

Faith and Heart Podcast: Episode 012 Transcript - You Are Here and That Matters

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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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Your contribution to the world matters. Your voice matters. You've been intentionally placed here right at this moment in time. Against all the odds, this is your moment to walk upon the earth, partnering with God to create something beautiful. And it truly is against all the odds. There are countless connections and countless challenges that could have led to you being missed by just one nanosecond. But you are here, and that counts for something.

There's often a divide between what we believe about ourselves and what God tells us to believe. We get lost in the day-to-day drudgery of the planting, the tending, and the stewarding. And as we wait to see the fruit of our effort, we forget. We forget how deeply we matter because our view is captivated by the "not yet's" and the "not what we wanted." We only see what we're not.

But maybe this is the season of believing everything He tells you you are? Of believing that this moment, this gift of life, should be richly and deeply enjoyed as the radical outpouring of grace it truly is. There may be many things you aren't that you'd hoped you were by now – you may have dreams that have burned dimly in the night but have been too tender to stretch into the reality of day's light. You may have surrendered a lot into the realm of "not yet" or "not at all." And it might be really difficult to believe you matter, that your gifts and dreams mean something.

But, friend, you are here, and that is a miraculous affirmation of purpose. An extraordinary declaration of pure love from the Father, who knit you together at the perfect time so you could be here right now. You may not be where you want to be, but you are here. Maybe that doesn't just count for something – maybe that's everything. It's the eternal mark of belonging to something greater, of having the opportunity to co-create with the Creator through the tapestry of your life. In the midst of the noise may you remember you are. You are here. That's a gift, and it means immeasurably more than you could know.

May you head into the day and into this week with a new awareness of your heart's beat, echoing the Father's words as you were crafted into being: Let there be you.

READING

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Today's reading is an passage from *The Rock That Is Higher* by Madeleine L'Engle. I offer these words to the one who feels trapped by a "not sure" or "not confident" season of co-creation.

"I listen to my stories; they are given to me, but they don't come without a price. We do have to pay, with hours of work that ends up in the wastepaper basket, with intense loneliness, with a vulnerability that often causes us to hurt. And I'm not sure that it's a choice. If we're given a gift—and the size of the gift, small or great, does not matter—then we are required to serve it, like it or not, ready or not. Most of us, that is, because I have seen people of great talent who have done nothing with their talent who mutter about, "When there's time..." or who bury their talent because it's too risky to use.

Yes, it is risky. We may not hear the story well. We may be like faulty radios, transmitting only static and words out of context. But I believe that it is a risk we have to take. And it is worth it, because the story knows more than the artist knows."

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. I also recently opened up time on my calendar to have heart check-ins with the beautiful online community forming here. I'm sharing the link to my calendar to book a heart check-in, they're fifteen-minute no-pressure talks to share your heart's questions, concerns, challenges, or hopes. It's time directed by you and a way I felt led to personally talk to each of you. Because sometimes social media just isn't enough.

Thanks again for being here. I'll talk to you soon!

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