

RADICAL OBEDIENCE

WHEN GOD'S CALL REQUIRES LETTING GO

With Francis & Tiffany



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THEIR STORY IN BRIEF

Francis: Catholic for 21 years, missing the relationship piece. Tiffany shared the gospel with him, and he got saved.

Tiffany: Grew up in church, walked away in her late teens/20s (“tried my own way”), rededicated her life in 2013.

Together: Married with two kids (Ella, 11 and Isaiah, 6). Launched Sozo Ministries and planted Good News Chapel during COVID when churches were shutting down.



KEY TEACHING POINTS

1. God's Plans Trump Our Plans

Francis's original dream: "My prayers growing up were to make millions of dollars and to start my own business... I'm going to do it on my own."

God's redirection: From business success to funding the Kingdom to actually BEING the ministers who reach the nations.

Lesson: Your ambitions aren't necessarily wrong, but God's assignments are always better.

2. Obedience Often Requires Sacrifice

Tiffany's nursing career: After 10 years in nursing, she faced the vaccine mandate during COVID. A month before termination notice, she had a prophetic dream:

- Saw herself doing nursing through plexiglass
- Thought: "I can't believe I won't be doing this anymore"
- Then saw herself doing ministry work



KEY TEACHING POINTS

The cost: “It was scary. You had a mortgage with bills to pay. People were making remarks like ‘Oh what’s that about now? Your life will fall apart.’”

The outcome: “It was the best decision that we actually made. I was able to raise our children more... They grew up in daycare before.”

Lesson: What looks like loss in the moment is often God creating space for His purposes.

3. Start When God Says Start (Not When It’s Convenient)

Their timing: “When churches were shutting down, we were starting a church.”

Their burden: The harvest field. Realizing that “many people were perishing” (Matthew 28).

Lesson: When everyone else is retreating, God may be calling YOU to advance. Perfect timing in the natural doesn’t always align with God’s timing.



KEY TEACHING POINTS

4. Calling Gets Confirmed Multiple Ways

Francis's confirmation:

- »»» Deep burden from Scripture (Matthew 28 about the harvest)
- »»» Multiple prophetic words: "Go out to the nations"
- »»» Finished Bible school knowing he wanted to be an evangelist but questioning if it was just his desire
- »»» Repeated confirmations solidified the call

Tiffany's confirmation:

- »»» Prophesied over when newly saved: "You're going to pursue ministry"
- »»» Initially thought she'd just support Francis
- »»» In May 2024, opened her Bible to Isaiah 49 ("The Lord's Servant Commission")
- »»» Realized: "This is the mission I'm supposed to do too"
- not just support, but partnership



KEY TEACHING POINTS

Lesson: God confirms His calling through Scripture, prophetic words, inner conviction, and opened doors. Don't rush it, but don't ignore the patterns.

5. Redefine Success: Obedience Over Numbers

Their perspective: "We don't define success with how many people are in the church. At the end of the day, if we feel that we're called to a certain place, to a certain person —that's it."

Real story: They traveled 3 hours for their very first evangelistic meeting – only 20 people showed up. They wondered why God sent them. Recently discovered: They needed to meet that couple going through their own journey of obedience.

The principle: "One person can change a nation. One person can set another on fire that leads to many more down the road."

Lesson: Faithfulness to the ONE in front of you matters more than reaching thousands.



KEY TEACHING POINTS

6. Evangelism Is for Everyone (Not Just Evangelists)

Their teaching: “Some people think evangelism is for the evangelist, but really, Jesus said it to everyone.”

Their mission: Through the Evangelism Academy, they teach congregations to go out and preach the gospel, then go out together to do it.

Lesson: Every believer is commissioned to share the gospel. Don't wait for a title or platform.

7. Partnership in Ministry Requires Unity

Their approach: Working together as a couple in ministry, learning to navigate disagreements.

“If there's a little bit of a disagreement, we'll talk about it later. But when we're there, we're in agreement. We're one and this is how it is. And then later we can talk about it.”

Lesson: Unity in public, honesty in private. Ministry partnership requires both.



ACTION STEPS

STEP 1: Identify Your Burden

What breaks your heart about the Kingdom? What keeps you up at night? That burden might be the seed of your calling.

This Week: Journal for 15 minutes about what burdens your heart most. Ask God: “What do You want me to do about this?”

STEP 2: Pay Attention to Dreams & Impressions

Tiffany could have dismissed her dream as “just stress about work.” Instead, she paid attention – and it changed everything.

This Week: Start a “God Encounters” journal. Write down dreams, recurring thoughts, Scripture that jumps out, prophetic words. Review monthly for patterns.



ACTION STEPS

STEP 3: Collect Your Prophetic Words

Francis had multiple people prophesy “go to the nations” before he stepped into evangelism. Tiffany was told she’d pursue ministry when newly saved.

This Week: Make a list of every prophetic word, prayer, or impression spoken over your life. Look for themes. Ask God how they connect to your current season.

STEP 4: Invest in Preparation

Both attended Bible school before the full picture of their calling was clear. Preparation precedes promotion.

This Week: Identify ONE area where you need more training for your calling. Sign up for a course, buy a book, find a mentor, or join a ministry team.



ACTION STEPS

STEP 5: Be Faithful Where You're Planted

Before Sozo Ministries, Francis ran his business and Tiffany served in nursing and children's ministry. Faithfulness in current assignments qualifies you for future ones.

This Week: What small thing has God asked you to do? Do it with excellence this week – even if it seems unrelated to your “big” calling.

STEP 6: Define Success Biblically

Reject worldly metrics (followers, budget, attendance). Embrace Kingdom metrics (obedience, faithfulness, lives transformed).

This Week: Write out YOUR definition of success based on Scripture and God's call on your life. Put it somewhere visible.



ACTION STEPS

STEP 7: Take the First Step in Evangelism

Don't wait for a title, platform, or perfect plan. Start where you are.

This Week: Share your testimony with ONE person. Tell someone how Jesus transformed your life. Start simple. Start now.

STEP 8: Build Healthy Partnership

Whether married or single, you're not meant to do ministry alone.

This Week (Married): Have an honest conversation with your spouse about calling and ministry vision.

This Week (Single): Identify 2-3 believers who can pray for you, speak truth to you, and walk alongside you in your calling.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- »»» What “safe” plan or dream might God be asking you to surrender for His greater purpose?
- »»» Have you had any dreams, prophetic words, or spiritual impressions that you’ve dismissed? What if they were actually from God?
- »»» How do you currently define “success” in your spiritual life or calling? Is it based on worldly metrics or Kingdom values?
- »»» Who is the “one person” God has put in front of you right now? What would it look like to be faithful to that assignment?
- »»» What scary transition or crossroads are you facing? How does Tiffany’s story encourage you?
- »»» If evangelism is for every believer (not just evangelists), what’s stopping you from sharing your testimony this week?



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FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

Your current career may need to end so ministry can begin.
Your business plan may need to be surrendered so God's plan can unfold.

Your comfortable life may need to be disrupted so the nations can be reached.

But here's the promise: **When you say yes to God's call—even when it's scary, even when it doesn't make sense—He provides, He confirms, and He shows up.**

The harvest is plentiful. The workers are few. God is calling ordinary people to do extraordinary things through radical obedience.

Will you be one of them?

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
— Luke 19:10*



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