

Faith and Heart Podcast: Episode 010 Transcript - Everything Will Be Ok

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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 weather where I live has been beautiful this past week. Not too hot but still warm, with vibrant blue skies and golden sunshine. I've tried to be more intentional about taking advantage of the nice weather by taking quick walks during work breaks. It's a moment of recentering my focus on the Father as I bask in His wonderful creation. I use that time to clear my mind from distractions and worries, opening myself up to whatever He wants to share.

A memory came to mind on one of those walks this past week. It was particularly windy, and I found myself transported back in time to a similar windy day several years earlier. Five years ago, I went to Ireland for my birthday.

It was a dream fulfilled, and the timing couldn't have been better. I was entering my 20s with no clue what I wanted out of life or how to move forward, which always seems to warrant an international adventure. I was hoping to find myself, or at least some answers, as I explored a new environment.

Exploring Dublin the first few days didn't give way to a revelation or give me answers. Although, I did have a very unique experience of getting pooped on by a pigeon on the morning of my birthday. Not quite the enlightenment I was hoping for.

As the trip stretched on, I was a little disappointed by the lack of magical clarity that so many experience when they travel somewhere new. And as I was beginning to give up hope, I found myself in the magical County Clare. It was everything I'd imagined Ireland to be, with the rolling emerald hills, crystal waters, and towering cliffs.

At one stop along the coastline, I found myself alone, overlooking a stunning expanse of deep waters speckled with small islands. Wind was whipping my hair as I stood praying. My eyes were peeled for birds as I brought my confusion and overwhelm to God, hoping the Dublin experience wouldn't repeat itself. But no bird poop ever came. No thundering voice from the sky did, either, but the wind seemed to wash over me with the words, "Everything will be ok."

I held onto those words. I'd heard them before from people I loved, and it was always comforting, but it never truly sank in. But when God speaks it over you, it settles in deeper. So, I went back home, believing the best was yet to come. What I was met with knocked the wind out of my sails. My childhood dog had passed away on the same day of my cliffside revelation, and I found out I was being demoted and getting a pay cut at a job I'd faithfully poured into.

My brain couldn't connect how the words from the Father could translate into what I experienced back at home, but as I walked back to the house while this memory transpired in my mind, God connected dots I never had before. That girl who came back to a mess was left with no other option than to choose faith and heart. To trust that God would guide her forward one step at a time and that her lack of strength or qualifications couldn't close a door He intended to stay open. That was the beginning of the message now guiding so much of what I do.

That girl had to believe that everything would be ok because it was all in God's hands, and He is faithful. Five years later, I can confidently say that He has always provided for me in every circumstance, faithfully guided me into spaces I never thought possible, and given me far more than I could've imagined. That's what faith and heart-led decisions are based on – the truth that His plan and His process won't lead us where His grace won't sustain us. His paths are steadfast love and faithfulness, so we can be confident that when He tells us everything will be ok, it will be.

Let us rest in that truth. You don't have to go to a foreign country to hear Him whisper that promise through the wind. He's saying it to you now, right where you are. Continue choosing faith and heart, and know that He will never let you down. You may not understand everything that happens, but he'll connect the dots for you one day. The connection between where you were and where you are today, and you'll start to see how faithfully He weaves our stories and lives.

READING

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Before I go, I wanted to read a small portion of this month's Everyday Faith, Extraordinary God spotlight. On the first of each month, I share a story of how one woman's faith was met by our God's faithfulness. Since this episode falls on the first, I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to shed some extra light on this blog series and the incredible women who participate. Today's post is from Olivia, and it's entitled The Weaver of our Destiny, which ties in so beautifully to what God placed on my heart to share today.

"...I believe that what is being produced in us as we choose to follow, even when the way seems uncertain, are the stepping stones to fulfilling His plans and purposes in our lives. If we waffle in doubt and indecision rather than walking forward in faith, we run the risk of missing what He has for us in that season. While I don't think little old you and I are capable of ruining God's plans, I do think we are perfectly capable of running from the risk of faith for so long that we never build the muscles required to traverse the mountain tops and the valleys of our lives.

The beautiful thing is though, that He is right there with us as we traverse the heights and the depths. This is true even when the way is dark and nothing seems to be panning out. We are invited into communion with Him as we learn what it means to live a life of not seeing but believing, not understanding but walking forward anyways, and not feeling but choosing to believe that He is the weaver of our destiny."

I hope this encourages you, and if what she wrote resonates with you, I encourage you to read the full post on the blog and check out her writing on her personal page. I'll include those links in the episode show notes.

OUTRO

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