

Faith and Heart Podcast: Episode 004 Transcript - Co-Creation With the Ultimate Creator

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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I naively always thought being called by God would be enough to watch things magically fall into place. While God does provide and make a way on our behalf, I'm beginning to learn we have the joy and responsibility of partnering with Him in bringing dreams and miracles to life. No matter our profession, we get to co-create with the ultimate Creator. And that, I think, is a foundational principle of choosing faith and heart. It's a humbling honor to know that our Almighty Father doesn't want either one of us to go it alone, even though He's more than able but not willing, and we're often more willing and less than able.

But partnering with Him doesn't give us access to those magical shortcuts that are so tempting to take. It means the opposite, which is a mercy even when it doesn't feel like one. We're driven by the overnight success stories, the marketing that says we can do xyz in 10 days if we follow a framework but if we don't trust God's process and timing, however slow it might feel, we won't experience the rich and intentional growth God is doing within us so we'll be equipped to accomplish what's for us. We're always supported and powered by God's great strength, but if we step into the full calling placed on our lives tomorrow, we may not have the faith to trust Him at every turn. The discipline. The character we need. And we'll fall.

There's a deepening and an enriching we all must experience. It's not always flashy, profound, or quick. It's those seasons and waiting periods we tend to feel like we're buried in the soil of

dreams that seem like they'll never come true, just hoping that something will grow. We feel left behind or out of the running completely, waiting for the next quick fix to come along.

But that's what's so beautiful about the realization that we are co-creators. It's a vibrant joy to be invited into God's framework for our lives. When we understand the goodness of His desire to actively participate in what He wants to do in and through us, we won't be so tempted to accept defeat when the process feels slow or look for quick fixes. We'll know we're in the hands of a Father whose heavenly perspective sees us and our lives as a whole: He sees the beginning, the middle, the end, and every small moment in between. We can trust His divine foresight.

It's an honor and responsibility to partner with God. It requires reverence and respect no matter what our calling is: whether it be artist, mother, or engineer. We have an opportunity to slow down and listen to His voice and guidance, not just about the grand and exciting things, but in everyday life. We get to craft a story that sings of His goodness and be open to the mysterious ways He'll make a way.

But we have to be willing to listen, to courageously do the work He calls of us, and in the order He guides us in. We can look at the story of creation as a beautiful example. God, in all His wisdom, didn't hurry. He could've exploded all of life and its design into being in one day. He didn't. He could have made man first out of pure excitement and joy to finally meet who He'd envisioned and cherished before the beginning of time. He didn't. Each day was foundational to the next. And on the seventh day, instead of thinking about what was next, He rested. It's so opposite to everything the world tries to sell you on today. It's incremental progress. Foundational steps. Resting. The world will say all-at-once, be sensational right away, keep striving.

As a co-creator choosing faith and heart, you get to slow down and catch your breath. You get to walk side by side with the Father.

READING

Before I go, I wanted to share something I wrote earlier this week. I posted it on Instagram as well but wanted to read it here. I talk about writing specifically, but I think it can be for anyone courageously choosing to step into their role of co-creator:

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"It takes a lot of hard word."

I stared at the typo aggressively underlined in red. I'd meant to say work but the typo felt more true. I almost wonder if my hands, more connected to my soul than my brain at that moment, made an intentional error to express something I'd been feeling but not saying.

Creation is a joy and privilege. It's also a burden and challenge. It's that delicate space where passion and reverence collide, where both inspiration and doubt grasp the other and spill onto the page.

Some days, we'll bask in the glorious light of creation's joy. Others, we'll wonder if we can carry the weight of it.

We'll feel that heaviness when words don't flow, submissions get rejected, and criticism pummels us into the dust. It's part of the hard, holy, and honest call to share messages on our hearts that refuse to be ignored.

But those experiences don't measure the worth of the creation they're aimed at. It's Rainer Maria Rilke who writes, "A work of art is good if it has sprung from necessity. In this nature of its origin lies the judgment of it: there is no other...I know no advice for you save this: to go into yourself and test the deeps in which your life takes rise; at its source you will find the answer to the question whether you *must* create."

There's so much context and depth outside of that short passage, but I've found comfort in the midst of the heaviness of 'hard word' that art, if it springs from a heart's emphatic, "I must," means something. Rilke wrote that passage before the age of social media, but it rings like an eternal truth.

Creation is joy. It's connection. It's worship. And all of that flows from God's river of goodness running over in our hearts, building in us that desire to share what's springing forth in our lives. That's a worthy and priceless treasure whether it's deemed that by the external powers that be.

We commit to the hard word.
With all its joy and gravity.
We create because we must.

OUTRO

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