

Face It Transcript

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Are you tired of chasing perfection and always feeling like you fall short?

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There is a better way.

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Welcome to the pop coach life.

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With your host, Sharon Smaga.

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Where we are pursuing.

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The art of purpose over perfection.

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She's going to turn what you think you know on its head and help you discover a life filled with meaning.

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And joy.

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So buckle up, buttercup.

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Because here comes Sharon.

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Good morning.

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This is Sharon Sauga and this is pop coach life and welcome back.

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It's good to be here with y'all.

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I'm kind of running in last minute and setting up, so bear with me.

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I wasn't planning to record this morning.

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But I had an opportunity and wanted to get on and and present some content that's been really just to heavy on my mind, so.

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This is pop.

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Coach life again, where we are pursuing the art of purpose over for perfection.

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That's why I call it pub coach life and I wanted to talk to you all today a little bit about facing things.

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So I've titled this one face it, which almost sounds like to me.

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It almost feels like a curse word.

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One of the F words right face it.

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It's really hard.

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It's it's very hard to do.

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It takes a lot of courage to face things in our life.

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And it takes a willingness to engage in some level, often not always, but often of some conflict.

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Saying things we're afraid to say, asking hard questions, getting maybe that, you know, the pushback, anticipating pushback that makes us nervous that we're not comfortable with.

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Sometimes it means we.

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May have to make a decision.

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That we know in our intellect, we need to make, but emotionally we're really afraid.

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To face it.

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All of these things are are really normal.

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But what I want to propose to you all this morning is that you can't manage things that you're denying, minimizing, or ignoring what happens.

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That what's the cost and I would argue the cost of.

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Denying, minimizing or ignoring, I'm looking off some notes here.

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It is much more costly than to face it and face the conflict to face a hard decision to face.

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Maybe letting go of something or someone in your life that it's just time to let go of.

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And our tendency is we sort of.

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Act like it's not there.

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That's the denial.

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If I just ignore it, if I just keep going, maybe it'll kind of work itself out.

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And you know, I I think in some situations in life maybe maybe every once in a while that can happen, it sort of works itself out if you'll give it some time, timings, everything and.

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I get that guys.

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And my husband, my late husband, was very good at sort of waiting things out at times in a way that I was not.

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And I learned from him.

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That there is an art to the timing.

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Sometimes it's about giving people space and room to breathe and a chance to figure things out on their own and come to you with that.

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So that can be held.

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But we're talking about situations where maybe that has not been the case.

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That has not worked, that has not been functional, but you're still kind of sitting in the if I hide and I just ignore it, deny it, maybe it'll go away if I ignoring, it's not the right word.

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If I deny it, if I kind of act like.

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It's just not there and so I want to encourage you.

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You know, if you've got usually in that those situations, I don't know about y'all.

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I've got friends that.

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Will kind of.

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Gently hint at first.

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Maybe start to get a little more direct overtime.

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I have people in my life that at some point, if they think I'm just letting it drag out, they just kind of lay it out there, which I it's a little out to you, but I've really come to appreciate.

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So if you're in denial, look, and you're wondering if you are.

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Look around at.

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What's the feedback you're getting from people that you trust?

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Whether it's indirect or very direct, or somewhere in between, and it's consistent from multiple people, you might really want to take a look at that.

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That might be an indicator you're sort of.

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In that denial spot.

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The other thing we tend to do is minimize.

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Right, I call it.

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The let's turn the mountain into a molehill and pretend everything's fine.

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Or let's take that red light in a relationship or a friendship and pretend that it's not a deal breaker.

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Let's let's minimize it to like a yellow light.

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Proceed with caution.

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And yes, there are lights and relationships.

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If you don't y'all don't know that we'll talk about that sometime.

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So minimizing is sort of taking the issue as is and and I'm not suggesting you take something small and maximize it either on the other end, we don't want to turn molehills into mountains either.

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Not healthy, not helpful, not functional.

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But when we minimize, it's when we're trying to sort of avoid facing the reality of something in our lives and we tend to make it less than what it is or we tend to.

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UM, sort of put ourselves down as if you know, I'm just overreacting. Their behavior is not that.

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Big a deal.

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That's another way we minimize we sort of put ourselves down or act like it's our problem or we take it on for someone else and and often in those relationships.

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I would say you know that that person may be helping with that process and encouraging us to do that, no doubt.

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So minimizing is taking something.

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We need to deal with and just shrinking it down to something and pretending it's not worth dealing with those things that you take and let build up over time.

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And minimize.

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It's only a matter of time down the road, and it may be a year down the road.

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It may be 12 years down the road, I don't know, but at some point that's all going to come to a head and sort of blow back and blow up on you anyway.

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So if you tend to minimize I I can't encourage you enough.

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You don't have to get dramatic.

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This isn't.

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We don't have to go Shakespearean on this, but it's OK to say.

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Maybe something as simple as somebody as I I don't feel like you intend or mean to be intrusive, but every time we get together or talk, I feel like you push into things in a way that's intrusive with your opinions about things, you don't have enough information about to have an opinion.

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That's not I actually had to say that to somebody.

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Sometime last year, I think I was having kind of an issue or a dynamic with somebody in the workplace and just kind of had to lay.

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That it it didn't go terrifically the way I'd hoped.

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I ran into this person the other day and they shunned me and acted like I didn't exist.

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And OK, you know that's not going to be a life breaking for me or life affirming in either direction.

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I just spoke my boundary.

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It didn't go as well as I'd hoped.

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But I would rather have that person.

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Honestly, ignoring me, then being intrusive in my life and constantly invading my boundaries.

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OK, so the other one is ignoring and the example I gave earlier when I was talking about my husband, that's probably a better example of not ignoring but sort of choosing to step back with some grace, right?

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But to simply ignore.

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To act like sort of like this person I just described it to me, just acted like it didn't exist.

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Right, so this isn't minimizing where we're trying to make it smaller or denying where we're just really not.

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Ready to deal with?

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It this is the point in my mind where we've maybe even gone through some denying and minimizing and now we're just flat out ignoring.

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We just don't want to deal with it.

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And and we think if we ignore it, maybe we'll just get lucky and it'll go away or sweeping under the carpet will be enough.

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I don't know.

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I know this about ignoring.

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The problems that we ignore in our relationships.

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Tend to be the ones that turn into cancer in the relationship.

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So the things that we ignore and won't deal with.

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Tend to be the things that ultimately that will kill it.

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Sometimes we're ignoring because we know to confront means we have to make a decision.

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I get that.

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But even in healthier relationships where that commitments there, there's not deal Breakers happening.

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We just are flat out ignoring.

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This is sometimes the couples you'll see that everybody thought they were.

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Fine, they were this happy little family.

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The kids graduated, go off to college or get married or whatever they're doing, and all of a sudden, a year later you find out this couples divorce.

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Seen maybe one of them's been having an affair already, and everybody's like.

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What happened I.

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Thought they were just the sweetest couple.

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I would argue that that's often a couple that has just been ignoring their problems, so just some ideas about, you know, I know it's hard to confront guys.

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It's it's an art to learn to confront.

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It takes a lot of courage.

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It takes willing to be honest.

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It takes, I think, the hardest part for me learning confrontation was if I'm going to confront someone else, I have to be willing to be confronted by them as well.

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That's hard.

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That's painful at times.

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That can be it can trigger shame.

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It can be embarrassing.

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Depending on the how the, when and the you know the where and the.

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Who's there when they do it, but.

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Ultimately, we don't really have anything to lose, but some pride.

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We have much to gain, which is a closer connection.

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More trust, greater intimacy.

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So facing it is scary.

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But it actually will get you more of what you want in your relationships.

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I'm not just talking marriage or and you know, I'm talking with your kids, even with your friendships, with your relationships at work or church or wherever you are facing, it is hard.

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It's scary.

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It's very doable, but it's very scary.

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But ignoring and minimizing and denying will ultimately take you down a harder Rd.

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than if you face these things in your life, so I hope.

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It gives you something to think about, encourages you to if, especially if you're sort of on the cusp of this.

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And no, I got to take care of some stuff in my life, but I'm really nervous to do it, so I am avoiding or minimizing, ignoring, denying.

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I hope this encourages you.

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Maybe this is this idea that kind of can pop you over that threshold and give you that last little bit of courage you need to go after what you need to do in those relationships.

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Relationship does not come easy.

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We can talk about things all day long.

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Relationship that sound simple, but they're very challenging and very difficult.

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But the reward of doing the work will always outweigh what you get out of avoiding and not doing the work and help.

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Just kind of sort of crossing your fingers and diving in, so I encourage you to go for it.

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Face it, no more denying no more, minimizing, no more ignoring, no more, avoiding.

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You can do this.

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I'm working on stuff in my own life, and it's really, really hard sometimes and very.

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Very uncomfortable.

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And that's OK, because in discomfort, we are actually stepping in to change.

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And when we are willing to step in to change, we begin to make ourselves available emotionally and mentally to getting more of what we want out of our lives.

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So go for it.

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Let me know how it goes.

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For you, I love you guys.

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Keep pursuing purpose over perfection.

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Take care and I'll talk to you again soon.

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Bye bye.

00:12:48 Announcer

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