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Childlike Prayer with Jed Coppenger

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[00:00:09] [Intro] Welcome to the Gospel for Life podcast, we help people grow by connecting truth to life. Here's your host, Darryl Dash.

[00:00:09] Darryl Dash: Welcome to the Gospel for Life podcast, and today I want to talk about Prayer. And here's the strange thing about prayer, it is hard, everyone I talk to seems to struggle to pray. Even the most spiritually mature people would admit that sometimes they just have a hard time praying. And yet at the same time, prayer is ridiculously easy, you don't need theological education to pray, anyone can do it, even a child can pray.

Prayer is meant to be a daily life-giving, burden-relieving, joy-producing reality. And that's why Jed Coppenger has written a book called *21 Days to Childlike Prayer: Changing Your World, One Specific Prayer at a Time*. I'm excited to talk to Jed today. I love the title of the book and I love the subject of prayer, so I can't wait to dig in.

Jed is a lead pastor of Redemption City Church in Franklin, Tennessee, and he's married to Melanie and they have three kids. Jed, I am so glad to welcome you to the podcast.

[00:01:21] Jed Coppenger: Darryl, thanks for having me, excited to be here.

[00:01:23]: Darryl Dash: Well before I get into the heart of the book, I want to know, in your area, Franklin, Tennessee, and Nashville, why do you have so many great Christian pastors and leaders? Is it the water, what is it there?

[00:01:36] Jed Coppenger: That's a great question, there are some amazing people around here, and I have no idea. God's strange providence.

[00:01:43] Darryl Dash: Well yeah, it just feels like half the people that I respect and follow tend to be based in that area, so whatever it is, I'm grateful that God is moving there.

[00:01:53] Jed Coppenger: Yeah, me too.

[00:01:54] Darryl Dash: Jed, why do we find prayer so hard?

[00:01:57] Jed Coppenger: I think that the reasons are many. It's complicated in one sense when you think about it, it's just talking to the living God and our hearts are complicated because of sin. We're all kind of looking through this glass that's dim, and so I think we probably have a lot of reasons. I know for me, I knew all the Bible verses about prayer, I'd read books on prayer, and I still struggled with prayer. And so often for me, I thought that you needed to be really disciplined to be one of those things they called a prayer warrior. It was just kind of the varsity level of Christianity. It was the all-star team that would do that, and I just never was able to integrate prayer into my prayer life until I went through a really tough time, and it finally clicked.

For me, the two major reasons why people struggle to pray, or at least for me and in the lives of those I've had a chance to influence, one is we have a small/low view of God or a high view of ourselves.

[00:03:05]: So again, we would never say this, but at a heart level, we all know that we ask people to help us, that we think will help us. I know in our context, there are people we ask that we would rather not ask, but we know they're the only ones that we can get help from, like the cable company or the cell phone company. And you ask people that you think will help you.

Well the reason we don't ask God to help us is because the Bible would say we don't have a high enough view of Him. It's called unbelief. If we really believed He would help us, we would ask Him when it comes to our problems and our plans. The second major reason is that we have a high view, an inflated view of ourselves that the Bible would call pride and pride doesn't pray. It thinks it would be more productive just to get busy, get working in the day, rather than to ask God to help us with our problems and with our plans and with whatever else is going on in our lives. When Jesus was trying to teach His disciples about prayer, He pointed them to two realities that flip what I just talked about, to help us in a daily way, have a higher view of God and a lower view of ourselves.

[00:04:13] He said the key to praying like He wants us to pray is to think about the father-child relationship. And so that's a father who's willing to help us, but He's in heaven, so He's able to help us. So this is a high view of God and His

competencies, power and love for us. But also He says we're a child, which would have been a shot to the pride for those who first listened to Him. And that was intentional, He wants us to have a low enough view of ourselves. He wants us to embrace a childlike identity so that we would ask for help. And when we ask Him for help, it's amazing how we can experience the presence and power of God in our daily lives.

[00:04:49] Darryl Dash: In the book you talk about a time when you struggled in your prayer life and you've alluded to it already. Could you talk about that a little bit, how have you found it hard to pray? And how did that begin to change as you learned to pray in a childlike way?

[00:05:04] Jed Coppenger: It was the second and third year of our church plant, and it was just one of those seasons that seemed like those worst-case scenarios that we all tend to have, we were walking in. I think about the words of Job, and our situation was nothing like Job, but when he communicated, he said the thing that I fear most has overtaken me. And there were some relationships that had been broken and some things that I thought weren't fair, obviously, some things that I deserved. And it just impacted so many things that I valued most that God felt like was taken away from me. And in the middle of that, I picked up a book that I talk about in the book, Paul Miller's *A Praying Life that God Used*. It had been on the shelf for quite some time, but I finally picked it up and I was just in this place of desperation. And I remember him talking about prayer in a way that just clicked for me. He said it's not the discipline that lives out in a praying life, it's the desperate.

[00:06:05]: Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He didn't say everybody that has your stuff together that you're really doing well, then you can pray. God used him to put me on this journey where I began to see oh, I just have a low view of God and a high view of myself, and it led to so many other things. I pray that God never puts me in a situation like we were in at that time, but I'm so thankful for that season because I finally found the prayer life that I've been looking for.

[00:06:41] Darryl Dash: It's funny because you talked about learning prayer in the middle of the crucible of suffering. My wife and I struggled to pray together for years. And we went through a period early in our church planting journey ourselves, and out of desperation, we learned to pray together. And that habit that I think for 20 years we'd struggle to develop is now rock solid and we learned it in suffering. So again, I wouldn't wish that on anybody, but I'm grateful for what came out of it anyway.

[00:07:07] Jed Coppenger: Absolutely. And those tough times open up the Scripture. You see things you didn't see before, not that the meaning changed, you just value certain things or certain texts become color in a way. They were black and white before, but you just see over and over how people are crying out. And it's easy to read that and think that's the Bible kind of language, and I realized no, there's some problem that is pressing in on them so much that it's leading them to ask God for help. And I've just seen that over and over in my own life and in other people's lives, that it's in the dark times, it's in the tough times where God meets us in an unusual way.

[00:07:45] Darryl Dash: Well Jed, I spend a lot of time trying not to act like a child. And it seems like man, it's so hard because everything in our society pushes us to be self-reliant and to be mature, to not be like children, right? We want to be all put together. And when we come to God, I find sometimes we struggle to be like children. So talk to me about some of the foundational principles of childlike prayer. What does it mean to pray like a child?

[00:08:13] Jed Coppenger: That's a great question. So there are four daily prompts or prayer prompts that capture the heart of a childlike prayer. The first one is to believe God can do anything. And that's just talking about that high view of God where you really believe that God could do anything, not in general, but in specific, like in relation to your life, to your problems, or to your plans. And sometimes I'll just write down if God could do anything, what would I want Him to do, and just dream with God in that way. The second principle is that you need to embrace your childlike identity and that is where you're battling that pride. I know the principles, but I still have to daily battle that pride that keeps me from praying. And when I talk about childlike identity, I'm not talking about being childish, what I'm talking about is seeing myself with a dependency that Jesus says I should see myself with. He says we should be praying for daily bread. We work, we provide all that kind of thing, but He's saying, I want you to never forget what He told us in John chapter 14 where He says, "Apart from me, you can do nothing." And we feel like we can do lots of things apart from him. It's easy to take his grace for granted in that way.

[00:09:26] So there's a dependence when you think about childlike identity, but also a walk into your parents' room in the middle of the night kind of boldness. And to ask about whatever is on your mind, not just spiritual things, but anything, just talk to your God, so you embrace a childlike identity. The third thing you do is you specify your requests, and this is so important because we all struggle with what I call the vague prayer syndrome. And the vague prayer syndrome essentially is only praying prayers that are just vague. And when they get answered, no one gets excited about them, like bless today or bless this food. He's going to do that, it's fine to pray that, it's just your prayer life won't

grow like it could grow unless you get specific with your request. And I give three categories, your Bible passage that you're reading your problems and your plans and just pray those problems, pray those plans in specific ways. What you want to see God do and by when and when you do that, you give the invisible God an opportunity to become visible in your life. Specificity leads to visibility.

[00:10:28] And then the fourth thing, and it's so important for the childlike prayer approach that I talk about, which is trusting God to do what's best with your request. At the end of your prayer, you need to remind yourself who you're talking to so that it enables you to walk out of that conversation without the burden you brought into it. You don't know, He may give you a yes, He may give you a no. I've had thousands of specific yes answers to prayers over the years, and I've had tens of thousands of nos. But those nos aren't because he doesn't love me, those nos aren't because he couldn't do it, it's because it wasn't what was best for me. And so when you talk to God, you also have to talk to yourself as you leave that and trust him. That childlike trust enables you to live out that childlike perspective that He wants us to live with every day.

[00:11:17] Darryl Dash: I love that. One of the things you talk about in the book, I think you got from Paul Miller the whole idea of managing our life through prayer, and you developed this idea in your book. You just explain how we can pray our plans. I love the idea of not just making prayer something that we do and then we go on with our life, but that we actually live our whole lives through prayer. So could you talk about that, what does it mean to pray our plans?

[00:11:43] Jed Coppenger: Yeah, Paul Miller was absolutely instrumental in a lot of this book. When you pray your plans, again, a lot of times we want to have our lives over on one side and then we have our prayer life over on this other thing, and Jesus wants us to integrate those things. And so what that looks like, practically you could do it in several ways, but you think about Stephen Covey's roles to goals. You could just simply have what are my goals for the day or what are my goals for the week or for the month and then just turn those into prayer goals. We're so close to integrating prayer into our lives in so many different ways. We took the first step and so we just need one more step and just turn it into a prayer goal where you are praying that goal, you're not just writing that goal. And so you think about when it comes to working here at the church, like our budget at the church just to give an example, is a prayer goal. We're pursuing it, but we want to be prayerfully productive. It's a prayerful productivity that I think Jesus is helping us to understand when He teaches us this daily prayer.

[00:12:53] Darryl Dash: I don't know your routine, if you pray in the morning or evening in terms of your quiet time, maybe the more structured time of your

prayer. I mean that's good, that's important, and I think you would affirm that your book certainly encourages us to do that. But then you talk about praying throughout the day, so talk to us about how we can do that? Make prayer just not something we do once a day or twice a day, but something that we do all throughout the day as we live our lives.

[00:13:18] Jed Coppenger: Yeah, I start the day that way. I wake up in a place where I don't think I wake up in the place where God wants me. And so I use the morning to think through the day, pray for my problems, whatever is on my mind, pray for my plans. But one of the things I talk about in the book is I think it's important to learn how to pray on the go. And so you think back to the last question of praying your plans, well you can do that in the morning.

And I've got my daily journal, it's the worst journal in the world, like I'm the worst journaler in the world, but I have my kind of random thoughts for the day. But I also have at the back of my journal, just consistent prayers that I'm asking God to do. So I have that in the morning, but there's a lot of things that I pray about. Probably most of my prayers don't end up in my journal, I talk about on-the-go prayers. You see it in stories like Nehemiah, where he goes before the King and the King asks him a question and it just says there he prays, and then he answers the King. You think about him and other places where he heard about threats, when they're building the wall, and it says he prays and he puts someone on the wall. It's just that praying life is integrated throughout our lives because God is present throughout all of our lives. And when you start to get that, it helps you walk in a piece and a focus that you wouldn't without it.

[00:14:38] Darryl Dash: Jed, I'm sure that writing a book on prayer is a little bit threatening. I find that when I'm going to preach on a subject, say I'm going to preach on patience, I find that usually I'm tested to develop that patience. So I'm almost scared to tackle some topics because I know that part of what God is going to teach me is going to be through learning, so I'm not just preaching theoretically. So how has it been to write a book on childlike prayer, has that affected your own prayer life? Has it been more challenging? How do you handle the ups and downs of your own prayer life?

[00:15:12] Jed Coppenger: That's a great question. I'm the same way, whenever I preach on a topic, I feel like God really makes sure during the week leading up to it that it's really in my heart, and I'm not just talking about things. And it's certainly been the case with my praying life. The beginning of the book, which we talked about a little bit earlier, was for sure at that time, the worst year or two of our lives. And so there was a pain there that God thankfully redeemed and used for this. So in terms of like hey, how did this come about? I never thought man, I want to write a book on prayer, that's the last thing I would have done. To

think I could teach anybody anything about prayer and be helpful, but God took me through that time. So it started out really painful but then along the way, moving from a place where I struggled with my prayer life and didn't know what to do with that, to seeing so many specific answers to prayer. And not just in my own life, but in the lives of the people in our church or wherever. I've been able to talk about this. That has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

[00:16:14]: To see people start to do this and realize it's not great prayers that lead to great things happening, it's just a great God that we bring our imperfect prayers to. And seeing people walk in that way, it's been awesome. Now, along the way, sometimes I'll get off track and there are times where you feel like I need some time and some space just to write and to dream before the presence of God. And whatever frustrations I have, anything that's going on in my mind and in my heart. And so having those prayer prompts has really helped me get back on track. I definitely don't do it perfectly every day, but having those four things that I mentioned before, helped recenter my life by just locking in quicker.

So I'd say that over the years, with the ups and the downs that have come, it's been amazing to see how God has worked in unique ways. But yeah, battling pride, it's not like man, I took care of that when I was 27 years old or 34. It's a daily battle, which is why Jesus gives us a daily prayer.

[00:17:24] Darryl Dash: I read Paul Muller's *A Praying Life* a few years ago and it changed my prayer life as well, it made me want to pray. And one of the things I love about your book, I think it was Donald Whitney at the beginning that said this is a book that's going to make you want to pray. And I love that whole idea, this is in a theoretical manual on prayer, I think it's an invitation to prayer. And I appreciate your honesty in the book, even just sharing your own journey, I love that, it's an inviting book. Even the layout, the three-week journey, is such a good idea to get people praying, so I just love the way you structured the book.

[00:18:01] Jed Coppenger: I appreciate it. And one of the fun things about the prayer book, even whenever I learned some of these things, there were several specific answered prayers along the way where I was like, I don't want to move forward. I don't trust myself enough. And God did unusual things to move things forward. And the beautiful thing about a prayer book is you're trying to help people play to their weaknesses. Just realize the weakness that already is there that God sees right now and just to live in that place. Which is really a place of freedom, a place of hope and a place of courage. It's definitely not hey, you got to be really tough to have a praying life. No, just realize we're weak, and I'm the weakest of us all.

[00:18:41] Darryl Dash: Which is a totally different image for a pastor to be able to communicate. I wanted to ask you a question about that, it's kind of tangential to the whole prayer discussion. What is it about church planting that reveals our need, our desperation for God? Because I do see that as a church planter, I've been working with a lot of church planters. There's something about church planting that really either breaks you in a positive way that teaches you your dependence upon God, or else you just won't last as a planter. So do you have any insights into that, what is it about church planting that brings us to that place?

[00:19:13] Jed Coppenger: I think that there's no easy ministry, but there are some ministries that are a little bit more intense than others. And with that intensity and that pressure, it draws certain things out of us, some of which are good and some of which are not good. And I think there are just so many things that you go through that you wouldn't if you step into a building that's there and a budget and people. But you're starting from scratch or close to scratch, right? And hopefully you have a team, hopefully you have the sending church, but it doesn't matter. I remember we got turned down 30 times before we ever found a place where we could just worship. People wouldn't let us pay to rent their space. Here in the Bible belt of America, and my friends in Boston, in Denver, Chicago and China even were laughing and saying they hate God here, but it's easier to find a place. It's just those kinds of challenges where you think what in the world? And you just need God to show up, or if He doesn't show up, you fall on your face.

[00:20:22]: And I think in those moments, our heart level faith is really tested and grown or revealed in ways that can be God-glorifying or in ways that can lead to some dangerous things. But I've heard people talk about how church planting is taken off in a plane that you're still building, and we all handle the incompleteness in different ways. But I really wish I would have started out with a prayer life that God's giving me now, it would have been a different thing.

[00:20:55] Darryl Dash: I remember attending a training event early on in my church planting journey and one of the sessions was on prayer, which I really appreciated. And at the end of it, I felt a little bit overwhelmed, like man, I'm not succeeding in my prayer life. I'm not enough of a prayer warrior to pull this off. And it was interesting that the guy ended after telling us this isn't going to work unless you are dependent on God and praying. And at the end of it he said, "I want you to remember that right now Jesus is praying for you. That even when we fail, we have a high priest who's continually interceding for us." And I love that balance, the call to prayer, and at the same time, the gospel reminder that even when we failed to pray as we should, we got somebody who is praying for us day at night, which is amazing.

[00:21:38] Jed Coppenger: No, it's so true, and that's one of the big battles. There's just so much to do, so many things to create when you're a church planter that just don't exist, and you want to do it in the way that you feel like God's called you to do it. And so it's like being prayerful or being productive was a struggle in my own heart, but just learning to integrate and be prayerfully productive.

It's amazing how God really can do more in a moment than we can do in a lifetime. But even when you start to pray, you start to feel the burden of oh man, if I don't say it, it may not happen. It's weird, but I've struggled with that at certain points where I do have to remember what you're talking about. One of my favorite quotes I included in the book is from Robert Murray M'Cheyne, where he says "If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me." And that, I think, captures the heart of what you're talking about there and something every Christian needs to understand. He's inviting us into this, but He's not depending on us to move things forward. So it definitely provides a greater freedom when you have that in mind.

[00:22:46] Darryl Dash: That is such a great quote, I love that. One of the burdens I have as a pastor is to help my people pray, to help them learn how to pray, and it can feel like an uphill battle sometimes. I even remember myself when I was in school, way back in seminary, we would have days of prayer and I would just dread them because I would think that oh, it's going to be the most boring day. And every time coming away from that day, I was amazed at how refreshing it was. We don't measure it by how we feel necessarily at the end of it, it's right to do even if we don't have all the good feelings. But I always walked away encouraged feeling like this is such a privilege, I don't know why I even struggle to pray as much as I do. That being said, how can we not just build a prayer life ourselves, but as pastors create a prayer culture within our churches?

[00:23:42] Jed Coppenger: Now that's a great question. I think it starts with the pastor. It's tough speaking to someone who did a really poor job of this. Not that I'm doing a great job, but like a poor job early on especially, you can't lead people to a place. It's difficult to lead people to a place that you haven't been to really integrate, to live it out, and to be a church. A church takes on the personality of its leadership, not just the pastor, but the whole leadership, even though the lead pastor is a key part in that. So I would just say not doing it so that you might talk about it, but doing it because that's what Jesus has called us to. But out of that, there will be opportunities to talk about your prayer life and to help others do the same. And you think about just leading your staff, whenever you have your one on ones or your staff meeting, don't just go through the

things and then all right, onto the next meeting. Let's pray about what we just talked about because we believe we can't achieve what God's calling us here without his help. And our prayer life shows whether we really believe that or not.

[00:24:45]: And so you can integrate it into your staff rhythms. You can have special nights as a church where you have a night of prayer and worship, and it's a guided prayer kind of thing with just smaller teaching. I think that it's also important that you use Sunday morning or whenever you gather to teach on it and then also give people an opportunity to do it in the service. So here recently we started ending our service and providing a longer time for guided prayer based on the message because it is hard to get people to come back for another thing. Again, some people do a great job of that, but to have people there to hear the Word and then to do what I think we're going to do, which is to pray our Bible, to pray this particular passage into our hearts and have two or three prompts. You don't have to take a long time, but I think it's such a helpful thing. Paula Miller talks about it, I talked about it, Don Whitney does a great job talking about it, but I think you can integrate it in those ways.

[00:25:44]: One of the reasons why I wrote *21 Days to Childlike Prayer* is to provide a resource for churches to go through it together. So for years when people had asked me for a book on prayer, I just pointed to Paul Miller's book or to Don Whitney in his *Spiritual Disciplines* book, those are my go-to things. But then I found that some people resonated more than others, and there are a lot of folks who won't read certain books or whatever. And they're asking for hey, what would you recommend for me to take a team through in 28 days? And I know there's some great books out there, I just wasn't as familiar with them. And so that's one of the reasons for a 21-day experience, a unique shared experience can do a lot for a group, a church or a team. You don't need to use this, you can create your own content, but I think just having a doable end-in-mind kind of thing once or twice a year. Whereas in the church, you can pray for different things, the messages can be on different things each Sunday, but you're just encouraging your people, hey, make a top ten list. Here are two things that as a church, we're asking you to pray with us. As a church we're going to take two of your top ten. But what are eight other things that over the course of these 21 days that you can be praying for? I found that those are a few things that as you think about your own prayer life and integrating into the life not only for you, but also the church. Those can really make a big difference to get you started.

[00:27:08] Darryl Dash: It's a great book and very accessible; a great tool. I'm thinking of how I can use it in our church plant as well, so I can't wait to introduce it to our people. Jed, I wanted to ask you a couple of personal questions just as we begin to wrap up. What are you learning lately? It could be

not necessarily book learning, but maybe just something God's teaching you or something that you've been thinking about lately. What have you been learning?

[00:27:34] Jed Coppenger: One of the things that I think a lot of people have been learning about especially in the last couple of years is how to deal with pain in your life. There's a book that I read recently called I think it's *Leadership Pain*, but how moving things forward. We talk about growth, and a lot of times we romanticize growth, and we don't realize that a big part of the growth that God wants to give us isn't in the easy places in our life, but it's in the painful parts of our life. And so whenever we are going through a tough time and I know you know this as a church planner, whenever certain things happen from good people, it wasn't their best moment. And it's painful relationally to recognize that there's a purpose to the pain and that God is growing you through that, not in spite of that. And so we don't have to fear it, we can trust God in the midst of it and ask different questions to help us move forward rather than shrink back in fear or hurt or whatever that goes into it.

[00:28:40]: So that's been one of the big things. It's just not seeing people as an enemy, but realizing good people have bad moments. And in that pain, there's a purpose to it when God is involved and so trust him and see what he's trying to teach you as you move forward. That would be one thing that's been helpful to me.

[00:29:00] Darryl Dash: It's been a hard couple of years, so maybe we're looking for encouragement. What has been encouraging you lately?

[00:29:10] Jed Coppenger: Again, there's nothing that's more encouraging to me than hearing specific answers to prayer in my own life and in the lives of other people. That's why writing down those specific prayers is so helpful because when I review those things, they give me such life, I forget about those things. I heard a story the other day of a mom and a third-grader who was reading through the book and the dad is overseas working and has been for some time. The third-grader is getting bullied at school and they're reading through this. I love that a third-grader can read it, I tried to make it accessible, and pray that the bully would be gone or he wouldn't get bullied. In some situations he was really scared, and he came home so thrilled and told his mom about it.

Anyways, he just couldn't believe that God answered his prayer. I just loved this little third-grader, praying for his problems at his school with his bully. He also prayed that pancakes would be served for lunch. That didn't happen and he told his mom "I guess that wasn't what was best for me." So hearing people embrace this is so encouraging.

[00:30:21]: Also think that just kind of more broadly, seeing the way that the church is stepping into a time of major, I would say, disorientation. It's easy to look at good, bad and ugly all over the place, but I think this is a major time of shifting and moving and struggle. And certainly in our area, and I know in other people's areas as well, there are so many cultural and political factors at play. But to see so many men and women of God who haven't flinched, who are still setting their life on the rock and setting their life on the Bible. Doing it imperfectly, yes, but still saying hey, there's good news in a bad news world. It's just so encouraging to me to see God working in that way.

[00:31:14] Darryl Dash: Sometimes we focus on the negative. And yes, there is so much to be encouraged by as we see how faithful God's people are and the number of people who are hanging in there, despite the upheaval we're experiencing is deeply encouraging.

Well Jed, I appreciate your ministry, your book is a good one and I just can't wait to take our own church through it. I hope that it'll be used by God to help a lot of people develop a childlike prayer life, and so thank you for this time. Well one last question, where can people find out more about you and your book?

[00:31:45] Jed Coppenger: Darryl, thanks so much for the time. It's sold online anywhere you can buy books, Amazon or Christianbooks.com or any place like that. I post somewhat regularly at jedcoppenger.com, sometimes specific answers to prayer, sometimes things I'm reading or different aspects of my ministry along the way or sermons at redemptioncity.com where we post those regularly.

But really grateful for the time Darryl.

[00:32:13] Darryl Dash: Do you have another book on the way at all or are you thinking of anything?

[00:32:17] Jed Coppenger: There are always a few things that I'm praying about, but we'll see if God wants to bring it about, but right now it's just *21 Days of Childlike Prayer*. But one of my specific prayers is related to other ones as well, so we'll see.

[00:32:33] Darryl Dash: Good. Well Jed, so good to talk to you, thank you so much.

[00:32:36] Jed Coppenger: Thanks, Darryl, I enjoyed it.

[00:32:38] [Outro]: Hey, thanks for listening to the Gospel for Life podcast. If you're interested in growing and helping others grow, please check out our monthly newsletter, go to gospelforlife.com/newsletter. And please don't forget to leave a review of this podcast on your favorite podcast platform.