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**Annie:** Hi friends! Welcome to another episode of That Sounds Fun. I'm your host Annie F. Downs. I'm so happy to be here with you today on a Friday. Y'all know we love a bonus Friday episode around here.

Today on the show I get to talk with my friend Micah E. Davis. Okay, Micah is a pastor in Indie and he is the author of *Trailblazers: A Journey to Discover God's Purpose for Your Life*. And it comes out on Tuesday.

Y'all, I knew Micah when he was a teenager here in Nashville. So to have him here talking about church planning and writing his book, it just blows my mind. But it also gives me so much excitement and assurance that the future of the church is in good hands, y'all.

We've had a lot of GenZers on the podcast this fall and on purpose, and Micah is one of them as well. It just gives us so many reasons to celebrate the bold faith of the next generation. They're just not afraid to talk about Jesus, and I'm so thankful for their obedience and the things God's calling them to, like planting churches and writing books like *Trailblazers*.

So here is my conversation with my friend Micah E. Davis.

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**Annie:** Micah Davis, welcome to That Sounds Fun.

**Micah:** Thank you.

**Annie:** What a treat!

**Micah:** Oh, it's such a gift.

**Annie:** It feels like such an honor.

**Micah:** Yes.

**Annie:** I mean, for everyone listening, I've known you since 2010 probably. I started at Cross Point in 2010. And were y'all here by then?

**Micah:** Yeah, I was 14.

**Annie:** Yeah right. Precisely. I mean, that is such a cool part of this story is that I've been friends with your parents and known all the boys, I mean, from 14 years old to now. What are you? 27?

**Micah:** Yeah. Yeah, 13 years.

**Annie:** I mean, that is half your life, dude.

**Micah:** I know.

**Annie:** We've been friends half your life. Oh, I love that. And now you've written a book and planted a church. Everybody heard me say this when Noah Herrin was on the show, but I told you I had to repent because I didn't realize how many church planters of the next generation exist. Do y'all have a cohort? Are y'all bros?

**Micah:** You know, what's so funny is Noah and I met out in Portland last year at a conference and just struck up a conversation, ended up becoming really good friends by the end of the weekend. And we've stayed in touch throughout our entire planting journey. I think they're planting a week before we do. So we've just gotten to walk through the whole pre-plant process, which is a whole process in and of itself.

**Annie:** Right. I mean, I need you to know that dude, his church launched the Sunday before his book launched on Tuesday. I was like, that's dumb emotionally.

**Micah:** Right.

**Annie:** It makes a ton of sense, and it's what God had him do. But I was like, "Bro, take a nap after that. That feels so hard."

**Micah:** Well, that was the thing is, my book releases I think three weeks after we launched the church, and here I am feeling like, "Ah, you know, I don't know if anyone else is doing that." And Noah was like, "I'm doing it two days after." And I'm like, "Okay, I digress."

**Annie:** No, I respect both of y'all for being such hustlers in an obedient way. You could say because the Lord lines that up.

**Micah:** Oh, 100%.

**Annie:** And you could go like, "Hey, I can't do both of these, so one of them has to move." And both of you went like, "All right, Lord, if you say we can do this we can do this."

**Micah:** Yeah. The book came, I mean, a year before the sanctuary was ever even a thought. You know, so it's just wild how... but God knew what He was doing.

**Annie:** Will you talk about your church plant, what y'all are doing, where it is, and why? Why not step onto a church staff and work your way into being the next leader? Why plant?

**Micah:** I mean really the genesis of it, it was May of 2022, and I live in a neighborhood inside the loop of Indianapolis and there's a one-mile loop in our neighborhood that I prayer-walk almost every single day. And I was just on a routine prayer walk, and I felt like the Holy Spirit spoke to me that day, in May, saying, Pastor your neighborhood. And I was like, I don't really know what that means.

So I kind of sat with it and wrestled with it for a few weeks, and that thought just kept coming back to top of mind, "Pastor your neighborhood. Pastor your neighborhood." So a few weeks later I sat down with a local pastor in my neighborhood and I said, "Hey, if we were by chance to plant a church, would you be up for us using your building?" And he was like, "I don't see why not." And I was like, "Okay, that's strike one." So then-

**Annie:** Yeah, that's strike one of having to do this thing.

**Micah:** Right. So then I take Riley, my wife, on a prayer walk with me. At that point, we had been married almost five years and she had been vehemently against planting a church. That was completely off our radar. And I just casually brought it up to her. I said, "Hey, I feel like God may be stirring something. What would you think about us planting a church here in Indianapolis?" And she was like, "I don't see why not." And I was like, "Okay."

So we spent the summer of 2022 just kind of praying and discerning what it looked like to pastor our neighborhood. Actually, that summer I received an invitation from a pastor up in Grand Rapids, Michigan to come up and plant a church there. And long story short, Riley is from Grand Rapids.

**Annie:** Yeah, you write about this in the book-

**Micah:** That's right.

**Annie:** ...and figuring out where.

**Micah:** And they offered us an invitation to plant a church literally a football throwaway from my in-laws house where she's lived for the last 27 years of her life.

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** So we thought, "Okay, God, that's it. We're gonna go pastor our neighborhood up there." But we spent some time in discernment, and it was actually Riley who came to me first and she said, "I just feel like we're called to the city of Indianapolis."

So we live in this little hub on the north side called Broad Ripple. It's this beautiful collection of people with culture and food and art, and we're planting in the Indianapolis Art Center, which is like right downtown Broad Ripple. It's just kind of the cultural epicenter of the north side.

**Annie:** Broad Ripple. What a great name! I love it.

**Micah:** Oh, yeah, it's beautiful. I mean, it's got, like, you know... It's not Broadway, but it does have the Broad Ripple strip. And it's just the best eats in Indianapolis and just beautiful people of all kinds. So we just feel like it's such a gift. God has placed us uniquely there for a reason.

**Annie:** I want to tell you something that Noah said, and I want you to respond and how you feel about this. When I asked him why Nashville, He said, "I feel like when God invites us to plant a church, it was go to the city you love the most and plant a church. And that way when it gets hard, you won't want to leave the city."

Do you feel that a little bit about Broad Ripple of like, I love this place, so when this gets hard, I still want to be here?

**Micah:** Yeah. I mean, I've got a mentor who wrote a book. Maybe you've heard of it, *The Power of Place*?

**Annie:** No.

**Micah:** Daniel Grothe?

**Annie:** No.

**Micah:** Oh my goodness.

**Annie:** Is it so good?

**Micah:** Phenomenal book.

**Annie:** Okay. I'm writing it down right now. *The Power of Place*.

**Micah:** *The Power Of Place*. Daniel Grothe, pastor at New Life Church out in Colorado. He was with Glenn Packiam and Andrew Arndt. Those guys are-

**Annie:** Gosh, how great is Glenn Packiam!

**Micah:** Oh my gosh, incredible. So Daniel wrote this book called *The Power of Place*, and it's all about St. Francis' vow of stability and just taking a vow of trying to die somewhere. And it was a revolutionary read for me. I thought, "Okay, if there was a place that I was going to try to die, where would it be?" And it would be Indianapolis.

So I dream about, you know... if you look through the scriptures, there's Jesus of Nazareth, and you look at the great Saints, there's Francis of Assisi, right?

**Annie:** Yeah.

**Micah:** And you can go on down the line. I just dream about what it would look like to be Micah of Indianapolis one day.

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** So that was Indianapolis. It broke our hearts and we wanted to be there.

**Annie:** You know, I'm going to New York. When people are hearing this, I'm in New York. I'm going to New York for a couple months, and people have said, Are you gonna stay there? And as far as I can see today, the thing I think about is no, I want to be known for being in Nashville and for helping Nashville flourish. I mean, scripture says, when the city you live in flourishes, you flourish.

**Micah:** That's Right.

**Annie:** I mean, Scripture's very clear. It's one of the reasons you want... I don't love all the cranes, but if my city's flourishing, I will too. So I feel the same way of like, No, I want one of my legacies if, I mean, preach the gospel, die and be forgotten is the truest thing. But also if I'm gonna have a legacy, I want to be part of Nashville flourishing. So I feel that too. Annie of Nashville feels who I want to be.

**Micah:** That's right. It's an embodied presence. Right?

**Annie:** Yeah.

**Micah:** There's a locality to it. I mean, that's why Jesus, they say, well, He didn't leave more than a hundred miles from where He was born. I think there's something to that of just being hyper-local. And I think that's what the beauty of the local church is. It is a place rooted in a place, right?

**Annie:** Yes. Yes. Let's talk about Steve Carter, speaking of mentors.

**Micah:** Oh, yeah.

**Annie:** Oh, man, when you note him, when you said, "My mentor says the thing beneath the thing," and I was like, back of the book, Steve Carter, I knew it. How did you find these men to invest in your life and to really say, I can call him my mentor, he's who disciples me or whatever? Like, how do you get them to do that? How was that relationship started both of these guys?

**Micah:** Oh my gosh, I wish I could take credit for that. But really it was just—and I'm not trying to be cliché—it was just Jesus, really. I mean, I was on an interview, this was February of 2019. I was a 21-year-old college student and I had been invited to apply for high school pastor position at Omega Church in the suburbs of Indianapolis.

So Riley and I go to this interview and I'm standing in a prayer circle before the service, and this guy takes my hand to the right of me and he says, "Hey, I'm Steve." And I look up and it's Steve Carter. And what Steve didn't know, but I told him later on, was my parents are church planters and pastors, and we grew up going to Willow Creek's Christmas services.

**Annie:** Oh, wow.

**Micah:** Because my parents were church planters, they had their own Christmas Eve service. Well, you know, Willow back in the day had like a bajillion Christmas Eve services. So we would go to Christmas Eve in Chicago on the 21st and watch Steve teach or whatever, and I was just in awe. Like I could not believe the way that that dude could communicate the gospels.

**Annie:** He is one of the best. Literally.

**Micah:** Oh, he's a wizard.

**Annie:** That's it. He is a wizard at the gospel if we're allowed to say that about somebody.

**Micah:** Yeah. I don't know if that's theologically sound.

**Annie:** Theologically that's terrible. But he is. I mean, he's unbelievable.

**Micah:** Yeah. So we are standing in this prayer circle and he introduces himself to me and I'm just like, "Oh my gosh, I can't believe I'm talking to one of my heroes." So for whatever reason, he ends up just taking an interest in me.

And for the next year, he started doing some guest teaching at our church. I was service hosting most weekends that he was there teaching. And I have no idea why it aligned that way. But every week that he would come in, I would be service hosting. It started out as just kind of this cordial relationship.

And then I remember one day vividly, I was doing a rehearsal before our 9:00 AM service, and he stopped the rehearsal while I'm on stage hosting and he completely throws me off because He knows that I had memorized a script-

**Annie:** Yeah, yeah, yeah. You were scripted.

**Micah:** ...and he wanted to see what I would do on the fly.

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** And I didn't know what he was doing at the time, but he told me later, he was like, "I just wanted to test you. I just wanted to see what you had." That was kind of the genesis of just this coaching relationship that started to develop more and more. And over the last couple of years, he's been such a gift. He's actually coming to Indianapolis the day after the book releases to do a book launch event with me.

**Annie:** Oh, I'm so glad. So for any of our Indie friends, they're hearing this on Friday. Wednesday is the book launch event.

**Micah:** October 18th. 7:00 PM.

**Annie:** Where is it?

**Micah:** At the Indianapolis Art Center.

**Annie:** Oh my gosh. Say it again.

**Micah:** In Broad Ripple.

**Annie:** Broad Ripple.

**Micah:** That's right.

**Annie:** Broad Ripple. So any of our Indie friends... I mean, is it like open? Anybody can come?

**Micah:** Yeah. There's a link. We can link to it in the show notes.

**Annie:** Yeah, we'll link in the show notes.

**Micah:** But there's just free tickets that you can reserve. It's a reserved event, but yeah. We're gonna have a conversation about the book.

**Annie:** That Sounds Fun friends are about to show up. Our Indie girls and guys. I'll tell you, Steve taught at Cross Point recently.

**Micah:** That's right.

**Annie:** I went to the 9:00 AM to be a part of my church, and I went and heard him again to watch him teach. He's a masterclass. And you just go like, How you wove that in and how you found that story and how you... and so he's a masterclass. I mean, he's unbelievably gifted in sharing the gospels. I just hate that he shares from Michigan. It's just tough. It's tough for me. It is tough for me.

You write about it in the book, but are you okay if we talk about your parents for a minute, and the story with them?

**Micah:** Absolutely.

**Annie:** They've written about it in their book too.

**Micah:** That's right.

**Annie:** You know what's interesting is a lot of our friends listening are your age and my age. So there are friends my age who also experienced their parents going through affairs. But there are also a lot of our friends listening who have been a part of affairs and they're wondering if their kids are gonna be okay. Whether they were the person who had the affair or the person who did not have the affair, that is your parents' story.

And you write really, honestly, Micah, in the book about your experience as the elementary-age kid, the preteen whose dad had an affair with his mom's best friend and left. Why are you still into Jesus after that, when he was a pastor, when church was the center of your lives? Why didn't you walk away?



**Micah:** I've been asked that question so many times. I mean, I've had the privilege... spoiler alert. For anyone listening who doesn't know my parents' story, they ended up miraculously reconciling and God used their story for good in so many beautiful ways. I mean, literally thousands upon thousands of marriages have been healed over the last 17 years that they've been able to share their story and travel and speak.

And for years growing up, I was the merch kid. You know, I would go around with them to their events and sell merch. And that would be the thing. People would walk out of those events and say, How are you here? What does that look like?

And what most people don't realize is that event happened when I was 10, and then another tragic event like that happened was a family that I was close to when I was 18. And it was just two figures in my life who were literally father figures to me. I mean, one was my dad, one was my godfather. It was just this realization of I have to choose who the savior of my life is.

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** Because up to that point, I had been putting these men on a pedestal, believing that they were the savior, that they were perfect. And the reality is none of us are perfect. So I think what shifted for me was I made the conscious decision that I could point the finger, I could blame cast, I could decide that these people were evil or they weren't who they said they were, or the church is hypocritical, or pastors are hypocritical. Like whatever we want to say X, Y, Z.

And that's not to demean anyone who has truly been hurt by the church, because I have, you probably have. We all have in some ways shape or form. But I had to decide, am I going to look at the spec in other people's eyes or am I gonna look at the log in my own eye?

And I had to realize I can see myself in those men if I'm being truly honest. Like, there is a part of me that could be and become that person. So really over the last 15 years, it's been a journey of not only forgiving them, but learning to pay attention to just the pitfalls and the trials and the struggles of what it looks like to follow Jesus in a really contested, fallen world.

**Annie:** Yeah. But you're like a teenager, Micah. Because I'm thinking about my friends whose husband had an affair and now they have a 10-year-old. What is she doing to help her son wrestle these conversations versus just hating their dad?

**Micah:** Sure. Well, I think it's important to note, and I say this in the book, I did hate my dad.

**Annie:** You did hate your dad.

**Micah:** And I said it.

**Annie:** You said it to his face.

**Micah:** I said it to his face. And that was a cathartic piece of healing for me. I had to be able to name how I was feeling in that moment. And I give my dad a lot of credit. I mean, he could have defended himself, he could have, you know, done whatever he wanted to to a 10-year-old in that moment. I mean, he had all of the authority and power in that relationship at that time. But he just took it and he received it. And he didn't try to combat it. He just let me lay into him.

And it wasn't like our relationship was, you know, all fine and dandy after that. It took years and years of work and healing. But I had to go through a process of grief and trying to relearn my new reality. That took time. I mean, there are so many... I wish we had the time to go through it, but I mean, years upon years of conversations, counseling that we had to do both individually and together as a family that allowed that healing to take place. And it was a slow process.

And I think for anyone listening, it's a scar that stays with you for the rest of your life. You know, the church that my parents planted where the affair took place just celebrated 20 years as a church two Sundays ago. And I had to watch that-

**Annie:** In the same town.

**Micah:** ...on a live stream. And there were people in the room who were a part of the original group of people who planted with my parents who are still there. And I have to sit there and reap the consequences of a decision that I didn't make. And I have to wrestle with that, you know? So it's not like it just goes away. It's a scar. But I've just learned-

**Annie:** Could you have gone?

**Micah:** To the service?

**Annie:** Yeah. Would they?

**Micah:** Oh, 100%. Their church, that church that my parents planted 20 years ago is financially supporting the sanctuary.

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** So talk about redemptive full-circle moments. I mean, their pastor's amazing. Their congregation is amazing. I have a great, great relationship with their leadership.

**Annie:** That's incredible.

**Micah:** Totally could have gone. But just the optics, right? Like I wanted it to be about them and not about our family.

**Annie:** That's right.

**Micah:** But that's just one small example of just, you know, we're 20 years in and there are still wounds that are coming up about what it looks like to navigate that.

**Annie:** I know. I think that a lot in the experiences we've had at our church of pastors leaving, and the ripples are just forever. You don't want them to be. You don't want them. And multiple churches I've been in where pastors have left for a reason or another, and you go, "I want this to be done now." And it's just not. But it gets lighter. I mean, time heals when it's... Time without God is not a very reliable healer, but with God time's a great healer. Does that feel true to you?

**Micah:** Yeah. I would add to that. I would just say union with God heals, you know? I mean, it's been-

**Annie:** That's good.

**Micah:** ...17 years of... and I have not been perfect. There have definitely been seasons where I have not faithfully walked with the Lord. But I would say by and large, for the last 17 years since that event took place in my life, that God has felt near. And I've tried my best to posture myself in a place to draw near to Him. He is the great healer. He is the only one who can redeem and restore and heal. So I've trusted Him.

**Annie:** And a mom, a dad, an Annie, a small group leader. None of us can do for children what God can do for children.

**Micah:** Right. Right. And I think that's the difficult part for parents because it is true that there is really no greater formative influence in the life of a child than a parent, humanly speaking. But we forget about the power of the Holy Spirit and the way that He can work. And I would say even just in my family, just to let people know, I'm the oldest of five now: Two blood siblings and two adopted siblings.

And I would say that for my two blood siblings, you know, we've all navigated that event in our life in very different ways. And we are in different places today spiritually, emotionally, mentally. So I don't know why I am where I am today. Like I said, I've just tried my best to posture myself in a place of proximity to Jesus and have trusted that He is who he says He is. And when other people fail me, He won't.

**Annie:** Yeah, that's beautiful.

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And now back to finish up our conversation with Micah.

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**Annie:** I think you being the oldest makes way for this book, *Trailblazers*. Like a little bit. I mean, even when you're talking about this, but you do this throughout the book, but when you're talking about stuff with your family, you're the one who would check on your brothers and then go tell your parents to quit fighting, and then you'd go back and soothe yourself and cry after you checked on your brother. So Trailblazing is a little bit in you, right?

**Micah:** Yeah.

**Annie:** I mean, you're a church planter, you're the oldest. But why does everyone else need this story? When you decided to sit down and write, and I'm gonna get you to tell that in a second, but when you decide to sit down and write, why *Trailblazers* as the title?

**Micah:** Really the genesis of the title came... this would've been November of 2019. I was six months into youth ministry and I was floundering. I was 21 years old. I had no idea what I was doing. Our youth ministry was growing like crazy as every other ministry was in 2019 before COVID hit. Right?

**Annie:** Yeah. Right.

**Micah:** That was certainly our story. And I was encouraged by another mentor of mine to take a vision day. And I'm like, "I have no idea what a vision day is. And he's like, "Just go get alone with God and see what He speaks to you."

I just started in the book of Genesis and just started reading and really I got to the story of Joseph and it's that, you know, the story of Joseph and his brothers being sold into slavery, and then his brothers come to Egypt to look for food. And Joseph has that line, I think it's Genesis 45:5, where he says, "You intended to harm me,

but God used it for good for the saving of many lives. God sent me ahead of you for the saving of many lives."

And it was that line that just captured me. And I was like, "*Trailblazers*." Like God sent Joseph to blaze a trail for his family who rejected him and tried to kill him, and then decided to sell him to slavery. God sent him ahead. And what if there is an invitation for all of us to blaze a trail in this life? Like, don't we want life to matter? Don't we want it to mean something?

And I think there is this, Steve Carter again, this holy discontent is what he calls it. I think there's this holy discontent in all of us that is awoken when we realize there's a dream on my heart that is impressed on my soul, and I need to live into it. That the fullest best expression of who I am is when I'm living fully into who God has called me to be. And that's what I believe it looks like to be a trailblazer.

**Annie:** And it includes your best days and your wounds and your worst days and your walkaways and your walk tour. I mean, without that, how can you do it?

**Micah:** Oh my gosh. A hundred percent. I mean, everyone thinks that life with Jesus, at least on the outside... and this is a generalization. I'm not saying this is everyone's story. But for the most part, people believe that life with Jesus is all about divine revelation. It's the mountain moving moments, it's the camp highs, or whatever you want to call it. If you're in the youth group subculture, like we all know what we're talking about when we say like, I met Jesus that night. Right?

**Annie:** Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

**Micah:** And those moments are real, and they're true and they're valid. But so much of life with Jesus is about day-to-day character formation. Eugene Peterson calls it a long obedience in the same direction.

**Annie:** I thought it was really interesting in the book when you really talk about like the core of a trailblazer is your character. Why is that?

**Micah:** I mean, the author, James Merritt, writes a book called *Character Still Counts*.

**Annie:** Jonathan's dad?

**Micah:** I believe so.

**Annie:** I love James Merritt. Great.

**Micah:** Character Still Counts, phenomenal book. And he has this line where He says, low character comes at a high cost.

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** And I think that is so true and so profound. That without a foundation of character, I mean, Jesus is teaching in Matthew 7, right? Whoever takes these words of mine puts them into practice is like the man who built his house on a rock. Like there's a firm foundation there that we are able to build on that will not weather when the storms of life come.

And if we don't have that in place, then when we are tempted to be someone we're not, or to do something that doesn't align with who God has actually called us to be, we'll give in. Right?

**Annie:** Yeah. Yeah.

**Micah:** And man, have we seen that play out, not just in Christianity, but just in culture in general. Right?

**Annie:** Right.

**Micah:** And it feels like the world is almost going crazy because we've lost our center. And I believe character and integrity is that center that we have to realign to.

**Annie:** I think people on the outside of your generation would look in to TikTok and blah, blah, blah and think that no one in their twenties cares about character.

**Micah:** Yeah. And I would just push back and say Asbury.

**Annie:** Yeah, right? Yes.

**Micah:** I was able to go down for a few days with a friend. I had a friend from Texas who actually flew in Indianapolis, and we drove down together to go experience Asbury together. And it was everything that you could have thought it would be.

I mean, it was these college kids with no frills and no lights and no smoke, adorning authentic praise to King Jesus for days and days and days on end. You know, there's always gonna be cultural narratives, but we see this all throughout scripture. There is this, you know, idea of a remnant that exists in every generation. And I believe that exists in Gen Z as well.

**Annie:** Yeah, I think so.

**Micah:** TikTok and Instagram and influencers, that's all real, and I'm sure that that is a big piece of who our generation is. But there's also remnants within our generation that is hungry and ready to go after Jesus. And I think people like Noah Herrin and a lot of these other church planters who are around the country are on the forefront of seeing revival take place in our land.

**Annie:** I am with you. I've been so impressed... I spend a lot more time with the women of your generation than the dudes. Right?

**Micah:** Sure.

**Annie:** But I know y'all, and I know, you know, Grant Skeldon and the crew that Grant gathers together. When I'm with that group of 20-somethings, I'm like, "Oh, this is unbelievable." There's a solidness, a cementness of your faith that was not true of me and my friends in our twenties. Does culture make you do that, do you think? I think it was easier to be culturally Christian 20 years ago than it is now.

**Micah:** Yeah. I was just talking with someone last night and they said they grew up in the nineties and in youth group subculture, and they were like, you know, in the days of Jars of Clay and DC Talk when they were hitting mainstream radio, and all the Christian youth group kids were like, Yes, we're mainstream.

And I think now we're starting to see kind of this boomerang effect where now kind of youth group subculture is what does it look like to be consecrated? What does it look like to be set apart? And I think that is the desire that we're starting to see.

Culture is not allowing us to become enmeshed. We have to choose. Are we going to follow the way of Jesus, or are we going to follow the way of the world? And that decision is coming to us, not when we're, you know, 40 and having a midlife crisis. It's coming to us at 15, 16, 17, 18. And we have to choose, is this the way of life that we're gonna live or not?

**Annie:** I mean, Micah, even in *Trailblazers*, you talk a lot about this. I'm gonna actually turn to the page. On page 88, I mean, you talk a lot about what you need to master in yourself. I just don't think anyone talked to me like this in my twenties. I don't think anyone talked to me in my twenties about like... but also we didn't have phones.

I didn't have to master my cell phone because it stayed in my car. And it was for emergencies. There were certainly other things, but things like mastering your phone and slowing down your life and... Talk about that. Talk about mastering your



phone. Because every one of us listening from 20 to 90 is struggling with how to do this.

**Micah:** Yeah. Yeah. I just had a beautiful conversation the other day with Jay Kim. Do you know Jay at all?

**Annie:** Yes, yes, yes.

**Micah:** So *Analog Christian, Analog Church*. And man, if you want to talk about someone who's mastered their phone-

**Annie:** I know. We're gonna have him next year. We're gonna have him next year. He's on our list.

**Micah:** He's phenomenal. And he would be the first to tell you, it's not like he's the guru of it, but he has written extensively about it. A lot of his practices or practices that I've adopted as well. Andy Crouch, John Mark Comer, those guys, they're leading the way in terms of what a slowed-down spirituality is. [inaudible 00:29:46] calls it 'looks like'. And mastering your phone is one of those, right?

**Annie:** Yeah.

**Micah:** So I would say, you know, what it looks like to master your phone is to put it in its proper place, to not allow it to rule you. And I think we have lost sight of just how formative the phone has become. I mean, it's literally tethered to us, right? How many times have you left your house, gotten halfway to where you were supposed to be, and been like, "I forgot my phone."

**Annie:** "I gotta go back."

**Micah:** "Gotta turn around and go get it." Right?

**Annie:** Yeah, that's right.

**Micah:** That to me-

**Annie:** I don't do that with my laptop.

**Micah:** That's right. I don't know if we do that with virtually anything else.

**Annie:** Anything else.

**Micah:** But it's a culturally accepted idol. I mean, that's what it is. When we're choosing something over everything else, that is what the scriptures would call an idol, right?

**Annie:** Yeah.

**Micah:** But it's so cultural commonplace that it's just like, "Oh yeah, go get it," or be on your phone for whatever. I did a teaching for some high school students back in the beginning of 2020 and had them all pull out their phones and share their screen time. And one girl pulled her phone up and had spent 11 hours that day on Instagram.

**Annie:** Wow. Wow. Wow.

**Micah:** And she was like, "Well, I'm an influencer. "It's my full-time job."

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** And I'm like, "I'm just curious of how that's forming you." Again, I'm not here to disregard your influence or whatever, but what does that do to a person over time when almost half the day, not even the waking hours, just the day in general is spent on a screen, on a platform with invisible people, right?

I think there's so many ways that the phone is shaping us, and I think in terms of mastering it, what it looks like, I mean, it's everything from Sabbath thing from your devices, right? Taking a day, a full 24 hours to just pause and put the devices down and to go out in nature, to read a book or whatever it may be.

It's—Andy Crouch, stealing this from him—parenting your phone. Putting it to bed before you go to bed and waking up before it wakes up. Turning off notifications. I mean, there's so many practical things that you can do to just allow the dopamine temptation to subside a bit. It doesn't mean that it goes away fully but I think that's what it looks like.

**Annie:** For our friends listening, will you spout off... I had Noah do this too. Will you spout off some young men that are your peers that are good examples that you think, man, I love following this guy. And some follows for our friends to follow and for them to say to their college-age sons or their college-age brothers, or the people they're mentoring, "Hey, here's some other good dudes that you could be following."

**Micah:** Gosh, I may not be as good at this as Noah, because he's like the Instagram social media king. I'm like, get on when I have to and jump off. So I'll try to name-

**Annie:** Well, you can just say who you like.

**Micah:** Yeah. Yeah, sure. I would say obviously Noah's on that list, Aaron Barnett, his wife, Hannah. They're in-

**Annie:** In Chicago.

**Micah:** In Chicago.

**Annie:** I think so highly of them.

**Micah:** I mean, they're doing great things.

**Annie:** They're doing great work.

**Micah:** Yeah. Grant Skeldon, as you mentioned-

**Annie:** I'm glad y'all bros, by the way. I'm glad you and the Barnett's are bros. I'm glad y'all like each other.

**Micah:** They're wonderful. Grant Skeldon doing stuff with Q. Another Nashville based, Ian Simpkins.

**Annie:** I don't know Ian Simpkins.

**Micah:** Oh my gosh. Lead pastor of The Bridge.

**Annie:** Oh, no. Uh-uh. Okay.

**Micah:** Annie-

**Annie:** Oh, I wish y'all could see his face. How dare you.

**Micah:** Once you jump on his Instagram page, you're gonna be like, Whoa, my life is not the same. He is just a well of... I say content not in a superficial way. Just deep, deep con... like things that you're just challenged with every single day. So Ian Simkins is a great, great follow. I mean, I'm sure I could think of more if I could. But like I said, I'm not really on Instagram unless I'm posting on Instagram.

**Annie:** Well, here's the compliment I have to you after that list. When I ask other people, they put you on the list.

**Micah:** Oh, that's cool.

**Annie:** And when I read this book, *Trailblazers*, when I read it, and knowing you, the depth of your study of scripture over the last decade of your life is just extraordinary. And the way you are able to quote books and quote scripture and know where things are tells me where your time is going. So what are you reading? Are you reading all the time?

**Micah:** I try to.

**Annie:** Yeah, I think so.

**Micah:** I really try to. I mean, I think knowledge is power. I think there's a beauty to being able to just learn. Really my desire to read stems from my apprenticeship to Jesus. And here's why Martin B. Copenhaver wrote a book called *Jesus Is The Question*. Revolutionary read. The subtitle of the book is *The 307 Questions Jesus Asked and the 3 He Answered*.

**Annie:** Dude.

**Micah:** So Copenhaver-

**Annie:** That's a baller subtitle.

**Micah:** Yeah, it is. Yeah, it is. So Copenhaver just dives deeply into the Gospels and just looks at all of the questions that Jesus asked and how little He answered them. His thesis is Jesus is curious. Jesus may be perhaps the most curious intellectual to ever live, and we as apprentices to Him, need to model that curiosity.

So my love for reading just stems from my curiosity. Right now I'm reading Timothy Keller's biography that Collin Hansen just released. Which I'm not a student of Tim Keller. I didn't really... I grew up in... I went to Christ Presbyterian Academy here in Nashville. So I grew up a little bit in the Presbyterian stream but wasn't a huge Tim Keller guy growing up. But man, that has been so formative. I've really, really enjoyed that book.

That's kind of what I'm digging into right now. I'm trying to think of some others that I would have top of mind. This past summer I read *Working The Angles*, Eugene Peterson, which is a phenomenal book.

**Annie:** I mean, anything Eugene Peterson-

**Micah:** Oh my gosh.

**Annie:** ...I'm gonna read.

**Micah:** Yeah, 100%. I read the *Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey, which again-

**Annie:** Man, you're pulling out some books, man.

**Micah:** First invitation to Philip Yancey changed my life. So I really, really enjoyed that. Maybe my like, I don't know, wild card read that I had this past summer was a book called *Daily Rituals*. Have you heard of it?

**Annie:** Uh-uh.

**Micah:** I don't remember who the author is. It is not a Christian book. But the author essentially takes like the... I don't remember how many people it is. Maybe a hundred or so of the greatest thinkers and artists and writers of the past like 500 years, and he studies their daily habits and what their daily habits looked like.

One, it's a fascinating read. Two, my takeaway from the book was, if you want to do something that people will remember forever, apart from Jesus, your life is going to be a mess. I mean, there was not one person in that book, and I'm telling you, Tesla, Einstein, whoever it is, you name it, the last 500 years, if they're a cultural person, they're in that book in their lives in some way, shape, or form, relationally, emotionally, mentally was a mess. And there was no-

**Annie:** Doesn't that make you feel better about us?

**Micah:** Yeah. I mean, not like that we're any better, but it was just this reminder of like-

**Annie:** I'm like, great, if I'm a mess, I'm right in line with the people doing the work I want to do.

**Micah:** A hundred percent. But when you talk about trailblazing, there's a purpose behind it. And not just a purpose, but a person. Right?

**Annie:** Yes.

**Micah:** We're not just blazing trails so that we can be the greatest influencer of all time or have the most Instagram followers ever. There is a person behind the purpose and it is Jesus of Nazareth. So I would just say that was the greatest differential that I took away from that read.

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And now back to finish up our conversation with Micah.

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**Annie:** Let's talk about your daily rituals, actually.

**Micah:** Sure.

**Annie:** Because I want you to teach me about how you read your Bible. What does it look like? Are you a morning guy? Are you an evening guy? Are you a...? Teach me about your spiritual discipline of reading scripture? Because you can only write this stuff and talk like this if you're reading the Bible.

**Micah:** I grew up in the stream of evangelical church where the quiet time was a thing. I mean, it was instilled to me from an early age. And so I just-

**Annie:** If we could just come up with another name for it.

**Micah:** I know.

**Annie:** It just won't ever take... Quiet time stuck.

**Micah:** Quiet time.

**Annie:** I just want a different name. But okay, work on that for the future

**Micah:** I mean, yeah. For as long as I could remember, it was like we were at the breakfast table reading our Bible. Again, that was probably something that was instilled in me, but it was never something that was forced onto me. Like, it wasn't like if I didn't bring my Bible, then my parents were like, You can't start your day now.

I think I just saw my parents model it as well. Like so many mornings that I'm waking up and I'm seeing them with their coffee with my dad, his piping hot coffee with my mom, her lukewarm coffee because she would never drink it reading their Bible on the couch. So that was modeled for me, and I would just say over years and years of doing that, I mean, I've continued to fall in love with the scriptures.

And there is so, so much that I do not know. And Man, I have a lifetime ahead of me to continue to learn about the life of Jesus and who He is.

But my daily quiet time is in the morning. It's the first thing I do when I wake up. I try to do that before I ever touch my phone or email or anything else. I've done the Bible in the year. I've done a deep dive of the Gospels. Right now my current routine is I'm reading through a psalm, a gospel chapter, and then an epistle.

**Annie:** Oh, cool.

**Micah:** So I'm just kind of going chapter by chapter. I usually do a Psalm a day. That's like a recurring thing. I think I get through it normally in like six months. And then, you know, read a chapter of the gospels and usually get through that in six months, and then a chapter of the epistles and get through that in however long.

**Annie:** Man, that is... I mean, just read the Bible, right? When people are like... the Sunday school answer is still the right answer. Read your Bible and pray.

**Micah:** Absolutely.

**Annie:** And go to church. That's it.

**Micah:** A hundred percent

**Annie:** I think this is a good place for us to also insert some honor for your parents. Because I love your mom and dad so much. Justin and Trish Davis. People can look up their work and read their books that have been so helpful. But even in y'all's story, I mean, the fact that in the same conversation we talk about their parents breaking up for a season and them both sitting and read the Bible. They're so honorable, both of them.

So will you talk a little bit about... I mean, here you are author, pastor, leader. Will you talk a little bit about how they set you up for that, even in their humanness?

**Micah:** Yeah. I mean, from the time I was born, my parents were pastors. So I, you know, was born in Sandusky, Ohio. My dad was a youth pastor of a really, really tiny youth ministry at a really tiny church. And within a year, the youth ministry had outgrown the church.

**Annie:** Wow.

**Micah:** And then they were onto the next youth ministry. And I think they did that for the first six years of my life. And then age seven is when they went and planted our first church 20 years ago. They did that until the affair took place. And then my dad was out of ministry for a season and then came on staff at Cross Point Church in Nashville for seven years.

So my parents were doing that local church ministry here in Nashville while also running their marriage ministry full time and going around the country and speaking. I think the biggest thing for me that I took through all of that... And then actually in 2015 they also planted another church. And they ran that for the last seven years. So I mean-

**Annie:** We did a tour date there. Do you remember?

**Micah:** That's right. Yes. Yes.

**Annie:** It was awesome.

**Micah:** You were there.

**Annie:** It's a beautiful place

**Micah:** So I say that to say this has been my life. And my mom even said to me the other day, we were just kind of reminiscing on the fact that, you know, the book is here and it's being released. And she was just like, you know, you've gotten your 10,000 hours in so much sooner than a lot of other people have.



**Annie:** That's true.

**Micah:** Because I'm dealing with all the insecurity that any author has around release. Like, is anyone gonna care about this? Is anyone gonna like this? And she was just encouraging me, like, "Hey, at the end of the day, like God has uniquely positioned you for, you know, what Mordecai says to Esther for such a time as this." So that was really encouraging.

But all that to say, I have seen them model something I'm fascinated with anytime that I get around any church leader or communicator, or influencer in the Christian world is, is who they are on the platform the same as who they are off? Because if they're not, I have learned the hard way that those are really difficult people to be in relationship with.

**Annie:** It's a ticking time bomb until what happens backstage shows up on stage.

**Micah:** Exactly. That is not the representation of Christ that I want people to have. And I 100% understand boundaries, and I 100% understand emotional intelligence and making sure that people are... You know, people aren't super humans and they can't be in all places at all times.

**Annie:** That's right.

**Micah:** So this is not me having-

**Annie:** You're not Anti-green room.

**Micah:** Exactly. Not having unrealistic expectations of people with great influence. But there is a responsibility and a weight to the pastorate. And that requires putting people first and being selfless and being loving and incarnating Christ to people. And I've seen my parents do that. And they haven't always done it perfectly. But I would say over the last, you know, 27 years of my life, the people that they are on stage are the people that they are at the dinner table for better and for worse. And people need to know that, right?

**Annie:** Yes.

**Micah:** There's parts of their personality that show up on stage that I see at the dinner table that we're like, we need to work on that. And the same is for me. Like we're all in process.

**Annie:** That's right. That's right.

**Micah:** But they've been consistent.

**Annie:** That's been my experience with them too. I find them to be very reliable pastors. Because you're like, "Man, that is who they are everywhere. I mean, you're different with your friends and your family, then you are on a stage, of course.

**Micah:** Of course.

**Annie:** But the core of the person is either the same or they're not the same.

**Micah:** Right.

**Annie:** It was one of the things that really shocked me when I moved here, and kind of started meeting people in certain industries of faith. And I was like, "Wait, wait, you're not here, you are on stage." But I also feel like that is some of the holiness y'all are calling us to. You and *Trailblazers*, something about Matt Redman, that just talked to us about his album, the holiness you're calling us to is literally integrity. Be the same person everywhere.

**Micah:** Right.

**Annie:** And I think that is how we get to lead is if you're the same person everywhere.

**Micah:** That's right. And it doesn't mean being a perfect person everywhere. We can't be perfect, right?

**Annie:** Yes.

**Micah:** That is an unrealistic expectation. But admitting faults, naming limitations, all of those things, and just naming where you're at and not trying to be someone you're not. I am the first to admit that that is not something that I've mastered or figured out or anything like that. I'm in process just as anyone else's. And I think that's really important. If I can speak to that for a second.

**Annie:** Yes, please.

**Micah:** If there's anything that I can tell people about *Trailblazers* and why I wrote it, and I say this in the book, I am not the hero of the story. I'm the guide, right? Heroes provide answers, guides ask questions. So that's what I attempt to do. What is your God's purpose for your life? What is the holy discontent within you? What is it that God has called you to? Question. Question. Question. But at the end of the day, you

need to know, listener, wherever you are, Jesus is the hero of this story, I am the guide. And that is it.

**Annie:** Oh, it's beautiful. You're right. I mean, it feels that when you read it. I don't feel like you've postured yourself as the hero.

I would like you to, as we're wrapping up here, you're 27 and you're telling us how to find God's purpose for your life. Have you found it?

**Micah:** Oh, have I found it? I think that's another really unique aspect of this book, Annie, I'm living this in real-time. And that has probably been the most disorienting part of the publishing process. There was a part of me... And again, this is just in complete transparency and all of my fallenness that I was just like, "Once I write the book, I will be able to kind of, you know, wipe my hands of that and move on and live my life." That was that season of life, and here we go.

But for whatever reason, this message feels like it's an invitation. It was not written to you, the reader, it was written for us as human beings. And I truly believe it's a message that is going to live with us for the rest of our lives, not because of the content within it, but because of the invitation that exists within it.

So the invitation for me was to step off the ledge and to plant a church and to go for it and to blaze this new trail. And I'm telling you this, two and a half weeks out for my launch. So I don't even have a clue of what's in front of me. And all of the pitfalls and potential downfalls that I write about in *Trailblazers*, all of those have reared its ugly head in my life in the last couple of months: insecurity, doubt, fear-

**Annie:** Ain't brutal?

**Micah:** And I have in the most non-egotistical way possible have had to kind of take my own medicine. I wrote that, so I need to believe that. And that is who I am telling people God is so I need to trust that that is who He is.

So have I discovered God's purpose for my life? I think yes. I think I firmly believe that God has called me to preach, teach, and write. I feel like that is my vocational calling and who He's called me to be. But have I discovered who God has called me to be? Never. Like, I don't know if we'll ever fully discover who He's called us to be on this side of heaven.

So that's just a day-to-day invitation that I'm learning to just say yes to and trusting that He's going to continually for me. Spiritual formation is an ongoing process. So doing my best to just say yes each and every day.

**Annie:** The joy of having you on the weekend before the book comes out is all the preorder stuff is still available, and they'll hit order and it'll ship. So it's like the kind of the cheat code of preorder. So if they go to... is it your website where all the preorder stuff is?

**Micah:** Yeah. [Micahedavis.com/trailblazers](http://Micahedavis.com/trailblazers).

**Annie:** Okay, great. And you can get a leader's guide or a discussion guide. So you can walk a group through this, which I think is brilliant.

**Micah:** Yeah. The first you get the first chapter, you get a discussion guide, which I'm actually filming video content for-

**Annie:** Oh, go.

**Micah:** ...to go along with that group study guide.

**Annie:** Brilliant.

**Micah:** That will be coming. If you download the group study guide, you'll get the link for it. And then a bonus Bible study as well: Five unknown Trailblazers in the Scriptures talking about Bible study people you've never heard of-

**Annie:** What? I'm gonna preorder today. I have not pre-ordered. I'm sorry to tell you, I will do it today so I get that.

**Micah:** So just five people in the Scriptures who are super obscure, who left lasting legacies that once you read their stories, you're gonna be like, those people-

**Annie:** Oh my gosh. Oh my gosh. That is so exciting. Oh my gosh, I want that so bad. I'm gonna get it today. I want it so bad.

**Micah:** Perfect.

**Annie:** What a great idea. What a great thing for you to dig out a scripture. Well done. I don't even know how I'm gonna ask you there. I just didn't get to go get it. I cannot wait. That's really fun. Okay, Micah, is there anything we didn't say that you won't make sure we say?

**Micah:** Yeah. I guess I'd add if you read *Trailblazers*, and you want to swim into deeper water, I have a teaching on The Sanctuary Gatherings Podcast called *The True and False Self*, an introduction.

- Annie:** Oh, wow.
- Micah:** That's sort of like level two to all of this and that's kind of what I've been swimming in now. So once you know what you've been called to, how do you discern between what's God and what's your desire? And what's your ambition? Or what's your ego? So if you're interested in going deeper, after reading the book, I would just point you to that teaching.
- Annie:** We'll link to all that. So preorder the book, get your devo. The five people, I'm dying to know who that is. You got me on the edge of my seat. And then the discussion guide so you can lead a group through. And then after you're done reading, there's a video, a teaching to watch.
- Micah:** Yeah.
- Annie:** Well done, Micah.
- Micah:** Thank you.
- Annie:** Thank you for resourcing us that well. My gosh. All that is free.
- Micah:** That's right.
- Annie:** That is a lot of free content with the purchase of a Trailblazer. So thank you. That's really generous. Thank you for doing this. I just love you and your family. And I'm so grateful that we are still in relationship and get to celebrate like this.
- Micah:** Oh my gosh, I have to say this. I've known you since I was 14. I never could have dreamed, ever could have dreamed that I would be sitting in this room having this conversation with you. So thank you for believing in me. Thank you for believing in this message. Thank you for believing in our generation. And not just me, but I know that you sit in roundtables and in rooms with Gen Z all over the country all the time. And we are better because of you. So thank you for your contribution to the kingdom.
- Annie:** I do. I do love the next generation. I do want to make sure at some point the thing we want to be known for the most is who did we help grow, not how did we grow. So anything I can do. You know that. But anything I can do.
- Okay, the last question we always ask. Micah Davis, because the show is called That Sounds Fun, tell me what sounds fun to you.
- Micah:** Christmas 2023 sounds fun.

**Annie:** Okay. Tell me why.

**Micah:** Here's why. We will have just finished a 12-week run as a brand new church community.

**Annie:** So you'll be able to take a breath.

**Micah:** I'm teaching nine of those 12 weeks. Plus *Trailblazers* will be a little more than two months old at that point and all that's coming with that. So Christmas 2023 sounds fun. I'll be tired. But I always take the last week of the year off. So it will be such a gift to be able to just be present with Riley and our family and to just look back on all of the beautiful things that God has done this past year and really just honoring our yes to the trail that He's called us to blaze.

**Annie:** Christmas movie that you've got to watch.

**Micah:** Home Alone.

**Annie:** Great answer. So fast. Great answer. Christmas song that's like your go-to? Do you have one that you love?

**Micah:** Oh, man. No. Riley puts it on like the day after Halloween. I wanted-

**Annie:** My girl.

**Micah:** ...to tear my ears off. I just am kind of like anything Justin Bieber I listen to honestly. He's my guy. So that is the most Gen Z thing I'll probably have said today.

**Annie:** So good. I feel the same. If he wants to come on the podcast, he's very welcome.

**Micah:** Come on.

**Annie:** He's very welcome. Have you seen all the pictures people are posting all the memes of how him and Haley are never dressed like they're going to the same event?

**Micah:** 100%.

**Annie:** They made me laugh so hard because he's in sweats and she's in like a small red dress-

**Micah:** They're one of a kind.

**Annie:** They're just hysterical. Thanks, friends. I cannot wait for people to get to read this book this week. I'm grateful for you.

**Micah:** Thank you.

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**Outro:** Oh, you guys, isn't he awesome? I know. He's so brilliant. Listen, if you live in Indianapolis and you are looking for a church, look Micah up. This is where you want to try. And go pre-order your copy of *Trailblazers* right now. Be sure you follow Mike on social media, tell him thanks so much for being on the show.

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I think that's it for me today, friends. Go out or stay home and do something that sounds fun to you. I will do the same. Today, what sounds fun to me... I don't know you guys. I think I'm gonna go on a walk in Central Park or something. I could do that. I live here.

All right, y'all have a great weekend. We'll see you back here on Monday as we continue our Build Your Board series, talking about whose board you are on. Who are you pouring into? You're going to hear my friend Becca who I disciple and you'll hear from Harley as well who Becca discipled. I think you are really going to love this conversation and learn a lot. I know I did.

And over the weekend, this may be a great time for you to catch up in your guidebook for you to read through some of our thoughts, answer some of the journaling questions, maybe flip to the back and start taking that quiz. And if you haven't gotten your guidebook, you can go to [AnnieFDowns.com/buildyourboard](http://AnnieFDowns.com/buildyourboard), print it out, get it ready to go. Catch up from this week and get ready to jump in with us on Monday. So y'all have a great weekend. And we'll see you back here on Monday morning.