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[00:00:00] **Dr. Rick:** [00:00:00] Welcome again to the Think Orphan podcast. This is Rick Morton, along with Phil Darke, Phil, how's it going today, buddy? It is

Phil: [00:00:08] going, it is going really well in a lot of ways. There's some heavy things, you know, going on that's life. You know, I think that there are some good and bad and. Some ugly and, but the good thing is God is good.

God's got it. And, and when we remember to just rejoice in the Lord, always, and again, I say rejoice, I think that that takes us a long, long way. It should take us all the way, but usually there's some lingering things that we're not rejoicing in. But I do want to do that. You know, I look outside right now and it's rainy and it's gloomy and it's.

And I, and I look at that even, and you can see it as rainy and gloomy and , or you can say, we need a lot of rain right now because we need water and you know, and that, so it depends if we choose joy, you know, a lot different. So I don't know, man, I wasn't expecting to say that here, that little piece of [00:01:00] whatever, but you know, you never know what you're going to get when you asked me that question.

So I like to keep it coming.

Dr. Rick: [00:01:05] Why ask, you know, and I mean, 20, 2020 has fed into 2021. And so we're, you know, we're, we're still all the challenges that were present are still there. But but I think that is a great reminder that we're not defined by our circumstances and that you know, the, the reality of, of being in Christ and the reality of, of, you know, being a part of the family of God and in the kingdom is that.

You know, this is not our home. This is while we're in the midst of, of, you know, trying to do well with the opportunities we're given here. This isn't, it, this isn't the end. And and so therefore you can't look around and and, and be, you know, defined by. By difficult circumstances. So good word, man.

Well, Hey, where are we going today?

Phil: [00:01:54] So today, if you've clicked on this, you probably already know this is the season eight review [00:02:00] show. So this is the end of season eight, the closing out of another phenomenal season. It was funny because I didn't even realize it till I went back and looked at the season eight again.

And. We kinda, you know, had the bread of our Season Eight sandwich was Karen Springs. Now it's like both the ends bookends the bread of the sandwich, whatever you wanna call it. You know, bookends is probably a little, you know, more civilized than the bread of the sandwich, but you know, you are from Alabama, so I wanted to speak your language.

I wanted to go there. So you went to bookends though. You went more. You know, sophisticated. That must be your training,

Dr. Rick: [00:02:36] your post-it. Yeah, because it was on the, it was the word for the day to day on the calendar. So I just had to go with it. You know, we, we just were, I mean, you probably find this hard to believe, but we're like, we're wearing shoes today in Alabama.

And and, and we we've begun to eat with utensils. We're no longer using our hands. So Things were progressing here. That's

Phil: [00:02:59] right. Progress, [00:03:00] you know, step forward. It's just another step forward. So, you know, before we get into the meaning of it you know, to keep the sandwich analogy going that the, you know, we really want to make sure that, you know, about think orphan pod podcast group.

If you're not a part of it already go join that we have different things we do there, but especially right now, I want you to go join that group, because I really want you to share in there. I want to have some dialogue and some conversation right now because Rick and I, after this, as we've done in the past a few times we're going to just take a little break after this.

We're gonna do a little hiatus. We'll be re casting some episodes that we really want to get back in front of you. If you haven't listened to them recently listen to those because we're going to be intentionally choosing those as we, as we're in the middle of this hiatus but during this time we really want more than ever.

You to engage and to help us know how we can make this show better, how we can improve upon it, how we can get it out to more people. We're contemplating rebranding and changing the name to be able to reach [00:04:00] more people because you know, people may look at it at, or, you know, we've talked to in the past to some people may be offended by it.

Some people may have this and whatever we don't want to take away. The meaning of, of what we're doing and why we're doing what we're doing. We won't do that. We won't change that. But we want to make sure that we're reaching as many people for the kingdom as possible. And so that's something that we are taking that really seriously right now.

Not that we haven't been before, but we want to just take a break so we can focus fully on that. So where you come in there is we want you to engage in that. If you have a name that you think would be better, if you have content that you think would take it to the next level, if you have, you know, I don't like Phil, I don't like Rick, whatever, you know, we're open to whatever you know, right now we are open handed in this.

This has got

Dr. Rick: [00:04:47] everybody likes Phil. Let's just agree that everybody likes Phil. So if you don't like me, go ahead and write in. You know, Phil would love to hear from me and confirm that, but everybody loves Phil. [00:05:00] So let's, let's just agree. We're not going to get that kind of feedback.

Phil: [00:05:02] So anyway, we may, I don't know.

All, all bets are off. When you ask for feedback, you know, it's got, you know, you never know what's going to come in. Right. I've seen stranger things happen. So, but what Rick and I have said, look, here's, here's one of the things. If you come in and you provide a name, We've never done a giveaway on this show before, but Rick and I have these books that are gathering dust on our bookshelves right now that we happen to have our name on the covers of some of you have read them.

If you haven't then this, you might even be more of a, of an incentive for you to give some feedback. But if we, you give us a name and you have a good reason and we can look at it and go, man, that's the one we're going to send you a signed copy of. In pursuit of our orphan excellence. Unfortunately not all the authors are going to be able to sign it.

I don't even have that. But I'll go ahead and sign that for you. And Rick will, Rick, what do you, what, what, which book you have so many I'll

Dr. Rick: [00:05:56] do and I'll do them. I'll do both. I'll do, I'll do, I'll do [00:06:00]

Orphanology and Know Orphans, you know, and, and I mean, it's the least I can do. To sign them because that'll like, what half the value on eBay when people turn around and try to sell it, you know, it's like I could get, I can get a nickel for this if, if I sold it.

But with that signature on it, it's only worth a penny. Right? So a fifth of the You know of the, of the true value of the book, but Rick,

Phil: [00:06:23] to people that are listening into this show, it's priceless. There's no fun there. There's no way they would sell it. So that may be an incentive or a disincentive. I don't know, but I just want to get some movement.

I want it. I want you guys to have something to go. I want, you know, I want that. And then obviously we'd need to get your information and stuff so we can send it to you. But that's just something that we just wanted to throw out there to be able to say, look. You know, this is something that's really, really important to you.

We don't just throw out these episodes. I mean, obviously we have over 160 episodes right now. That's a lot of episodes and I like to think that it's pretty amazing [00:07:00] content. It's pretty amazing that we have these incredible guests that we get to come on and talk with us about things that really matter.

It's not just ear candy. It's not just talking about things that are going to be gone tomorrow. These are issues that we are in, in addressing every day in our walk, whether we like it or not, whether we look forward or not, we are, it is in front of us. And these are things that. We can do better together.

And that's really why we are doing this show. So I don't want to spend, you know, a whole half hour of this show preaching about that. I think you guys get it. If you've listened to this podcast long enough, you know, our hearts, you know why we're doing this, you know who we are and you know that we're not going to ask for this.

If we don't mean. That we really want you to to enjoy us. Now, if you're one of the, if you're one of the people who have, who have said I'm off of Facebook, I'm off of social media. I'm off of that. Don't think, Oh shoot, I can't get this information to you. Send an email to info@thinkorphan.com. The reason why I prefer the Facebook group is because other people can engage with it as [00:08:00] well.

And I think people will be able to see that. And, and it's that synergy that happens when we actually have a conversation about it. And right now, unfortunately, online conversation is the best we can get. We're not meeting together at different places, so we're not able to do a lunch or another thing, which I would absolutely love to do.

If you're close to me and you are close to Rick and you want to have a conversation, reach out to us and we can set that up too. So. Without more on that. Rick, you have that more for me. Rick, do you have anything on that to add,

Dr. Rick: [00:08:29] man? I, I think just, you know, we, we really would love to hear from folks and so we encourage you to participate.

We actually do pay attention to that. We are, would be you know, we'd be thrilled with with the interaction and and as. Our way of saying, thank you. We want to, you know, we want to provide something for at least one of our listeners. And so jump in on that and you know, give us give us the opportunity to be able to listen to you and learn from you and, and, you know, [00:09:00] participate with you as part of this community, because that's.

That's kind of what makes this whole thing go around, right? Like we're we're, we're wanting to see collaboration. We're wanting to see people work together. And, and so, you know, like that's not just rhetoric, that's not just something we say it's ultimately something that we want to be, you know, characteristic of, even the share when, how we do it.

So, yeah, please let's, let's hear from you. And Man we've had a good season, right. Season 8 has been has been a lot of fun. It's been very informative. It's been engaging, you know, kind of in all parts. And we've, we've had a a boatload of great guests and we mentioned Karen Springs. And so we had the opportunity to talk to Karen twice, right over the course of this season and kind of kicked off talking about her book and then, you know, finished.

Our, our season by by talking to her and Elli Oswald about the Global Church Initiative and all of that. And so we we are [00:10:00] incredibly excited about the, about the opportunity. I don't know. Can you hear that?

Phil: [00:10:05] Yeah, but it's okay. It's all right. We're just going to go with it right now.

Dr. Rick: [00:10:08] No, man, we got to evacuate the building, our fire alarms going

Phil: [00:10:12] off, going on that.

Okay.

Dr. Rick: [00:10:16] So like they'll yeah, we'll get fined. If I don't leave the building. Oh,

Phil: [00:10:20] Rick has to leave the building.

Dr. Rick: [00:10:21] Yeah, they're, they're forming up outside my door and everybody's getting out of the building.

Phil: [00:10:26] Well folks you know, that was another Think Orphan first we have never, ever had a fire drill right. In the middle of our episode, you know, maybe that was one of our listeners pulling the fire drill. Cause it was, it had gone off the rails already. I don't know, whatever the case we have, you know? We got to get back into this.

I think we, I think we're going to be able to, but what's cool about it. If you're watching on video before we were in Rick's office, had his building now where in his fake study on the backdrop here. So, [00:11:00] man, this is like, this is fantastic. I am so excited.

Dr. Rick: [00:11:04] New hours have intervened in between the time that we started this episode and where we're picking it up now.

I'm happy to report the building didn't burn down and there was really nothing going on, but but, but the the landlord is pretty serious about us responding to the, to the fire alarm. So we're really thankful for the air condition Workman that. You know, sat on a switch or whatever that caused us to stand on the curb outside and waste about 45 minutes of of, of, you know, daylight today.

But you know, it all worked out. We're all good. We had, we had a few laughs and and ultimately we got to go back to work. So.

Phil: [00:11:41] Oh, that's cool. We lived in office episode, which is fantastic. And so all you needed was Michael Scott. You would've had the whole deal there, but you know, it was good.

Dr. Rick: [00:11:51] We were one pot of chili away from a straight up.

You know, office classic. It was, it was a lot of fun. And so [00:12:00] anyway, it was, you know, you you're thankful on those days that it's not raining. That's, that's kinda, that was kinda the collective opinion of everybody. At least if we're standing outside, it's not raining,

Phil: [00:12:11] you know, Our listeners and that I got to be a part of it.

We all got to enjoy that together. So thank you for that. I'm so glad that we plan to record this morning. So, you know, folks, we're going to get right back to it. Now don't worry. We're not going to talk about the fire drill the rest of the time. We just wanted you to enjoy that with us because we're family.

And this is something that we were going to cut all that out. But then Rick and I said, you know what? No, because. This is, we love historic moments and it was appropriate because Karen Springs is usually the pioneer, but Rick fell a little envious of Karen. No, no lie here. He said, I gotta be a pioneer here.

We're going to have a fire drill. So we did that, but now we're back into it. And Rick, you were talking about your feelings on this season and how excited you, you know, you are that we did have such a great season. So why don't you just pick it up? Yeah, [00:13:00] the solid

Dr. Rick: [00:13:01] lineup, you know, top to bottom. And we talked about, you know, Karen coming on in the beginning and then, you know, she, and, and Elli Oswald coming in, you know, to finish our season.

And that was kind of the great, you know, the fantastic bookends, but, but I mean, you know, as, as we moved our way along the season, we had you know, we had quite a few folks that were you know, great friends, great guests You know, really enjoyed. And we, and we kind of moved in some different directions this year.

So really enjoyed talking to DJ Jordan and, you know, getting his perspective on foster care and, and some of the things that he's involved in domestically, but You know, as much as anything, I think also just kind of hearing the heritage of faithfulness and, you know, his, even his affirmation that, that what he's doing in large part was through seeds that were planted, you know, by his father.

And, and it, you know, it was kind of, again, one of those reminders of you know, fatherlessness and that we talk about and the, you know, the impact of [00:14:00] fatherlessness, what we saw, you know, in his story, the, the, the impact of. You know, the presence of a father and the example and, you know, the way that, that he's, you know, he's walking that out.

And so, you know, just, just lots of folks, I mean, you know, I'm kind of curious what, what is, what sticks out to you of the people that we've talked to and, and, you know, maybe a highlight that that is, was meaningful to you over the course of that.

Phil: [00:14:30] Yeah, the season itself, it was really cool. I went back over all of my, I didn't listen to all of them again.

I went back over our notes and some of the, some of the show notes and the transcripts and just the highlights that we've had over the last this last season. And one of the cool things that stood out to me was just the, the thread of collaboration. Throughout the season. So in with the Global Church Pledge, which is like this kind of culmination of collaboration, right?

I mean, I say collaboration, that was more of like partnership in this [00:15:00] thing. Right. Where we're we're together, we're saying we're together. Right. And so this like togetherness maybe is a better, better word, but you know, Jeff Juhala and the, and the, the, with the For the Children and what was formerly Royal Family Kids and talking about wrapping around foster families and just really working with other churches and other people to be able to love the foster kids.

Other thing about Jeff's was just the stories he told about impact and the, the little things never under estimate the impact you're having on others. And, and then, you know, Jared Scheppmann and talking about the collaboration with other organizations that help. There

they've created this great stuff with working with kids with disabilities, and they're just sharing that openly with people all over the world, which is just amazing to hear that story.

Lisa Qualls, collaborating with Karyn Purvis to do the theory and practice in their amazing book, the connected parent, to be able to have that, you know, Spencer Reeves talking about just his posture of humility and working as they're transitioning to say, I don't know [00:16:00] the answer. Calling all these people and talking to these different people and learning all this stuff and replying and working and just humbly saying, I just don't know the answers to all this stuff, but we're working through it.

Messiness of it. That was just really cool to me. Robert Glover, man, that guy just collaborating with everybody in China to make this happen. Right. Just amazing. Amazing story. Again, all these, if you didn't go back, if this doesn't excite you to go back and listen to him, man, you're, you're the wrong podcast here because you guys.

Amazing. Just awesome, awesome stories. Awesome people. Keith McFarland obviously is my main coauthor on in pursuit of orphan excellence. That guy is collaborating, helping other organizations throughout Uganda to thrive and flourish. You know, just working with me on that book. He was just, he, you know, I've gotten to know him.

If you, you, you just listened to those, those episodes and you know how much I love that guy. Todd Chipman, again, his book, a bunch of people. Coming together to tell stories of renewal stories of, you know, heard stories of struggle. [00:17:00] And, and what that looks like. DJ, you already talked about DJ and just the, the work that he's doing in the father, you know, really bringing fatherhood and bringing that to the fore in amazing, awesome ways.

And working with governments and working with, you know, Virginia Kids Belong and all these different things that he's doing. Karen, we already talked about Karen, but her book, right. Again. A bunch of stories, a bunch of people loving on people, bringing people into her home, but then not saying, you know what, I'm just going to bring people into my apartment to give them respite.

Let's tell their story now and what we can learn from them, because that's what we are here for on this podcast. That's what I really seen in this season. And what's so amazing. It seems like we actually meant to do it, but you know, like it just God saying, this is what. I wanted to bring to the table.

This is what I wanted to share with the world. These stories of amazing people who are working with others. And, you know, it's just, that's what we're about on this [00:18:00] show. We want you to be not only just inspired by them and going, Oh, that's cool, but that's a dude who's going to China. That could never be me.

But what if Robert Glover said that. Yeah. And this is a dude who played soccer or football, you know, in England. And, and he is a guy who could have easily said, no, that's just crazy talk. And that must be for somebody else. But he took up the Baton and went Lisa Qualls with Karyn Purvis, you know, like.

That seems to be a pretty big deal. So anyway, you know, I,

Dr. Rick: [00:18:29] and that's, that's one of the things I think I'm kind of struck about just looking back at the whole season. Cause there are, and, and, and I think in, you know, in a lot of ways, this is not different than, than the other seasons of, of the podcast, but I think like there were.

There were a lot of, even for me personally, kind of bucket list sort of moments along the way. And, and really kind of, you know, like having Lisa Qualls on, I mean, again, somebody who I'm familiar with her work, I'm familiar [00:19:00] with her reputation. We've kind of run in similar circles for a long time, but never had the opportunity to.

You don't really meet her or, you know, spend any time. And so to be able to have that conversation and be able to have that conversation on the podcast was incredible. I mean, Robert Glover, goodnight. I mean, for, for those of us that are, you know, have been blessed to be around this community for a while.

If, if you don't know who Robert Glover is, it's it's because you're. Honestly, you're just not paying attention. Cause he he's somebody who is you know, really kind of one of those, you know, one of those great examples of, but, but the truth is from, you know, DJ who. You know, was the press secretary for a Senator to Todd Chipman.

Who's a seminary professor to Robert Glover. Who's been a part of, you know, seeing a million children find their way home in China and all of these people. [00:20:00] The, the insanely cool thing about this is, is they are all just very normal really somewhat unassuming and, and, and really, you know, they're, they're like they have done above average.

They've done incredible things. But the truth is they're just really normal, regular people. And I think, you know, I don't wanna, I don't want to miss that because, because I think sometimes people can come into environments like this and they can hear these stories and they can hear the incredible things that you know, that God is doing through people.

And, and I think that can be a little bit intimidating, you know, that can, that can be a little bit off putting and, and, you know, you. You know, I don't want to say star struck, but I mean, I do think there's a little bit of a man. God could never do that with me. And I think the common denominator that we've heard all through this season, and we've heard, you know, season after season, but this is really kind of a particular all-star crew.

Is that like, like you, we, any of [00:21:00] us could be. In any, any of these people. And I think over and over and over what they have said in, in different ways is don't like, like I don't look at me as being exceptional. Don't look at me as being the exception to the rule. I'm just somebody that God used in a particular way.

I just, you know, I had an opportunity and I did the next right thing. And, you know, it's kind of led to, you know, to these places. And I think also. The, the reality is that everybody is not someone of like huge profile. It also is not this kind of who's who, of, you know, revered names and orphan care.

Certainly we had some of those people on and some of those people that are recognizable to a much wider community, but, but we also had some folks that. Quite frankly, are kind of

toiling away in obscurity and doing their own thing. And the fact is that, that on leave in neither case, can we really measure their faithfulness by, you know, [00:22:00] by their, their notoriety and, and so it was just cool and it, and it's, and it's cool to be reminded that You know that ultimately all of them take you know, take what they do and they take why they do it very seriously.

But they don't take themselves too seriously and they don't really think too much of themselves. And that was, that was fun to see up close again.

Phil: [00:22:20] Yeah. I totally agree with that. And it, you know, as you were talking, I was looking at it. I'm just looking at the list. And I go, yeah, there's some people who are known figures within the orphan care community, but kind of the cool thing is like they, aren't known very far outside of it right here.

Like they're seeking to increase their platform, quote unquote, or do what they're doing. What God has led them to do. Like you said, they're doing the next right thing for them, and that's what we can do. And that's what we need to really seek God's direction in that, right. To seek first his kingdom and to let his word be the light onto your path, just as far as we need to see you do that next right thing.

And that's what I [00:23:00] absolutely loved seeing this season. Like you said, I mean, that's, it's, it's really has permeated throughout the entire. The entirety of Think Orphan, which has been one of the really cool things. It's also the reason I asked that question at the beginning of our interviews, you know, just to share their story.

And I remember early on when Peter Greer on, I think it was episode three and I asked Peter like, you know, tell your story and I go, yeah. Now let me ask you this, like 20 years ago, Were you thinking like, Oh yeah, this is my trajectory to be this guy at hope international and everyone, you know, written a bunch of books with a bunch of different people who are amazing.

He started laughing. He was like, you know the answer to that. Of course I knew the answer to that and we all know that, but again, he's been taking that next right step, the next right thing. And what does that look like? And what does that look like in your life and what does that look like in my life?

And it's going to be very different. I have not been called to China to go help a million children be. You know, brought into families. That's just amazing. But people would look at what we've [00:24:00] been able to do with this podcast and go, wow, you've been in a hundred countries or so. And they'd look at Rick Morton.

I mean, we know they look at you and go, man, I wish I were Rick Morton, but I mean, that, that just happens. Right. So no, but in all seriousness, like there are people, if what you do is look up to others and go, I wish I could be like that person. It will never be good enough. Yeah, you will never be that person.

And I'll just tell you right now, you'll never, ever be that person because you are, you. Right. And that's what I think is so cool about this show. What's so cool about these people who

have been on is they are doing these amazing, awesome things, but if you try to compare yourself and none of them are comparing themselves with others, as far as I can tell, they're just saying, this is what I'm doing.

This is, I mean, and honestly, would you, you don't want to be in some of that. Like, I don't want to have gone through what Lisa Qualls went through with some of this stuff. Right. I've already talked with some people who are going through some similar things with some bio kids, with their adoptions and the stuff where it's hard.

And for them to go, I just don't, I'm navigating this and I [00:25:00] go, go, listen to this, go read this. Right. And that's what I love about this. To be able to go, like you said, if, if you don't know Robert, go listen to it. Being inspired by that story to say, what is my China? What does God have for me? That is the thing that is without him.

It's impossible without him. It's crazy. Talk. What is that for you? And let's start pursuing these things. That's when some awesome stuff's going to happen. Right. If I were to listen to all the people that said, well, what are you doing? What are you? That's just stupid. When are you going to get a real job?

When are you going to do this? When are you going to do like my mom? You know? And I love my mom, mom, if you're listening, I love you. But I've talked about it before, right? Her saying, why are you wasting your law degree? Right. It's not that my mom, my mom does care about me. She does love me, but like, you know, and so, but that's not what the Bible tells us.

The Bible tells us here am I, send me. The Bible tells us we're going to go, and I know this isn't scripture, but you know, basically the things that God can do are just on the other side of that comfortable, just on the other side of that, [00:26:00] what you think is possible with you, because that's where he's just going to blow you away.

And that's what I've seen with these people again and again, and again and again, right. Is just this amazing story with extremely ordinary people. And that is what is super, super cool. God does stuff through very imperfect people that is just insanely amazing. And, but it starts with that humility. And I, you know, we talk about Robert and just that amazing 1 million children.

If you didn't check out Children of Shanghai documentary, do that. As Many as the Stars book, go pick it up, read about his story, listen to the podcast about it, but listen to the podcast about. Him going to China and not even getting a bowl in the canteen because he hadn't earned their respect. So he lowered himself, coached the kids in the, in [00:27:00] the playground on soccer, took them, earned, respect, won a championship.

Even if they didn't win it, he earned respect. Then he gets a bowl. Right. And that was a massive, that was months. Right. How many of us would really willing, how many of us would have gone home after three months and said, I'm not supposed to be doing this. I can't even get a bowl in the canteen. How the heck am I going to do work?

Right. The way up is down. We talk about that. We hear that. What does that look like in our servant? Are we willing to serve at that level to really be able to see what God has for us? And to be able to say, man, I gotta go to that other side of country. I got to go to that other side to where it is with, with man.

It is impossible. With God, all things are possible. What is like for you, man? I I'm, you know, I got preaching here a little bit now and I'm talking to myself as much as I am to any of you. No question about it. And [00:28:00] so, but that's something that. I really, it hits hard when you really think about all that, this amazing stuff that happens.

And I listened to these stories and I go, what if they would have given up after two months after three months and none of this would've happened. So

Dr. Rick: [00:28:16] and I, I think to feel, you know, like I don't, I also don't want it to pass by. That, that all of these folks like knowing, knowing many of them personally they like, they want to build relationships.

They want to be useful and, you know, with others and, and, and the, you know, the cool part of this. And I, and I think, you know, we say this from time to time, but I'm not really sure how much How much people understand about how many of the people that come on the show are, you know, many of whom are those people who are very recognizable across the, you know, the orphan care space and those kinds of things there.

It's [00:29:00] just, it's just from. Friendships and relationships. And the fact is that there's a, there's a really cool kind of comradery and you know, sort of spirit of friendship that exists in, you know, in this place. And, and we've even seen it. I mean, we've seen it come out of, you know, come out of the podcast as well.

Being able to being able to connect people and being able to build, you know, bridges or relationship and, and so. Like I hope folks will also realize that when, when you're hearing some of these stories and they resonate with you Don't be afraid to reach out to the people that have been, you know, guest on the podcast.

We certainly want to talk to you. We've got, you know, ways with the Facebook pay page and, and other in Facebook group and other things that we do to try to foster that communication. But it's not just us. I mean, there's a, there's a sense that part of the reason. A lot of these people are coming on is because they, because they want to collaborate, they want to give back.

They want to, you know, [00:30:00] they want to be able to share in community and they believe that, you know, what we're doing is an important calling from God and, and, and his, and his work that we're commanded to do. And, and they know they can't do it on their own either. And, and so. So I, I hope it will, you know, I hope it will foster some of that.

You know, where, where we have some listeners who will be, you know, who will take the first step and build relationships toward, you know, building their ministry and whatever it is that God's called them to do. Yeah.

Phil: [00:30:32] I'm so glad you said that. I mean, I have an example of that, you know, Robert Glover, we just talked about, you know, he reached out to me and said, Hey, we're trying to get our publisher in the US for our book to be able to market it and get it out.

So they reached out to me to ask for it, like, I mean, and, and it's. It's not only like we assume things about people, Oh, they're at that level, they did all that stuff. They must know a million people. They must know, like we're all in our subcultures, we're all in our [00:31:00] subgroups. We're all, you know, and, and here's the reality of it all is most people who you pro who you make assumptions.

Oh, they're not approachable. They don't want to talk with me. They don't just, they got too much going on. They're too busy. They, this, this, this, and this. The reality is if you reach out to them and, and you, you know, it's not just, Oh, I want to talk to you and say, Hey, you're amazing. Like, but you actually have something that you want to talk with them about and, and you reach out to them.

Good chance. They'll make the time to reach out to you because, and to connect with you and to be able to help you because. They wouldn't be doing what they're doing if they weren't the type of people that would do that.

Dr. Rick: [00:31:36] So we wouldn't be doing that if somebody hadn't done that for them to think, you know?

And, and so I think there's a, you know, there's a, a spirit in all of this that that people ultimately want to, you know, they want to be helpful. They want to, you know, they want to engage. They, they want relationship. And I just hope that's something that comes out of. You know, out of these [00:32:00] podcasts is that we, that we really do you know, kind of open water, the circles or relationship.

So,

Phil: [00:32:06] yeah. All right, man. I think that's a good place to end this season and, you know except I do have one, one recommendation for us. That is, that is pretty cool. And if you've seen it, you'll appreciate it. But but before we get to that little recommendation, I want to remind you again, that we're going to be.

You know, going on a little hiatus here for a few months not sure exactly when we're coming back, we will come back. It's just a matter of when, and it may be a different name. So keep an eye out again, join that Facebook group. So that you see that you talk about it, you know, or we'll, we'll be talking about it there.

And again, if you didn't hear it at the beginning of the episode, You know, there's, there's some skin in the game here now, you know, we've got some books that you might get with, you know, as, as Rick said, they're going to be devalued cause we're going to sign them. But you know what that, you know, it's again, we want to hear from you.

We want to hear [00:33:00] your thoughts on how we can make it better. We want to hear your thoughts on whether this name is, it could be better and we could get out to the point

of it is. They get the information out to a bunch of people. We're not, we're not married to anything in this, except that it's going to be gospel driven, how we can care for and love the orphan and the vulnerable better and better each and every day.

As I say, at the end of every episode, that's what we're about. So beyond that, you know, you know, I just, we just want to, how can we expand the reach and get it out to as many people help, as many people help as many kids as we possibly can. So that's the point. That's what we want to do. That's who we are.

How can you help us do that by giving us feedback? How can you help us do that by letting us know any way that you think we can make it better in there's nothing too small or too big. Throw it out there. And, you know, if it's super big, you know, try to throw some money in there too, for us to do. But but you know,

Dr. Rick: [00:33:55] right.

Like one more recommendation, like the, the way I think the [00:34:00] way to close out the season is, is one more of those things that so Phil, what are you watching, man? What, like, what do you want to tell us that we need to go out and and spend a little of our hiatus? Digging

Phil: [00:34:13] into. Absolutely. So now you do have a few hours left, you know, or in your, in your day, that's just been freed up by us doing this.

Of course, we are going to be doing recast. I want you to go back and listen to those two, but the Queen's Gambit on Netflix. If you have not seen it well worth your time. My, my wife and I don't binge shows very often. This was one of them. English game was probably the last one we binged this quickly.

It it's about chess, which doesn't seem like the most exciting thing in the world. It's actually a historical fiction, but it's based on a conglomeration of a few different chess players. Bobby Fischer being one of them, it's a young chess prodigy, an orphan. She grew up in an orphanage. And you know, I say that.

Because it'd be remiss on think orphan, not to mention that fact, because then you're like, well, [00:35:00] that's not why I'm recommending it. Why I'm recommended is actually it's a story of collaboration strangely. You'll see, later in the show, I'm not, hopefully it's not spoiled it. Spoiler alert maybe, but not really.

The Russians, no secret Russians are super good at chess and what they talked about there. But the thing about chess is that they're always amazed me. It's like, there's a finite number of moves. And so you think that. There's only so much you can do, but that, it's amazing how much goes into each, you know, if they do this then this, and if it's pretty predictable, when they go unpredictable, that's when it becomes the, we, you know, it's just, it's crazy.

Like all that goes into it, but what they talked about there, as they said, you know why the Russians are so good at chess, it's cousin, the adjournments, when they ever take a break in

chess, sometimes when the games go really long, they do that. They said they work together. You help each other to be better.

Whereas the Americans and other countries, they just kind of, it's more of a lone ranger game for them. And so that really spoke [00:36:00] to me. I mean, I wrote down the quote I'm going to say it right now. I'm actually going to look it up as I do this. I don't normally do this, but it was so good. I'm going to share it with you so that you can just be inspired by it as we finish this this season.

So. This, this guy's talking to that the, the woman who's the, who's the star chess player, so to speak. And she says, he says, you know, why they're the best players in the world? And he said, it's because they play together as a team, especially during adjournments, they help each other out us Americans. We work alone because we are all such individualists.

We don't like to let anyone help us. So. Don't be that person, who's an individualist in this work. We need each other. We're better. We are better together. I think that lifeline has a t-shirt that says better together and I've worn it and, and, and I believe it. Okay. So it's not just some, you know, sticky statement.

It's real. [00:37:00] It's true. And whether in a game of chess or in the work work that we're doing. Let's work together on it so we can be better. All right. Folks, Rick, do you have any last second, you know, greetings or wishes, but why

Dr. Rick: [00:37:14] would I miss things up after you're leaving it on such a

Phil: [00:37:17] great note? Well, then I will just finish it off folks.

As always, and as we always have done and we will do, you know, my hope and prayer for you is that you'll take everything that you're learning, whether it's a Queen's Gambit quote, these different, amazing interviews we've been able to have, or just the banter that Rick and I go back and forth on. We hope that you take all of it and you use it to help you to understand how you can love orphaned and vulnerable children better and better each and every day.

Thanks a lot. Have a great few months.