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Episode 69 | Rethinking Church, Calling, and What It Means to Lead with Integrity

WITH SHARON HODDE MILLER

SHOW NOTES

In this episode, host Christine Caine sits down with Sharon Hodde Miller for a dynamic conversation on church leadership, calling, and trusting the Holy Spirit's leading. Sharon shares how she and her husband planted a church after resisting the call and why leading as co-pastors has reshaped their ministry. They dive into gender roles, church hurt, theological formation, and how to reach a generation with deep skepticism toward religion. Listen in and find encouragement to pursue your calling with renewed boldness!

FROM “NEVER” TO “YES”

Sharon shares how God radically redirected her and her husband's plans, calling them to plant Bright City Church in Durham, NC—even though they never saw it coming.

CO-LEADING AS SPOUSES

Sharon discusses the power of shared leadership and how she and her husband lead from their strengths, modeling teamwork and mutual honor.

THE GAP BETWEEN THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

They talk about why so many are disillusioned with the church, how distrust has grown, and what the church must do to restore credibility and hope.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: OPPORTUNITY & RESISTANCE

In a highly educated city, women lead in every space—except the church. Sharon shares how she's using her voice to change that.

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WINE & WINESKINS

Sharon and Christine explore why clinging to tradition isn't the answer—and why only the Holy Spirit can help the church engage a changing world with lasting power.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1:

Have you ever felt God calling you into something you didn't feel ready or equipped for? How did you respond?

QUESTION 2:

Sharon talked about co-leading with her husband based on their gifts. What would shared leadership look like in your life?

QUESTION 3:

Why do you think so many people are leaving or distrusting the church? How can we help rebuild trust?

QUESTION 4:

What do you think it means to “be a witness” rather than “do witnessing”?

QUESTION 5:

Sharon talked about letting go of old forms to follow the Holy Spirit. What might that look like in your life or community?

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PRAYER PROMPT:

Lord, thank You for calling us into purpose—even when it feels uncertain. Give us the courage to follow Your lead and the humility to partner with others. Help us be true witnesses of Your love, walking in integrity and led by the Holy Spirit. May our leadership reflect Your heart and draw people back to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.