

EPISODE: 233 TITLE: How Procrastination Kills Discipleship and Mission

All of us have things in life that we seem to put off over and over again, for various reasons. But if you suffer from procrastination when it comes to being and making disciples of Jesus, you're missing out on the life you were created to live!

Here are three things to believe and consider about procrastination:

- 1. Be honest with yourself when it comes to understanding if you have ever really intentioned to live a lifestyle of discipleship and mission. It may not be procrastination you're suffering from; it could be that the gospel you understand, and live in light of, is too small and is primarily about your personal happiness. Or it may be that your Christian faith is focused on your afterlife and therefore discipleship and mission has taken a back seat in this life!
- 2. Do you believe that Jesus lived the best life of any human being ever...and he wants that for you too? God has immense blessings and benefits in store for us when we live in community with others, trusting his Spirit to guide us as we make more disciples of Jesus. Our lives are meant to be part of God fulfilling his eternal purpose of filling the world with his glory-through us. This is the life you were created for...the most amazing life ever! And the Good News is that there is no condemnation for those of us procrastinators :-)
- 3. Make a list of the things that you have been procrastinating in when it comes to your family, community, and living on God's mission together. Do you understand "the thing behind the thing" connected to each of these? Repent now-allow God to change your mind-*and* be your strength and motivation going forward. Pick <u>one thing</u> that you will get started on this week, put it in your calendar <u>now</u> and get started. Trust God for the results. He is perfect so you don't have to be! :-)

In light of this topic, you may also find this helpful: <u>Resting Is Hard Work</u>

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode! *Caesar & Heath*