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**TITLE: Our Crazy Bivocational Lifestyle**

A great missional benefit of bivocational (or covocational) ministry is that working an occupation in the community builds credibility with those inside and outside the church. In a post-Christian context, where people are skeptical of the church, it is important for non-Christians to see that church leaders have jobs like everyone else.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about bivocational ministry:

1. **Your identity is not attached to your title, position or job description.** You are a dearly loved child of God, created to display his creativity and glory. There are so many ways we get to do this in life, and our job is only one of them. If you are finding your identity and self-worth in your job, you are setting yourself up for a great crash if and when that job changes.
2. **Your vocation should follow your passion and calling.** When times do get tough, your “why” for doing what you do, needs to come from a heart level. Pragmatism alone will not carry you very far. BTW: It’s not a great idea to work at a church primarily to just put bread on the table because “that’s all I know how to do.” Would you want to have a pastor who only does his job because that’s what he learned to do in college? You can trust God and his generous provision for you and your family. God always provides for that which he **calls** us to. There may be a lot of stops on the journey... but we *get* to choose a life of trusting God versus a life trusting our career or denominational position or trusting ourselves.
3. **Let God route your paycheck wherever he chooses. It is not forsaking the ministry to NOT work at a church.** The one mission Jesus gave his Church (that’s us) is discipleship, which happens life on life, in community, throughout the week. Let God provide for *that mission* in any way he chooses. For most people it will *not* be by working at a church. That’s by God’s design.

**Also:** If you want to grow in your Gospel Fluency, learning a full framework for discipleship and living as a family on mission, I’d like to invite you to join me in an upcoming coaching cohort. Let’s set up a short Zoom call to get to know each other better and I’ll tell you all about it and answer any questions you have.

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

~Caesar