

Brad Warren— Common Friend/Common Enemy

Brad is a Grammy award nominee and BMI award winning songwriter of fifteen top #10 country songs, and a member of the Warren Brothers duo — who had two of the most played country songs of the year in 2020.

Discussion Questions

1. Brad’s mom’s heart was in the right place, but her fundamentalism directed toward him resulted in his believing that God was someone he needed to run from, because He just wanted to punish him.

Question: Have you ever had a similar impression of God? Growing up? Still?

2. Music was all Brad ever wanted to do, and he has followed that passion his whole life.

Question: Have you had a passion which you developed early in life, pursued professionally or as a serious avocation? Do you have any regrets in this area?

3. Brad and his musical partner and brother came to a place in their lives, after years of hard drinking and drugging in the music scene, when they came to the realization their addictions were taking over their decisions, damaging their roles as husbands and fathers, and generally destroying their lives. This wakeup call drove them to rehab where they became sober. It was in sobriety that they found God. That also marked the turning point in their musical careers. Brad attributes this to becoming clear-headed, present in the moment, and working harder.

Question: Have addictions ever had a destructive impact on your career, marriage or relationship with your children? Has this been the case, past or present, with anyone close to you? How has God helped?

4. The tragic loss of his son to fentanyl drove Brad to a new passion of forming a group of men in his home who have all lost children, and to starting a podcast — “Good Grief, Good God.” He describes the power of this group of men as one of being united in having a “common friend and a common enemy.”

Question: Jesus is our common friend. What would you describe as some of our common enemies? How can we support each other with those?