

Starting a Business Embracing Risk

Episode 5 - Supplement Guide

Key Takeaways:

1. If you want what others don't have, you have to be willing to do what others don't do.
2. Willingness is often more important than capability when starting a business.
3. Taking risks, embracing chaos, and having zero margin for a season are necessary steps in entrepreneurship.
4. Starting a childcare business can be a profitable and impactful venture if done correctly.

Thought or Discussion Questions:

1. The hosts emphasized the importance of willingness over capability. How does this challenge your perspective on starting a business or pursuing a dream?
2. They mentioned three things you need to be willing to do: take risks, have zero margin, and embrace chaos. Which of these do you find most challenging? Why?
3. How do you balance the idea of "embracing chaos" with maintaining a healthy family life and personal well-being?
4. The hosts mentioned the concept of "disrupting the market" by offering higher quality services. How might this principle apply to other industries or areas of life?
5. What fears or hesitations do you have about taking risks or starting a business? How does this message challenge those fears?

Practical Applications:

1. Reflection Exercise: Write down a dream or goal you've been hesitant to pursue. List the risks involved and the potential rewards.
2. Willingness Assessment: On a scale of 1-10, rate your willingness to take risks, have zero margin, and embrace chaos for a season to pursue a goal. List out what it would take to increase your willingness in these areas.
3. Market Research: If you're interested in starting a business, spend some time this week researching your local market. What needs are not being met? How could you potentially fill those gaps?
4. Prayer/Meditation: Spend time in prayer or meditation, asking for guidance and courage to step out of your comfort zone and pursue the life you feel called to live.

Remember: The goal is not reckless risk-taking, but calculated risks that align with your values and long-term vision.



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Episode 5 - 5-Day Bible Study Companion + Devotional

Day 1: Embracing God's Call

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Devotional: Just as the podcast hosts took a leap of faith to start their childcare business, God often calls us to step out in faith. This passage reminds us that God has plans to prosper us, not to harm us. When we seek Him wholeheartedly, we will find Him. Today, reflect on areas where God may be calling you to take a risk or embrace change. How can you trust His promises even when the path ahead seems uncertain?

Day 2: Perseverance in Trials

Reading: James 1:2-4

Devotional: The podcast emphasizes the importance of embracing chaos and being willing to endure difficult seasons. Similarly, James encourages us to consider trials as joy, knowing they produce perseverance and maturity. Think about a challenging situation you're facing. How might God be using this to develop your character and deepen your faith? Ask for His strength to persevere and grow through the process.

Day 3: Stewardship of Talents

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Devotional: The parable of the talents reminds us that God entrusts us with gifts and resources to use wisely. The podcast hosts discuss using their skills to start a business that serves others. Consider the talents, experiences, and resources God has given you. Are you using them fully for His purposes? Pray for guidance on how to be a faithful steward of what He's entrusted to you.

Day 4: Community and Support

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Devotional: The podcast highlights the importance of finding the right partners and team members in business. Likewise, this passage emphasizes the value of companionship and mutual support in our spiritual lives. Reflect on your Christian community. Who encourages and strengthens your faith? How can you be that support for others?

Day 5: Trusting God's Provision

Reading: Philippians 4:11-13

Devotional: The hosts discuss taking financial risks and trusting God's provision through uncertain times. Paul's words echo this sentiment, expressing contentment in all circumstances through Christ's strength. Think about areas where you struggle to trust God's provision. How can you cultivate a spirit of contentment and reliance on Christ? Ask God to increase your faith and help you find strength in Him, regardless of your circumstances.

