

Faith and Heart Podcast: Episode 016 Transcript - Trusting God's Unfailing Character

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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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Faith accompanied by sight is a beautiful thing, isn't it?

There's no room for questioning or doubt because the evidence of God's call takes shape in something familiar or reliable. We can hold onto something outside of faith that puts us at ease.

But what about the times we only have faith to rely on?

How do we walk through the wilderness of unknowns when sight fails, and it feels like the pillar of fire and thick cloud won't appear to guide us forward?

It's really hard.

I'm speaking from a place of personal experience, friend.

I'm in this very season myself and am navigating my way through it clumsily and imperfectly – *inch by inch, second by second* – breathing in and out, again and again, knowing that even when I'm brought low, faith will compel me to believe again.

Faith accompanied by sight feels miraculous and energizing. Faith without an ounce of sight can be humbling and disorienting.

It's an undeniable call to trust in the unfailing character of our Creator, which is a season that's beautiful in its own way. Challenging but beautiful. These moments are where we grow in our capacity to see the goodness of God.

Even when nothing else is evident, we can trust that He is still with us. And He is still good.

I think the biggest comfort during my own season of walking in faith is knowing that I'm never truly alone or directionless.

I may feel alone, but I know who's always by my side.
I may not see what comes next, but I know who does.

And the same applies to you. Those are constant truths you can carry with you into every season and count on even in the midst of uncertainty.

Clarity and direction will shift and change, but God never will. And there's so much grace. So much grace when you stumble, when faith wavers, and you try to work things out in your own strength. I'll be the first to admit I often get it wrong. My eyes easily drift to what doesn't feel settled or clear, and my hands will grasp for anything that feels solid and controllable. But God is always there to correct me with love and kindness. So it is with you, friend.

God doesn't condemn you, but He'll gently take your hand and direct your attention to His promises. He is good, He is steadfast, He is with us, and He is for us. We don't need to see the path or walk it perfectly. We just need to continue returning to truth that never fades or changes. He is that truth.

READING

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I don't have a particularly long reading for you today. But I want to offer a quote from Charles Spurgeon that's touched my heart and encouraged me along my walk of faith. You've likely heard it before, but I pray it's reaching you at a divine time when the reminder is needed.

Quote, "God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart," end quote.

OUTRO

Thank you so much for being here! I'm truly grateful to have this opportunity to be part of your day. I hope you have a wonderful couple weeks, and I'll talk to you again soon!

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