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TITLE: **When Missional Living Feels Hard**

“Missional living is a ripple-effect way of living. It is not a straight road, but it’s a worthwhile journey. Even on the days it feels like everything you’re planting in your neighborhood is not growing, you are not alone... God is with you!” ~*Twyla Franz*

Here are three key things to believe and consider when missional living feels really hard...

1. **Missional living is going to be messy.** (But it’s a glorious mess!) At times you’ll wonder why things aren’t easier, or why they’re not moving faster. Sometimes you will wonder if it really matters and if all of this is actually making a difference in people’s lives. There will be days you’ll feel let down, disappointed, or annoyed. Start to expect both the good and the messy. God is there with you in both!
2. **Humility helps us own our part and trust God to meet us in our lack.** Humility helps us not take ourselves too seriously and not be easily offended. Humility reminds us that instead of finger-pointing when our expectations let us down, we can trust that God is at work and glorifying himself through our life.
3. **Blaming doesn’t help anyone.** Instead of blaming ourselves, we can say the needed apologies and invite God to help us love better. Instead of blaming others, we can choose to notice, listen, and love with compassion and genuine interest. Instead of blaming God, we can trust that He is growing good things even when it doesn’t look how we thought it would.

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~*Caesar*