



"Perfectly Imperfect"
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INTRODUCTION

There is no such thing as a perfect person, marriage, family, or path. Yet thankfully, God still works in (and through) imperfect people! And He does it most often when we do our part, which is to trust Him and lean not on our own understanding.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Last week we launched our "FOR The Valley" movement! If you can...share a story of rocking the swag, sharing the FOR message, or "paying it backward" from the last week.**
2. How **and when did you learn that the "perfect marriage" or "perfect family" is a myth?**
3. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Why do you think this BIG IDEA is so important? What part of this verse is most challenging to you, and why? Give an example from your life.
4. For SINGLES, trusting and submitting to the Lord will help you to LOVE this **stage of life. The "3 keys" here were:**
 - Celebrate this stage as a GIFT. (1 Cor. 7:7)
 - Pursue God as your goal, not marriage. (Matt. 6:33)
 - **Save your best for God's best.** (Song of Songs 8:4)
 - i. If you are SINGLE, which of these resonates with you the most?
 - ii. Which of these requires the MOST trust on your part, and why?
5. For YOUNG MARRIED couples, trusting and submitting to the Lord will help you to STAY IN LOVE with each other, as well as loving and appreciating this **unique stage of life. The "3 Keys" here were:**
 - Pray together daily. (Phil. 4:6-7)
 - Find godly community and mentors. (Prov. 15:22)
 - Ask God to increase your pain threshold. (John 16:33)
 - i. If you are a YOUNG MARRIED person or couple, which of these resonates with you the most?
 - ii. Which requires the most effort and intentionality?
 - iii. Where in your life have you experienced blessing from these examples of trusting God and submitting to His ways? Explain.
6. For those MARRIED WITH CHILDREN, the **"3 keys" were:**
 - Mind the Order: God #1, Spouse #2, Kids #3. (Rev. 2:4-5)
 - **Don't keep score.** (1 Cor.13:5)

- Parent in "Stages." (Ecc. 3:1)
 - i. **If you're in this life stage, which** of these is most challenging for you, and why?
 - ii. **Where and how do you sense God's Spirit nudging you to** trust Him more, or submit to His ways more?
 - iii. What is something you could begin to do this week to help?
- 7. For those people at a CROSSROADS, the Key Point was to simply meditate on Proverbs 3:5-6, then ask the Best Question Ever: What is the WISE thing to do? Based on your past experiences, present circumstances, and future hopes **and dreams...WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO? There is a good chance that** will bring clarity to the crossroads. Can you think of a time when you were at a crossroads, and you felt challenged to trust God and submit to **Him...believing that He would make your path straight? Share an example.**
- 8. EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP: will you accept the challenge of memorizing Proverbs 3:5-6?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you next meet.