



Bible Verses: James 1:27, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Quote: *“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” – John Wesley*

Resources:

Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God’s Work
(Author-Timothy Keller)

Podcast 18: Men @ Work – Small Business Owner

Isaiah 55:8-9 says, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” God is sovereign. His sovereignty is a quality that is hard to understand, but have you ever looked back at your life and realized how every circumstance in your story has led you to where you are today? Can you see how apart from God leading you through each and every circumstance you never would have ended up here? Or maybe you look back and see more clearly now how if you had listened to God in that circumstance in your past things would have turned out much differently.

Bob Tunnel’s story is full of circumstances that made him the man he is today. The same is true for us; our past has made us who we are and landed us where we are. Bob’s story brings to light how God has a plan for us through our circumstances. All we can see is our circumstances, but God can see far above our circumstances. The part we play in God’s plan is to trust that his intentions for us are ultimate good. So often we get caught up in following our heart through difficult circumstances and tell God we don’t trust his intentions for us and that we think we can take better care of ourselves. So we settle for what we think is best only to find that our hearts have deceived us (Jeremiah 9:8).

Here is the truth: We are all headed somewhere, but where we end up will be determined by how much trust we place in the God who’s plans for us are better than anything we could ever imagine for ourselves. Will we lean into God like Bob did when things get painful and difficult or will we turn our backs and follow our deceitful hearts?

—Luke Burgett

Talk about it:

- What was or is your dream job? Did your life leading up to now lead to that job? Why or why not?

Make it personal:

- Have you ever looked at your life and wondered how God got you to where you are? How has God used your experiences to put you in the right place at the right time?
- Bob Tunnell’s story flows from very high high’s to very low low’s, but as he looks back he can see God’s hand through it all. Are you on a high or a low right now? Can you see God working? How so?
- As of now, God has placed Bob and Patty in a place where their work is something that they love to do together. Do you and your significant other have something that you love to do together where you can recharge together? What is it? If you don’t, what can you do this week to create something intentional that the two of you can do together?

Accept the Challenge:

- Bob’s work life has been all over the place, but now he gets the chance to do something he loves. What do you love to do? Can you work that into work? Find a way to do one that that you love to do more



often than you do now (as long as it doesn't take away time from your spouse). Make a plan to do this more often, and share with someone close to you how you plan to make more time in your busy schedule to do whatever it is.

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