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Series: Country Roads
Part 4: Bless the Broken Road
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1. How has divorce affected your life?
2. Do you come from a blended family? What were the difficulties and benefits?
3. Have you seen God's redemptive work in a blended family?
4. Jesus read the following passage in the synagogue and said he was the fulfillment of this scripture:

***Isaiah 61:1-3** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.*

*Have you experienced Jesus turning “ashes” into a “crown of beauty”?

*Have you seen him “bind up the brokenhearted”?

*How has he brought you comfort and joy?

5. II Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.” If we continue to deal with bad habits and attitudes, in what way are we a “new creation”?

6. Using the letters in the word “Pulse,” what five things will help you keep a pulse on your marriage? (**Prioritize marriage, Unite as parents, Let the parent discipline, Speak kind words over EVERYONE, Expect bumps and delays along the way.**)

7. Do you speak kind words to EVERYONE? Who have you failed to speak kind words to this week?

8. How has God redeemed a “broken road” you have walked?

9. Jesus was kind to the woman at the well who had five husbands and was living with another man, offering her living water. Have you “sat by the well and offered a cup of redemptive water” to anyone lately? Who can you do that for in the days ahead?