



EPISODE: 165 TITLE: This is What Will Keep You From Living on Mission

In many ways, this ongoing life on mission with God is a call to die to self. It begins by simplifying your life as God rearranges your priorities, and you spend more and more of your time living with God's mission at the center of your life.

Here are three key things to believe and consider to destroy the idols that keep you from truly living on mission...

- 1. **Remember, this takes time**. Don't think of all of this like a big pile of things that need to change instantly. It's more like adding layers of understanding and growth as you progress. Let the good news of Jesus' life given for you transform your understanding and priorities. This is definitely one of those shifts in your life that will require extra grace-for yourself and for your family and others.
- 2. **God created you as his child to live in community on mission with him**. Even though all of this will feel (and sound to others) like you are really swimming against cultural norms (you are), this is the life you were created to live! All of the good things in life that you have come to love and enjoy were given to you for God's glory. Sure-he wants us to enjoy them too, but he does not want us to love the stuff he gives us more than we love him!
- 3. What are the things that you and your family might currently love more than God's glory and his mission? Be honest! Prayerfully write down everything that the Spirit shines a light on in your heart. From the list you made, what things need to be first to go, to be set aside, before you can really begin to live in a community on mission? This week ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into new rhythms with new motivations.

You can get a lot more of my story and how Team K and our friends in community all began to work this out, along with a pretty detailed outline of the tools and timeline we developed in my book <u>Small is Big, Slow is</u> <u>Fast</u>.

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

- Surprise! You Are the Missionary In Your Neighborhood
- How to Lead Your Small Group or Church Toward True Missional Living

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

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