get what are you going to look at and then the guy finds a text thread that the husband doesn't know about it's crazy you know and I so I think like I tell my wife all the time like you can check anything or look at anything or my search history whatever like I'm an open book you know and I think it's so important to have that as a couple that's one of my encouragements whether it's social media or texting or emails or whatever you know and of course with your devices all synced up anything could pop up anywhere you know but for us that's good you know we we like to be uh we like to know what's going on we like to be vulnerable and we have nothing to hide amen why you do the next one baby unless there something you want to add oh that was good what do I do if my spouse has a pornography addiction feel free you're out your turn oh jeez so uh so what's interesting is this started as largely a men's issue and now it's also become a woman's issue and so a lot of people are struggling with it you know categorically I would say uh first and foremost if you know that your husband has a struggle and a problem uh as devastating and difficult as that is at least you know there's a whole bunch of people they don't know what's wrong in their marriage they don't know why their spouse is distant they don't know why it's not working and they don't know that this is the root problem and issue so at least you know and as hard as it is to know it's better than not knowing and I would say this is the epidemic of a generation and what we've done is uh they found that U brain science has discovered uh that you create neural pathways in your brain toward dopamine and pleasure centers right and one of the shortcuts is pornography especially for men right and so as we're handing screens to younger and younger men and they're scrolling and watching for longer and longer durations we're just creating generations of addicts and so it really is a crisis and it's a generational proc and so um I think I think to be fair we all should give some recommendation for what to do on this so I'm not shouldering the load but the first thing that I would say is um I would encourage your spouse well first of all I would be in a good healthy loving supportive Church community that was not religious right uh religious people want to beat you down God's people want to build you up right and what you get sometimes in a religious environment is everybody's pretending like they're fine yeah and if you're the one who says you're not then they aign to really attack you so you want to be in a a Grace centered loving helpful place for you and your family and then you want to really consider who you're going to welcome into that conversation you don't want to tell a lot of people you don't want to tag in your family you don't want to tag in social media but it's the husband and the wife agreeing okay who

are you know for the wife who are you going to talk to for the husband who are you going to talk to we keep that as a close Circle we don't involve everyone and then we we choose trustworthy people that that we can talk to and pray with and process with and walk the process with and so church and a handful of healthy people would be where I'd start what would you add can I get book yes um I would say um Every Man's Battle and the conquer series are both good recommendations for that again that's oftentimes done in the church but they also have conferences but they pair you up with accountability groups because honestly with any addiction you need accountability around you and if you're wanting to change that's just what has to happen and so if it's good like you said if you know already that your spouse is struggling with that um but the next step is to mutually agree how to get help and then to walk that process together with any addiction you don't want to be alone in it um and you don't want to be shamed for it if you're coming clean you want to be encouraged to continue to walk in the light and not in the Darkness and so it's going to be um a Battleground for the enemy for sure he's going to want to come in and try and divide you in every way but if you're really wanting to change in this area there is hope and there is resources but you need to do it in a healthy community and do you would you recommend uh counterfeit Climax by Dave and Ashley Willis our friends um that can help with the underlying issues of intimacy um yeah for sure that's a great book um it doesn't necessarily deal he he talks about por pornography but it's not necessarily tackling just that topic but it deals with the underlying issues of intimacy I would just add and this is kind of more of a sobering thing but I think it's important for men and and those especially men with kids um you know uh I I think the studies are showing now 80% of kids seven even seven years old have been exposed to pornography and you know there's a reason why the tech overlords don't even have their kids on the apps that they made right so we just our kids we don't do social media with our kids our kids don't don't don't have social media but I think more importantly from a spiritual perspective as a husband when you cannot get free of that every time that you uh succumb to that Temptation you are opening a spiritual door of perversion to your home I know that sounds really intense but but it's true and you know we're the spiritual head of our home and so it's your job as a man to close those doors amen and that Spirit doesn't just want to take you out it wants to take your children out it wants to get in their dreams it wants to mess up their their their uh sexual identity and so that's my encouragement like feel the urgency to get free from that so that you can do it not just for your sake but for your whole family so good thank you I I think everything that you guys shared is so good I think for as a wife I would just highly encourage you to take um yourself out of the situation obviously you can walk through your healing with your this the special people in your life but it is not because you're not beautiful or you're not pretty enough or you're not good enough or you're not make meeting needs it's so much deeper as you were saying and what people have done with their brains and it's it has nothing to do so I've seen it actually take out a marriage and take out friends of mine that has destroyed their their sense of self and their security and everything um it is so much deeper and so it really allows you I um I've walked through this situation with people where I've seen them go no you're a child of God and fight for their husbands instead of take it on them like you're doing this to me you've you know which it is very hurtful I'm not saying that and I think that you should get your own counseling separately as well but um to really fight for your marriage fight for your husband or your wife truly yeah how about the next one baby my mother-in-law posted publicly how toxic I am what a lovely mother-in-law is there any recovery from this go thankfully you your mom and I are good I love your mom um so I would suggest a very strong boundary there I would when you when you meet a g he's like hey what's your mom's name Jezebel you may be

like I got to rethink my whole date situation uh so we'll go to you you you can take this one this seems more I just said leave and cleave baby um I you know I think it's it's it's a very unique um situation this is something that I wasn't I wasn't really felt like I wasn't really counseled in or given a whole lot of you know my parents were they're awesome but it was like 80s and '90s baby like just yeah you'll be awesome you'll figure it out um high five high five um but you really are in there's a a sense that you're marrying in into this family and there's a lot of Dynamics at play and it's not always the healthiest at times and most families aren't um and so I think my encouragement is I think there's a lot of boundaries that need to be drawn and um I took Kate to the other coast of America so that helped a little bit with some boundaries but why don't you share a little bit on that well what do you think a about anybody that's in the extended family that starts posting private personal details about other members of the extended family online that takes a courageous conversation really it takes hey right away getting on that phone getting with your family member and just saying this is not okay you've crossed a line and and really standing up for your marriage I know that we've dealt with that getting married at 20 and like having to earn respect from our family is like we are like he is my husband and we can't talk like I can't have this conversation and she was the oldest in her family and kind of like helped the family you know and and and I and so we were the first to get married on either side so there was way more speculation and intensity and criticism over how we going to do life on yeah never online that's yeah the online part's messed up but so Grace if there is a hard like I say courageous conversation to have so who should have it depending upon the side of the family the person that the parent the child of the parent that's doing the Mother-in-law that's doing that so like so if you're mom was doing that about me you should have the conversation with your mom you're setting first I should have the conversation with my dad but I love my mom and dad they're great they would never do this but before I dialed up my mom I would dial up my dad yeah say hey Ahab uh talk to Mom yes yeah I that's not that's not okay and the fact that she is you know specul speculating this you know scenario the fact that she thinks it's okay and actually is doing it is mindblowing like talk to each other how about that you know or don't but I mean really have a problem then try talking to each other or talking to the husband but yeah to go and attack because it's really just her opinion and they're married and as a mother-in-law Your Role is to encourage godliness in the marriage of your kid and Grand you know in-law and so for her to do the opposite and cause division is totally ungodly yeah and so for me like when you know when our kids are I I want to encourage our son-in-laws and our daughter-in-laws I want them to know that we love them and care about them and and I don't want to overstep and so I'll ask questions if I you know you have the freedom to talk to me if I've you know overstep in a conversation please tell me and I'll back away um we are we try and be way more open and honest about that well we've got uh two daughter-in-laws and a son-in-law and if we did this they would rightly cut us off they would totally cut us off and uh and and within that they would have to to secure health for their own marriage and family where we wouldn't be giving them any choice and there's a big difference between secrecy and privacy uh secrecy is we're doing something really bad and we're trying to hide it privacy it's like it's just not your business mhm and if there's an interpersonal you know conflict within an extended family and you post it on the internet you're like that is a complete violation of privacy and then what those people do they they like to pretend that they're victims and we live in a victim culture so like oh here's what they said here's the what they did and you find all the bitter people online that have that same sort of dysfunction and Brokenness and then they align together is some sort of counterfeit support group to weaponize the pain and cause evil and this is how a lot of groups are actually formed in Fashion online it's broken

hurting people just encouraging the worst in one another it's a really tragic thing you can avoid some of this by setting up boundaries before you get married or when you're newly married so that you're ready for those and you can say no we created we said that we weren't going to allow that so you're stepping over that line and I'm sorry and we love you but that's not just that's not going to be permitted how about the next one will people post about us on the internet um how do I encourage my husband to be a better leader at home than he is at work H I think that um I actually just saw a comedian post this morning he's super funny but he was like when a dad comes home he's like the backup quarterback that comes in and he just kind of does his thing and everyone waits for the real guy to come in and I thought that's awful that is just the worst thing that everyone's laughing at this because that couldn't be more wrong I think that if you're wanting your husband to be a better leader is just like making room for him and not micromanaging everything and if he's not going to do whatever as good as you might think like just give him the space and let him be a dad he's supposed to have a different role and a different um a different experience for the kids and I know that when I put my kids asleep it's quiet and it's nice and wonderful and we they're so cute and when I'm like hey can you put them to bed it's loud and they're wrestling and screaming and some someone ends up crying and I'm annoyed but it's beautiful and and probably needed and healthy and I have to tell myself that when I'm scrubbing the dishes downstairs but I I I do think you just need to leave room to let him be a leader because so many women will yeah take up all the space yeah and and there's personality differences and so there's some guys that they're they're more of a laid-back personality and and and maybe the the wife is more High Strung or whatever and you be a better leader be a better leader well get out of the way like give him some room you know and I think that that what you're saying I think is really helpful and I think that that that that space like let him step into that space and give him give him room and then don't criticize every little thing he does that you know that's different they they the boys need to get roughed up a little bit you know and and and it's good for them it's like you know it so just to clarify you're not like assaulting your daughter no no no no no sorry yeah this is all like fun and games yeah I got three boys you know so we we we have some competitions before bed and it can get a little crazy it's always good jumping off the bed time yeah I think encouragement is huge too like so often we can want change and we and we'll do that through criticism so if you want your spouse to step up like encourage it call it out in the best way yeah instead of criticizing yeah men want to be respected women want to be loved that's what the Bible uh commands us to do because that's the harder thing to do for each of us um so we have to work at being respectful and when we respect them they will rise up and they will lead better um there there's a really great book called The flirtation experiment and it talks about how to um flirt with your spouse again and fun right SE like have fun two or three Witnesses in the relationship so that then it's not just all working at the relationship we forget sometimes how to have just have fun and be friends and so it might just be a matter of just taking yourself more lightly and not like she said criticizing everything they're doing cuz honestly they're not going to want to step up and Lead if everything they do is getting criticized no you got to do it that way no that's not right I mean that's not really encouraging them to lead and so and maybe that's not what you're doing but maybe there just needs to be more fun in your marriage maybe there needs to be just hey is there something I'm doing that keeps you or pulls you back from wanting to lead ask the honest question maybe you need to remember that you like each other you know I mean that's different than love you know which is good have dates have fun remember how much you liked each other not just parental roles exactly what I would say for a man i' uh if you want your husband to go up you you can't push him up through nagging

but other men can pull him up through coaching yeah and so a lot of guys they didn't have a dad or they didn't have a good or a present or an active dad so they're like okay I know that God says I need to be active and present the leader of my family but practically I've never seen that I don't I don't know what that looks like and maybe the woman she grew up in a different home and so she has a different experience and she has different expectations the key then is this is where um men need to be in church and statistically if men are in church and they start to build friendships with other men in church those men will pull them up yeah the guys that are a little more assertive they'll pull the passive guys up the guys that are a little more timid the courageous guys will pull them up and so you know part of it is just um this will sound offensive but uh it's helpful and uh most churches are built for women and children they're not built for men period And so what happened after the world wars uh the men all went to war and then the churches were just filled with women and children and older men yeah the men came back from War and the women and children and older men had remade the church now the decor and the style and the tone and the music it all is more a feminine and women feel more comfortable in a masculine environment if it's not angry and aggressive men don't feel comfortable in a feminine environment it's why women will go to a sports bar and Men won't go to a nail salon or at least they used to not um 2024 though 2024 though bro I know so then so then what happened was the men came back and they're like in the military we had a Brotherhood and we were together and now we're we go to church and for women and children and older men so then men stop going to church and churches stop being built for men so then we increase divorce Ministry we increase children's ministry we increase student Ministry but it's like okay what are we doing for the men to solve the problem not just be Downstream dealing with the consequences yeah and so part of it then is often times it's a woman who's more spiritual and there's 11 to 13 million more women than men in church so most churches are predominantly female well that means the wife and the mother she's usually the spiritual one she picks the church she said well this is a good church I really I cried during worship and my kids liked it and Dad's like that's why I'm not going you know um and so the question then is are you even inviting your husband into finding a church that doesn't just work for you but works for him yeah and that the leaders and the men and the pastor are the kind of men that can pull him up and he can find that Brotherhood to help strengthen him and I think this is the massive Gap in our culture because others sadly are often absent and if the church doesn't fill the Gap there's no option there's no one else seeking to fill the Gap and then you get all this confusion and and you get passive men that are sort of rewarded for being spineless and our culture has no idea what it's doing and it's breaking young men and as a result it's devastating the future and so I would even ask the wives like is your husband at least as excited about you to be involved in that church community and to be with those dudes yeah yeah one thing to add well two things to add to that quickly um this couple that we were kind of pouring into and helping in this kind of dynamic one of the things that changed practically for them and it seems like a small thing but ended up being a big thing was when the when the man started you know I want him to come up higher lead more da d da well he's not over enough decisions he's not even over the the finances like you're the one that manages all that yeah but I'm good at it well let him try it so she passed all that stuff over and it changed their whole marriage wow right so even just that practically like and and I know that might seem like a silly thing but it's a big thing you know when he started being over everything that was happening financially their marriage changed second thing I wanted to add my life was so profoundly marked as a kid walking into RFK Stadium at promisekeepers with my father seeing 60,000 men raising their hands to Jesus right I saw as a kid that's what a real man looks like like that's the

encounter I want to have for my kids and the Next Generation that's coming up because like you're saying and this is why it's so important what you guys are doing at this church and with real faith with the Men's Ministry is so fire here because we need that all across America we need we need come on let's just thank God for that I'll never forget that image in my mind and I went to a lot of church services with my mom yeah but that one time with my dad I mean I to with my dad Al lot as a pastor but that moment walking into that Stadium hearing those men worshipping was powerful well thank you guys for joining us uh we've come to the end of our time we love you we appreciate you've become a friend of our family and our church and our ministry and we're very honored Kate that you were able to join us and thank you it's a blessing to have you could you guys thank the vo for joining us