

Faith and Heart Podcast: Episode 015 Transcript - Faithful With What You've Been Given

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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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Along our path, God will place things in our hands and lives that won't always make sense. We may feel unqualified, underprepared, underwhelmed, or overwhelmed – no matter what feelings surface, there's a choice to be made. To trust God has given us the opportunity or task for a reason, or settle into something more comfortable, letting our God-given calling go neglected and untended. It's easier to go back to something familiar and comfortable, and as I share this episode, I can think of many times I've made that choice in my life. There were moments fear of the unfamiliar, fear of failure, and lack of faith gave way to turning back.

But I've also experienced the blessing and provision of the Father that happens when we choose to be courageous. Courage isn't fearlessness – I truly believe it's a deeply rooted form of faith that knows God's on the other side of what we fear. And He's with us every step of the way. As He beckons us to open our hands and receive what He has for us, we show up not with a heart that always feels confident but one that desires to be faithful.

Even when we don't understand the task at hand or our role in it, God's perspective is unfailing. He's chosen us for a reason. He's chosen you for a reason. This quiet trust in His perfect judgment paves the way for our faithfulness. If we are chosen, He sees something in our spirit

crying out, "I'm the one for the job." And we find rest as we obediently allow Him to guide our steps, using each one to draw out that spirit of readiness and resilience.

No matter what He's called you to, who He's entrusted you with, or the steps He's calling you to take, know that He doesn't make mistakes. He sees something in you that you haven't even discovered yet. Use this time and opportunity to take each next right step and faithfully tend to the work He's given you. You'll meet challenges along the way, but you'll also experience profound joy as you start to see His divine plans unfold. Even when you feel like you fall short, He is faithful still. His strength will be made perfect in your weakness, and His grace will sustain you when you're not sure you can take another step.

Sometimes the most powerful act of faithfulness comes in this simple prayer, "Lord, I don't know, but I know You. And that's enough."

READING

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Today's reading is a poem from one of my favorite writers, Tanner Olson. It's titled You Alone.

As we come before You with another day, won't You hear
us as we pray?
Before You we sit, before You we are.

And You,
You are before all things.
And all things work through You and for You and with You.

And all things are held together by You and You alone.
And when I am alone, help me to know I am seen and known.
And I am not alone.
That You see me.
And You know me.
And You love me.
And that is enough for me.

You bring light to the darkness and hope to the hopeless,
And sometimes I feel like I am somehow, someway caught
between the two.

But even in the in-between, You are there with me.

Lead my heart to wonder and wander
in the depths of where we are going,
Of where You have already been, to walk with You through the
now and then.

And then, may I see with clear eyes that

through all of this and that,

through what was and what will be,

You have always been.

And You alone are enough for me.

OUTRO

Thank you so much for being here! I'm truly grateful to have this opportunity to be part of your day and life. It's my greatest prayer that these words would usher in peace and encouragement as you navigate leading life with faith and heart.

Till next time!

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