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Summary

This service blends personal testimony with practical teaching. Jamie (basketball standout heading to college ball) shares how she's learned to root her identity in Christ rather than performance, while her father, Pastor Jaime Gonzalez, opens up about a painful parenting moment and what he learned from it. Amy then testifies about her cancer diagnosis and healing journey, describing how praise, worship, and God's Word carried her through surgery and recovery. Pastor Jaime follows with a teaching on not giving up too quickly on people — even when relationships are messy — while drawing a clear boundary around abuse and harmful relationships. The service closes with the ordination of youth pastors, Josh and Tanya, led by Pastor Max.

Top Points

1. **Identity over performance** — Jaime's advice to young athletes: you're a child of God first; that identity doesn't change whether you win or lose.
2. **A parent's honest confession** — Pastor Jaime shared a moment he lost his temper with his daughters at a tournament, and the lasting lesson: support your kids without living through them.
3. **Kairos in crisis** — Amy testified that even a cancer diagnosis became a "God moment," with financial provision, favor with doctors, and healing scripture (Psalm 23) sustaining her.
4. **Faith plus action** — Amy's key principle: "faith without works is dead" — do your part physically and spiritually, then trust God with the rest.

5. **Don't discard people too quickly** — In a culture quick to cancel relationships, Pastor Jaime urged the church to fight for reconciliation rather than walking away over offense.
6. **A clear boundary** — Pursuing peace doesn't mean staying in abusive situations; Scripture calls for confrontation and, when needed, distance.
7. **Ordination as recognition, not promotion** — Pastor Max explained that ordaining Josh and Tanya as overseers simply recognizes the faithfulness and gifting they've already demonstrated over years of ministry.

Quotations

- *"You are first a child of God. Your first calling is to grow the kingdom, whether that's through a sport, whether that's through school." — Jamie*
- *"When you seek God first... the rest of the stuff will follow you. And you don't have to chase after it." — Jamie*
- *"It's finished, it's done... you're coming through this." — Amy, on what she felt God speak before her diagnosis*
- *"Faith without works is dead. So you can have faith, but you also need to do the work." — Amy*
- *"After Jesus, I think the biggest gift that he's given you is the people in your life." — Pastor Jaime Gonzalez*
- *"I am not called to fellowship with him, but I am called not to hate him." — Pastor Jaime Gonzalez*
- *"It's not, okay, well, we're laying our hands on them, and now they're empowered to go... basically what we're doing is recognizing the gifting of God." — Founder Max*