

## Faithful Leadership with Daniel Goble

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#### Opening

**Josh Yates:** Welcome friends to Sonlife everyday disciple makers podcast. And I'm here again with my good friend, Wayne Wrzesinski. And today it's great to sit across the table from you and actually record this podcast with you face to face.

Welcome Wayne.

**Wayne:** Yeah, I am so happy to be across this table. I remember a couple of months ago we were at this table and I tightened down my mic stand. And you had a, like an old door with a piece of glass on top of it. And I broke that glass, but this new, old door, it looks great. And thanks for not putting glass on the top of this one.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah. You know what, when I put that door on that glass on top of that, I thought, man, it could break some time, but I've been sitting there for probably 10. And,

**Wayne:** But I'm the once-in-ten-years kind of guy

**Josh Yates:** it's okay. It's okay. Today during our staff meeting, we were talking through just already planning our Christmas staff gathering event and talking through some of the holidays.

And Wayne, you had a Christmas theory that I that was pretty, pretty insightful it's in terms of, in terms of our Christian culture, when is. It's actually play Christmas music.

**Wayne:** Right, yeah. I, I know a lot of people like you can't listen to Christmas music until after Thanksgiving or, or there's someone like not until November.

And, and I think if we're talking about songs about the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they should be allowed all year because in the church in churches, I've been a part of we've sang songs that talk about the resurrection of Jesus all year long. Maybe not during Advent, we were like, well, not during that event, we can't sing this resurrection.

But I can sing a song about Jesus' resurrection in February or an August, and nobody cares. Right. But I can't sing a song about, about our Lord and Savior coming to live as a

man and being born as a child, unless it's December. And Josh, let me ask you, do we know exactly when Jesus was born?

**Josh Yates:** We don't. So we've, we have created this whole Christmas series around a calendar.

And so, yeah, we've kind of said, Hey, I think this is.

**Wayne:** Yeah. So, so I think our, our hot take for you guys is you can listen to songs about Jesus' birth whenever you want to. Now, now let me ask you a question. So there are Christmas hymns, Christmas songs about Jesus' birth, but there are also just Christmas songs.

You know, Frank Sinatra singing White Christmas, Bing Crosby, like those kinds of songs, frosty the snowman in your house. When are you guys allowed to listen to like non Jesus centered Christmas music?

**Josh Yates:** When are we like in terms of when are we allowed to do. The season we allowed or like age when my kids get to a certain age, I hope they're on some, I

**Wayne:** don't know.

Like what, what, what, what date each year do guys break out the Christmas albums?

**Josh Yates:** Yeah, it's feels like my, my wife would be a proponent for Christmas year round, early songs, a little more. It feels like the Christmas music has a certain kind of genre. And so. Yeah, usually it's Thanksgiving. So when we go up to the family, we're on a road or spend time with friends or whatever on Thanksgiving, it feels like that's kind of time.

And usually our family after Thanksgiving is when we're getting the Christmas holiday lights on. So you kind of get things, get festive. So it feels like that. Traditionally, as a kid, my parents would put on you know, song, come on, ring the bells, light the Christmas tree, and then we would put that on when we're lighting the Christmas tree.

Right. And so that was our family started the season to start.

**Wayne:** Yeah, I think legally in our house it's after Thanksgiving, when my wife's around. For me, you know, I think if, if the song's bringing it. All year long is fine. This morning. Early November in my car was listening to the Charlie Brown Christmas soundtrack.

Cause that is just mellow, jazz piano, and that's good, good stuff. So I say, listen to Christmas whenever you want. And I have actually. Usually when we post these episodes, we share it on Instagram and Facebook. So if you're listening and you have a strong opinion about this, please find us on Facebook.

Sonlife disciple-making or Instagram comment there and let us know when you're okay. Listening to Christmas music.

**Josh Yates:** That's great. Well, we, I would love to hear from you and now have a conversation with a good friend of mine, Daniel global, and he truly embodies the everyday disciple maker. He's a man who is tenacious.

He is. And it lives a kind of a rural community north Washington. And here's my conversation with Daniel Goble,

### **Conversation with Daniel Goble**

**Josh Yates:** Daniel, it is such a joy having you on our podcast today. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule, writing your dissertation and all the, all the leadership of being a pastor, a youth pastor, but Daniel, the times we've spent together, I've always been, man, have been a joy. So Daniel, thanks for joining today's podcast.

**Daniel Goble:** Thank you for having me, Josh. I appreciate it.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah. Daniel coming in from Colville, Washington, which is just south of the Canadian border, close to the panhandle of Idaho. But just have us to our listeners, maybe a quick, just a story of, of Daniel, get us to know who you are and your ministry context.

**Daniel Goble:** Yeah, I've been there. I've been in a pastor for about 13 years. And I've been involved, started just working with youth intern for a couple of years prior to that. And right out of college jumped right in life of a pastor's kid. Got two brothers, pastor both of them Oregon area.

And my dad is the lead pastor at the church that I jumped right into. And have served under him for all these years. And it's fantastic, always trying to pursue learning more what God has for me. And it's always morphing. That's kind of how ministry works and it's whole life, I definitely did not always like a true pastor's kid of, when we leave the home at a high school, we kind of have to search and figure out who we really are apart from that world. And exactly what I did. So I walked away from the Lord for a period of time

and lived my own prodigal son life and of grabbing me back and as he has to do sometimes with the most stubborn of people, which I truly am.

And pleasure and always humbled that God would use anyone like me in the capacity that I get to serve.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah, Daniel, as you have been faithful in serving in ministry in the church, you've grown up with, you've got to come back and kind of center and who you are as a ministry leader.

And it's not your dad's faith, but it's your own personal faith, but also not your dad's leadership, it's your own leadership. And stepping into now having to shape the church thinking about the future of the next five, 10 years. What are some things that you have learned personally? Just in leadership leading the church, leading the student ministry, what are some areas just overall in terms of identifying your leadership style and growing into you as a leader.

**Daniel Goble:** Um, biggest thing I've learned is that when you come out of seminary or any kind of role where you're in higher level education know something. And learned is I didn't know anything out in practical ministry is so different than what you learn in any classroom. And the challenges you face sometime, I don't think anybody, even when you grow up in a world where you've seen it, you just don't know until you're in it. And I think the true challenges that have hit us every the thing is you just kind of feel like you're on an island sometimes as a pastor, and yet you feel like, you know, a lot of people, but you're not close to many or there aren't people that truly know you. And so it's a challenge. I think one thing I've learned is that pastor's wives take more on and sometimes the pastors do personally the families do, I think just that you're never done learning and the more you chase after learning, the more you find out you don't know. And it's coming down to relationships and it's. I've learned that being a good leader means staying true and faithful to the core tenants. People don't care what you know, they want to know if you're, if you're faithful.

And if you truly walk the talk, if you don't skip town, when things get hard and you push through, I mean, that's it respect in this world and ministry takes so much time to, to earn in leadership.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah. The takes time. And when the going gets tough, there's a lot of ministry opportunities that are around us. So in leadership, what are some of the things maybe you filter through Daniel in terms of, Hey, what does the ministry opportunity

where versus what's my what's mission critical. And, and I know you've had a number of opportunities and things around us and we're, we're in a, in an interesting season.

We see a lot of people who are transitioning they stay close to S you know, a huge transition happening and, you know, the great resignation, so to speak. What's keeping you grounded and keeping you there and ministry.

**Daniel Goble:** It's funny. You asked that question because just literally the other day I was driving down to a conference and I was on the phone with a pastor that was think is going to be, probably changing his role in the church that he's at. And I'm awesome guy, probably one of my closer friends in the ministry.

world and just as just a truly amazing pastor in my opinion.

And I, I can see where he's coming from, because I know you'd mentioned just the weight of the mantle that kind of falls on your shoulders and almost feeling like you get to set it down to do something different. And I know personally, I think I want to quit the job five to six times a year. I think what keeps me in and trust me, there has been times I've been so close, so close. I mean, just, I think if other people were honest in the ministry world they say the same. Times where you think your family. She get more of you there's times where you feel that your world is right on display and you just sometimes don't want to be around anybody. And I would say what's kept me in is focusing on the goal, focusing on why we're here. Sometimes you forget, you get caught up in the world of pastoral work. And sometimes you start off with a good heart, but you can get caught up in running programs, you can get caught up in so task-driven that you just drowned in it.

And it's of those things where you, you lose yourself. If you're not careful and you never even realized how spiritually far away you walked, because every day you're in a ministry job. So you, you kind of feel that if I'm doing this, I must be there, but you can have your heart so far away from the Lord and still be preaching on Sundays. And And honestly, most people won't even see it because you get good at portraying something over time. And so I think really it's focused on the purpose that we're here and realizing that this work really matters and that eternity and lives, the sake of the gospel are the very greatest is the greatest task given to any man on this earth. And hardships hard times, which I think all of us can agree. That could be the last 18 months easily.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah.

**Daniel Goble:** I would say if anything, we shouldn't be surprised when the Bible tells us it's coming. And that things are going to get hard. And I think the true definition of a ministry person. I look at my Bible, some of the best warriors weren't really shown us warriors until hardship hit him. And I just refuse to retreat. It's never been in my personality and I don't want to see the Lord and feel like I tried to, I quit before I hit the finish line. And as soon as I got breath in me, so that means I still got something. And when I'm done, he'll take me home. And so I'm I to the end and that's the soldier mentality that I always think about. you feel like a lot more these days.

**Josh Yates:** Hmm.

**Daniel Goble:** So

**Josh Yates:** Hmm.

**Daniel Goble:** I don't know how well that answered the question. I get carried away in that a little bit as we talk.

**Josh Yates:** no, Daniel I love your, your grit. I think in stamina. To say, I'm going to stick to it is, this is the gospel. This is the purpose. This is why I've been called.

When you start looking at some of those things within your own student ministries and start thinking through, okay, what, well, what are you seeing?

What are the challenges maybe you're facing? What are the things you're observing and creating a disciple-making culture, disciple making ministry among, among your students, which you get to serve.

**Daniel Goble:** Well, I think in, in youth ministry itself, I think, you know, you find out over time, the challenge isn't so much the students it's, it's your staff. It's adults, it's parents it's those are the challenges. We go into the job thinking the kids with the challenge. But when it comes to building discipleship ministry, discipleship is very simple.

And I think in others, it can be complex. It the way Jesus does it, you know, he invested in the masses, but, or he spoke to the masses, but he where his true investment was found within his. The, the smaller groups he pulled away to, which was disciples. And it was intentional amount of time.

he modeled, he showed and I think that's kind of what we try to do is we, as we talked to our, you know, I invest, we invest in our youth staff because we want to show them how

to invest in students. And this. The idea of, of a disciple making movement because a ministry by multiplication, I totally stole that from Sonlife somewhere along the way.

I know that. And right now when it comes down to your team, you know, you're, you're kind of this under shepherd role under the true shepherd and you're shepherding other people you're in training, teach them how to work with sheep and, and you've got to model those things. And so I think the big thing is you've got to go where you're asking them to go.

I think that's what a leader is. I think you got to take people along side-by-side and you gotta be with them in the hard times of their lives. You gotta, you gotta stand side by side with them and you can't quit on them. Because you know, they may quit on you, but we cannot quit on them. We would not see Jesus doing that with any of them.

And so the idea is taking people through that and that's, one-on-one time, a lot of that's intentional. Sometimes it can be a couple. But it's in every leader, pouring into them and pouring into God's word. We're helping them grow, helping them have a filled cup so that they have the ability to pour into others.

And that's crucial because we know ministry burnout is very common. And in all walks of ministry. And so learning how to, and then having to keep your cup full along the way. And that's, that's that from the Lord daily and you're ever going to overflow anywhere else. So intentional time with your leaders.

It's walking them through the process and then making it a duplicating thing where what you're pouring into them. They're going to be doing the same with teenagers. And so

**Josh Yates:** Yeah.

I love that. I mean, at that intentional time, creating a ministry team that can multiply and the challenge is, is, is as our leaders, we can only go as far as our leaders. And it can take our ministry. And so that's, that's a key piece. That's why Jesus invested into leaders who invest into others.

You know, as you are, are working towards that, I know that in the background of this you're, you are working towards your dissertation on a doctorate of marriage and family. What are some things that have been in terms of your education, now it's also informing maybe how you approach some of the, the challenges just in and, and families and challenges and working with students.

What are some things that you're learning.

**Daniel Goble:** Well, you know, Josh, it's one of those things where, and I want to, when I talk about education in no way do I ever want to say anything that makes it sound like I know anything? it's More of the, my pursuit of education was because I always felt like everyone that I got to serve, I wanted to give them the very best I could.

And I always felt the more educated I was, I could give more out. If I had a more bigger knowledge base I could give. And doing that, getting my bachelor's in religion and then a master's in theology and then pursuing a master of divinity, the how schooling kind of shaped me and why I've even transferred to a degree that's not really a seminary one.

Is just God moving me and directing me in ministry. And I, I couldn't help it. I, I started dealing with more counseling issues, family issues, and, and Josh, you know, that you've spent a great deal of time in, in youth ministry. Working with adults before, you know it, because if you stay anywhere long enough, they all grow up these teens and they, they still look to you. Even when they're adults and they still cause you've got a relationship with them. And so you find yourself dealing with marriages, you're dealing with and the, you can't tell them I'm not qualified or I don't know how to, I don't know how to help you. You know? And so that's the big thing is

**Josh Yates:** Yeah.

**Daniel Goble:** I have been, my desire has been to really use my education to do that.

And the doctorate education. With the focus on marrow family counseling. That whole desire is for me to pour into people and it shaped me there. It just may educate. It's just showing me along the way. tools in no way, has it made me more intelligent in many ways, but I think it's given me more tools to help people.

And so I think I just, couldn't, I'm a glutton for punishment, so I just stayed in school longer and longer. And right now, I'm close to the end. There'll be about 15, about 15 years of college and all together. It's funny. I never thought this would ever happen, but at the end I I'm having the hardest time staying in it.

And yet I'm in the dissertation. I'm just writing a giant paper, and I've never wanted to quit so bad because I'm just tired. And so now with two little kids I get up at 3:00 AM, seven days a week. That's the only time I can get in books and write and not have a kid crying or you it's a sacrifice and I'm sure I'll die about five years sooner than I should have if, because of the lack of sleep.

But just find time where you're not taking it away from your kids, your wife, because truly uh, ministry has to start there before it goes anywhere else. And so I can't change my home base in my pursuit.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah.

**Daniel Goble:** But.

**Josh Yates:** I love that balance of a home life, but as well as just saying, Hey, I'm willing to take some sacrifices, whether it be a of sleep so that I'm better equipped. And I have the tools to pour into people to, to be a better shepherd, to shepherd the flock that God is giving you. You know, as you look at maybe some specific things, whether it be in your region, whether it be in your students.

Give me a little more, what are some of the, maybe the practical, you know opportunities maybe in ministry that COVID has presented, or maybe just in you know, some of your training, you, you being able to say, Hey, this is the landscape now that I see what's what's what are you what's on your heart?

What do you think is you're seeing in light of the sh the sheep that you're shepherding. Yeah.

Yeah

**Daniel Goble:** Well, you know, sometimes I like to use a business analogy term when that kind of relates well to this with COVID it's, you know, when the market drops and there's crashing of stock prices and everything else I'd tell that's the time to buy. Because you get yards out pricing on all this stuff. Well, if it totally correlates to ministry, because when the world is in a position like this, this is the time to gospel. If there was a better time, we, we say so, you know, when I first, when COVID first started, it was kind of like, Wow. I can't believe we're having to deal with this.

But then I realized that I have potential if we never had COVID, if we never had any of these issues, we, I, I feel like I w I feel like I would have missed out on some opportunities that start to even become more, almost biblical it, as far as the disasters of so many things, we see all around us.

And if anything, I've never seen a world more open to God in my lifetime. And when COVID started. I had a kid die in our youth group on the football field, and I was asked to

do the funeral. And there was, it was recognized on the news, it was a big deal. It was a concussion death.

That's white broad attention with 800 people showed up and the person at the funeral home told me, what are you going to do? Are you going to separate the kids? You're going to play? Are you going to is right in COVID right in the heart of when there is mandates and everything. And they said take that risk as a pastor and allow people to sit close when you could cause the greatest outbreak, because this is such a big funeral. And they asked me about that and I said, well, I didn't take much pause. I mean, it was one of those moments where I kind of spoke before I even allowed myself to process. And I thought that was probably the best thing for me in the moment, because. The more, I would've thought about it. Maybe I could have talked myself out of it, but I looked at every seat as somebody.

I, if I do a funeral, I'm sharing the gospel. I don't believe, you know, this kid, I got saved at our youth camp. And so I had a good relationship. I coached him as a football coach back in when he was a kid. And so he was 18 years old about to graduate and go to college and that's died and in a coma.

And so I I was very close with his kid, very hard for me. this is the first one I've lost while in youth group. And he asked me about those restrictions, I said, Every seat, someone could get sick. I said, but every seat someone could get saved. So not only am I not going to stretch it out, I'm actually going to pack every seat that's possible in here. And but I want to be careless either. So I said, I'll do a live stream. Based on the parent's permission, I livestreamed the whole funeral. And brought a team in to help me do it really well. So we didn't have any issues. And the entire public school system streamed it in all the classrooms. So I got to share the gospel to the entire district.

**Josh Yates:** Wow.

**Daniel Goble:** I thought was probably, I thought that was my time to get crucified. It's like, okay, here I am. Not only did I not follow guidelines and not that I'm promoting people with a be you know, against every form of government, all these other things, I have my own views, but we all do. That's the crazy part, but focalized in here on just this it's the idea was I knew that this was an opportunity for people to hear about Jesus Christ. I know that there's dangers, but I also know that at the end of the day, the risk was worth the reward, in my opinion. And did that. We had people that got saved, where people came up to me. I, I got messages from people, all parts of the area. Two different football teams showed up and sat in the audience, different cheerleading teams.

Um, it traveled all over the nation because it was the big news thing of a teenager dying on a football field. And so it was an incredible ability, but it was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. And I crawl in a hole and die afterwards because it hit me so hard, but it was definitely, I'll never, it was one of the great we, I just can't even explain the potential.

And I guess what I'm trying to imply here is sometimes the hardest moment you'll ever face in ministry are your greatest potential breakout moments. And I would say COVID, if you look at it with the right perspective, you see something that's very broken, but you see a world that's finally recognizing it's, there's a broken that somewhere.

Whether they identify that to be in sin depravity or whatever, they know something's wrong. And like I said, I've got people that would have never talked to me about the Lord, but did, because of the situation. And so it's commonality with everybody. The cool thing is we all can relate together cause we're going through this together.

And so it's common ground, which gives us a good baseline to share the gospel. And so, which I think is important in gospel conversations, they sent a commonality. And so a man COVID is I think out of all the years of ministry, I'd say if it's all, if we're looking and we're looking at numbers, This will be the greatest serving time in the ministry.

And so quitting now is a hard thing to do, even though the pressure is real and it is hard. And we have no idea what tomorrow holds and things could get way worse. And I believe they will, but I say, bring it on because I know who I serve. I know what he's capable of. It's all in his control. I don't care how much chaos there is.

He's all mighty God. to go, like a disciple goes, I'd be honored because that's truly a life that's truly a life lived. And so

**Josh Yates:** yeah.

just circling back. You starting off talking about leadership and the pressures of leadership God's placed you in this season. And all of a sudden you see an opportunity like that, that God has given you a voice and opportunity to serve in a place that's hard to make the decisions. And even just saying, Hey, I just spoke in my immediately.

Hey, this is what we're going to do. We're going to fail every one of those seats. And I think sometimes we have so many decisions around us, the decision fatigue is real. And then sometimes we look at all the different scenarios and we can kind of get analysis paralysis and overthink it. But I think stepping into the moment with courage and not

letting fear take us down, but actually stepping in with the power of the Holy Spirit, say, Hey, this is what we're gonna do.

And so Daniel Love, I love your conviction. I love your, your, your ability to step into, into that in a mess of challenges and hardship and the same, the gospel going forth. So yeah, just want to say thank you for, for your obedience, the.

**Daniel Goble:** Thank you.

**Josh Yates:** As you look at just your personal health on all of this as well as your marriage with, with Samantha, what are some other advice maybe you'd give with younger leaders right now and balancing the tension in the home with kids, with schooling, with the pressures around in our community. You know, so Daniel, if you could just.

You know, maybe honest with your own personal soul, how are you keeping your own well filled up? How are your meaning healthy and be able to keep your marriage and ministry intact? What are some things you're learning there?

**Daniel Goble:** Well, I've probably done this wrong more than I've ever done it good. Is from a physical standpoint, probably close to it's worse even right now. and they, any counsel that I even give is only cause I haven't been the best example as far as taking care of my own self. And I think anytime you are in the work of serving others, sometimes you do forget about your. About the things in your own personal health. Literally I've I've been, sick for about a month my wife and kids, it's been uh, you know, I've got a five and a two year old. And so it's they're ages where they desire your time. They need you for every moment.

And I think you feel a lot of times in ministry. Man, you can feel like a horrible dad most of the time when you're just trying to do it right. And you're trying to be a good husband, but you also feel it's, it's hard for a pastor, and I don't want to just say pastor, I think people in ministry in general, because even just layman serving with full capacity at a church.

I think when you are serving others, You sometimes can give everything you have to everybody, but the ones you love the most.

And I have over the years learned that when you have a day off, you must put four to five fortification around it. And I mean, high walls protect it because people always take, and take and take. And the more people, you know, and the more encounters you have

administrative and the more, the more people will feel, they need you and they will take any waking moments you've got.

And so it's important to shut your phone off, to shut your life off and just be fully attentive to your family. I think since in youth ministry, a lot of times, social media is a great avenue to get to an audience that we're working with. But you have to have shut off times. Cause if you don't then you'll fall prey to what most people fall prey to. My dissertation is going to be written on social media and it's mental health issue.

And so I I've seen it happen. I've I've, I've been I can just say, taking care, your self care is crucial as a ministry person. You got to take care of yourself. That means spiritually, you can't just assume because you're in ministry all day that you're getting poured into. You've got to have your own time with the Lord. That's your time. That's uninterrupted time. You've got to have time prioritize for your wife. And you've got to make a point to prioritize that because she is taking a lot more of the brunt than you ever will know. And you know, most people ever know and everything hits her harder than, than it hits.

I feel like say the man that's pastoring is he doesn't realize sometimes the hardship of the woman, that the expectations that are on her and feeling, and she, she struggles with those feelings of why am I doing this? You know, I'm doing, she feels like she's doing a bad job too. And so it's important to, to praise your wife and to show her that the five and two year old are probably not going to say, thank you, mom.

You're awesome. And so it's finding ways to prioritize that. And man, there's just, you know, you just said, you're not going to have any energy for people.

If you spread yourself out too far, and I'm not the best example of this meaning I don't have it figured out. I'm just really working on it.

And the longer you're in ministry, I think, people are wanting a piece of the pie. It's really difficult. So I think prioritize, prioritizing your family. I say vacation every year, no matter what, even if it's a staycation, get away from even your own church sometimes, because at the end of the day, you got to have some time away to reboot rethink, even if it's time with the Lord on an island somewhere just. Where you can reevaluate your own walk with him. And so I think are important things. So just yet prioritizing that self-care spiritual self care and your wife and children, or you're going to lose them in the pursuit.

**Josh Yates:** Hey Daniel. I appreciate your humility in saying, Hey, I know that I'm not in the place I want to. And I know that I've heard it say this way. I'm okay. That I'm not okay.

And having the honest reality of life brings a lot of pressure points and maybe I'm not as where I want to be physically, maybe emotionally, spiritually, but the tips that you gave, I think are just so timely.

And helpful to prioritize, Hey, build that fortify that, that, that fence, so to speak. So when you have time off, you actually can have time off, you can prioritize your family, you can take those, those vacation days, silence the phone be available, encourage your spouse. And I know we feel like we're stumbling forward or falling forward.

And I appreciate, you know, you just your humility in that. And so I want to ask you a couple kind of. No questions here as we wrap up just come a quick, just quick answers. Okay. Hey, what, so what are the things you're reading right now? Maybe outside of your, maybe it's all your stacks of research you're doing, but what are the things right now that you're reading?

**Daniel Goble:** Well it's haven't had much time to read. A lot of books that are outside of school books because it's a lot of reading that in school. It's just your pile of reading. And to read other books more than th intaking scripture. So it's, it's, I have books that I have saved for my Christmas and my Thanksgiving break.

And those are the books I'm excited to read. And a lot of those books honestly are books that are just on counseling, marital, family counseling stuff, but you know, just ways to work with families. And I don't think the hard thing is the audience listening may not have exactly the desire for those same things.

I love, Henry cloud. I love his stuff. I read books on boundaries, things like that. I find that as I'm learning how to help others, I'm actually always be. A better husband because I'm reading?

books on how people need to treat each other. And so when my wife sees flowers and she says, what book did you just read?

do something special, once you read it, I'm like, well, from my heart and a book it's so it's a lot of times I do that because it's a double bonus. I get to be a better husband because I'm learning how to be. And then I get to encourage others. And, and work on that. Cause truly the family is the core of, of a civilization And the building blocks of healthy families are such a healthy thing and building ministry opportunity and advancement. And so it's been a crazy year, you know, Josh we're definitely. In a weird role and it's uh, wife's, mom's got stage four cancer. It's in her brain right now.

And so we are learning how to process and we is her second time getting cancer. And And my and my wife's health is she's got a disease that she w we have a nurse coming in our house every so many weeks for infusions. And so, you know, and it's not to say this to say, oh, we're. We should be pitied or anything like that.

It's really just to say that, that, that the attributes of trying to have, you know, it's amazing if it's all the Lord that we've even made it this far it's not anything to do with anything that I bring to the table. I'm broken as anybody else. I think the court, these core tenants of just pouring into ministry more now than ever, but sometimes pulling back in order to deepen your own time with the Lord sometimes is crucial.

And I'm trying to learn that myself right now. And so sometimes doing less is more even though it doesn't feel that way, a lot of the time.

**Josh Yates:** Hmm. Wow.

**Daniel Goble:** Yeah.

**Josh Yates:** I love that. Wow. A lot, a lot on your plate from family and ministry to health. So thanks for, for sharing that.

So one, one final question. I know it's not trite, but I don't want to just end with, with that, but I know one of the things that you and I have a common love for. As food, so, okay.

Daniel, what's the best meal you've eaten in the last 30 days. And it's out with something else that we can literally chew on.

**Daniel Goble:** That's a very deep question. Deep in the fact that I, yeah, we have that man. That's a good question. 30 Days, you know, I went to my in-laws house and they. And I'd like to tell you a restaurant or something like that, but we were at my, in-law's house and they had a, and they had steak out of a Trager and it was probably as simple as that if steak and Mac and cheese talking about health earlier, Josh.

Meal choice tells you. Where I'm at. I need to be doing more lettuce and greens. And so far everything has blood in it that I eat. So that would be the best meal. There are some restaurants we go to, but you know, in this day and age, it's kind of hard to some of the restaurants aren't open.

And so you know, we're feeling a lot of those effects out here in our part of Washington. So

**Josh Yates:** Well, Daniel, I appreciate again, your wisdom honesty, your candor, but as well as some leadership deposits in today's conversation. So thank you, Daniel, Anything final people can connect with you. I know you've got other side things that you're always involved with. How can people get in touch with, with.

**Daniel Goble:** Well, they can, man. They can link to me. Through, whether it's social media me. I'm not hard to find on, on social media at Daniel Goebel. G O B L E, had a call though, Washington, if somebody, you know, if there's a fellow pastor that, you know, struggling and maybe on their last name, you know, less tooth and nail, as far as just, you know, I, I, I've been very fortunate to have a church that supported me. The hardships we've taken. Would be miserable if I did not have the support. And I know there's pastors out there serving in churches where they may not have a lot of support in their churches. And so I think pastors have to reach out to other pastors. We all had to do it where we call other guys.

Cause we can't frankly, talk to our own congregants or pastors on staff here. We need safe outlets to talk to people that we can trust. And so I do know that I'm always there. I'd love to help any way I can. If anything, all of us are in this together. And a band of brothers and sometimes we gotta get lifted up and just admit we can't do it, but we need the Lord.

And sometimes the Lord sends us, right. The right people at the right time. And so that's that social media might be a good place to find. you know, people could call our church, grace evangelical free church, long name evangelical free church at Coleville Washington. call simply that way too.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah. Daniel, appreciate your access to you, your humility. And you're so humble. You didn't even mention another business project that you have, which is every youth pastor has to have t-shirts for camp, for missions projects for just cool swag. And you also are a co-owner of a company that actually produces some, some pretty incredible screen.

So Daniel will just give a plug in for that side business that you've got. What's the name? How can contact that? If someone's looking for a great place to get some t-shirts where, where would we find you?

**Daniel Goble:** Yeah. If somebody wanted to go online the company That we have, it's called G C and it's on the Google and that's G C and then the G stands for Goble. What's. My last name C stands for Chris, which is another pastor. Got into this business was My

buddy, who was a pastor, another church, his son, a lot of medical issues and very expensive.

And so we on, he asked me if we could do this together to, to raise some money, to help for medical bills every year and therapy. And so I a better reason that serve and do business. God's kind Of blown the business up because it's a lot more than we ever thought. And. It's been a blessing.

So yeah, we do custom clothing now. We don't do cheap shirts. I mean, buy cheap shirts that our prices are great. And I don't think anyone can beat us on pricing, but we won't put that. Those, the shirts I always tell people is like, we won't, we only sell shirts that we tell people you can sleep in. They got to be comfortable enough where it's not the shirt you take off. It's not this shirt you take off. When you get off of work, they get into your country. It's a dessert, you can wear all the way to the bed. And so I I'm very much a stickler on that. I've been, I've had camps where we've had those shirts that you only wore for the camp picture and and then it got trashed.

And so I was like, I wanted something that people would wear and yeah, it's churches. If you're looking, we do bulk orders, we can print about 25,000 shirts a day so we can get things fast.

**Josh Yates:** That is incredible. Well, we'll, we'll drop all those in the show notes and the link to all those things. But but yeah, that's a, that's an incredible story. So thank you Daniel for your time. Appreciate it. My friend and I look for. I you soon.

**Daniel Goble:** I pleasure, Josh. Thank you for having me, buddy.

## **Closing**

**Wayne:** Well, Josh, it was, it was interesting that you chose to end that interview with a question about, about the best dinner. I don't know if you feel that was too polarizing for the start of the podcast. Like it might turn some people away, but but man, since I listened to that, I've been wanting a good steak.

I don't think I've ever had a steak off a Trager. I guess I need to make some new friends that have triggers sponsored. Cook me a steak. Yeah, maybe. I don't know, but that was, that was really cool. One of the things that Daniel said. And he said, you get caught up in the world of pastoral work, and sometimes you start off with a good heart, but you get, get caught up in running the programs and the tasks driven.

You can just drown in the ministry. . And that's not something that I haven't heard before. It's not new information, but it's such a good reminder.

You know, when, when you're, when you're preaching a sermon every Sunday, when you run in youth ministry every Wednesday night, like those weekly tasks they add up and we can forget to actually spend time with God for ourselves. If the only time that I spend in scripture is to prepare to share a message.

Then I'm really kind of giving from an empty well, but I need to take that time that I can just be with God and just be in his presence and be refreshed and renewed and then minister out of that strength.

**Josh Yates:** Yeah, no, I really appreciated that reminder of prioritizing the time off and making sure that the remaining healthy in ministry you know, and the thing that, that struck me with Daniel, what I've always appreciated about him is that he's just a ferocious learner.

He's always studying, always growing, always if you will elevating his craft so he can be a better shepherd. His desire says to pouring into people and I think the subtle part of that is sometimes we can be educated beyond our obedience. And so before, you know, it, we're, we're studying, we're preparing, we're doing the next message or in his case, he's also doing that on top of

continuing education. And so sometimes in an academic world, I don't think we know. But we can also decrease maybe in our wisdom decreasing in our, and knowing how to shepherd, knowing how to lead. And so I think it's the heartbeat of everyday disciple maker is that we talk about this in Sonlife a lot.

Be a disciple, you know, you build a type making ministry and it begins to make a movement to be build begin. And I think I saw that arc and this conversation, what he was doing in terms of his own heart, what he's doing in his own ministry and actually the influence he has his region. He, he downplayed a lot of the stuff.

He has his region of their churches, the camps, the things that he's able to do, because he really sees his influence as reaching other youth pastors and encouraging the very, the movement in that region.

**Wayne:** That's so cool. It was, it was a great conversation. We hope that you enjoyed it. If you have any questions, any feedback, you can send us an email at podcast at Sonlife dot com.

And now here is our disciple making moment.

### **Disciple Making Moment**

**Val O'Brien:** Hi everyone. This is Val O'Brien area coordinator in Cleveland, Ohio. And this is my disciple-making moment.

Not long ago, I had the pleasure to get to meet with the student who I've known now for about eight years. I met her when she was probably 14 years old. Just starting her sophomore year of high school is when I met her and her and her best friend came to youth group.

And I know that her best friend had brought her to youth group and that she had come to know the Lord and stuff like that. And she just has been faithfully following. Since that time. So, and she just moved in a couple streets over from me. So we were having lunch and catching up and it was just a joyful thing. But we were laughing over the course of our meeting over the course of our lunch, because she was telling me about Len her friend first shared Christ with her.

They were probably 12 or 13 years old and she is just dying, laughing, telling you. Just this awkward, clumsy, strange way that her friend shared Christ with her and she's going, I have no idea what it was about that, that I was like, know. I do need that. I do need Jesus. I'm going to go to church with you.

And she now is a, is a 25 year old woman still thinks back at that moment and goes, I don't know what she said that made me want to follow Jesus because my memory of it is crazy. But the Lord was at work in my heart and she's still the only believer in her family and just has been making hard, great decisions to follow Jesus ever since that time.

And um, it just got me thinking, you know, the most important thing we can do as we, as we equip young people as we equip teenagers, college students, young adults, or even adults. We want to teach them the skills that they need to explain the gospel clearly and in a way that makes sense and is logical.

Yes. We want to train them to be able to share their story and to be able to connect with people. Oh yes. All of that is true. We want to train, we want to equip we want to teach them how to do that well. And yet the most important thing we can be doing for our students, we need to give them those tools and then we just need to be.

We need to pray. We need to pray. We need to pray. For those awkward, strange conversations that are going to take place between two twelve-year-olds, but the holy spirit is still at work there. We need to pray for the moments that we would not script that way, but God is at work and it is a holy moment in the midst of it.

That's all we need to pray for. And God is the only one who is softening hearts, who is drawing people to themselves. And he uses us. He uses our foolishness to draw people and he uses the foolishness of a twelve-year-old who, kind of makes a mess of the gospel presentation. And yet her friend comes to true and saving faith in Jesus Christ.

We need to teach, we need to train, but remember, remember we need to be praying that God softens hearts and thank him that he always uses foolish people like us to carry out the mission that he's given to us.