

Faith and Heart Podcast: Episode 011 Transcript - The Fruit Will Come

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INTRO

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Hi, there. My name is Madison Aichele, and I'm a writer with a passion for sharing honest and encouraging reflections about God's character. This podcast is for the woman courageously choosing faith and heart in a world driven by sight and success. The woman who wants to live with an awareness of God's kind and steady hand moving through what seems ordinary, making it extraordinary. The woman who wants to experience the unhurried peace of trusting God's plan, abandoning the race toward the "next big thing" and, instead, choosing to settle into the God thing. Get cozy if you can, lay your burdens down, even if it's just for a moment.

Welcome to Faith and Heart.

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The seeds of your faith will give way to meaningful and enduring fruit. There are moments when you're surrounded by seemingly endless soil. The scorching sun is beating down as you look at your hands. They're caked in dirt, evidence of a long and faithful season of planting. Hard work and prayer have sustained you, but now the sight of empty fields feels like too much to bear. You wonder, "Will there ever be fruit?" as you take a seat where you are, gripping the barren ground you're hoping will give way to life.

These are the seasons of choosing faith over sight, of trusting that long-held dreams and faithfully planted choices are developing roots underneath the surface. While your hands may have surrendered those seeds into the soil of your life, they've never left God's hands. He is still faithfully tending to each and every one, personally overseeing their preservation.

Waiting for fruitfulness and navigating the delays that stretch on longer than expected can be defeating. You can't dig up what's been planted or peer underneath the dirt to catch a glimpse of what's growing. It's a continual practice in trusting the character and steadfast faithfulness of our Master Gardener, who deeply cares about growing good and lasting fruit in our lives. Not fruit that will be scorched and withered by the glaring sun or whipped around by the wind – but fruit that is sustaining, resilient, and lasting.

The fruit will grow. In fact, I'm confident in saying there is fruitfulness already at work in your life, even if it's underneath the surface. If you're facing an empty field season and wondering if it's worth it to keep going, I want to encourage you with the truth that good things are growing. Trust God's process and that His hand is always at work. He cares about those seeds you've planted and won't let them lie dormant. He will grow good things, and if you don't give up, you'll start to see life shoot up from under the soil. You'll see all the ways God's grace sustained what you couldn't and understand how the delays built strong roots so your fruitfulness would be sweet for years to come, not just a fleeting moment.

You can rest assured you will see fruitfulness, friend.

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Before I go, I want to share a caption from one of my recent Instagram posts. It's been on my heart and mind more in my own season of delay. I hope it encourages you and offers hope as you wait for the fruit of faith to bloom.

"His delays are our deepenings. Waiting for a promise to be fulfilled, to see the growth of seeds planted, and a harvest matching the painstaking efforts made in faith can often feel like a punishment. But the days of delay when we're asked to plant our feet firmly where we are, and trust, are directed by a Father who has our best in mind.

Delays are deepenings.

They deepen our faith. Our dependence. Our character. They're not indicative of a fruitless life or effort. I often think they're a sign of abiding in the One who bears eternal fruit. If everything were to be delivered on our timeline, I'm not sure we would truly be listening. We are in this deepening together, honoring the work of God beneath the surface of our lives.

This is a process that can't be jumped over and run past. We must let Him establish the depths of our hearts and spirits in His truth and goodness. Only through abiding in Him will we see the lasting fruitfulness we desire. May we allow the complete work of His kind delays to deepen our roots so they may stretch and extend into the living water of Christ's presence.

And may we remember that these delays are only for a number of days, not a sign of a lifetime of barrenness. The fruit will come."

OUTRO

Thank you so much for being here. If you've enjoyed this episode, it would mean the world if you left a rating or review. Praying for a season of fresh fruitfulness over you, friend. I'll talk to you soon!

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