



Welcome to God's Faithful Pursuit, a podcast ministry of Family Church in Port Charlotte, Florida. My name is Shannon Bishop. I am a wife, a mother, a writer, but most importantly, a follower of Jesus who loves to share stories of what God has done in the lives of others. So come with me as we explore the beauty of God's faithful pursuit.

Hello and welcome back to God's Faithful Pursuit. I'm so excited to have you here today, and I have a special guest with me. Her name is Violet Lastovskiy. Violet, say hello. Hello.

Hi. So, Violet is a young adult here at our church. That's how we know her from our young adults' group. And she actually is an intern for the youth and young adult ministry. So, we're very happy to have her.

Very happy to be here. Yay. What's in your cup? What you drinking? I am drinking a caramel vanilla iced latte.

Whoa. Yeah. So homemade though. Yes. That's impressive.

Yeah, I had a great time making it this morning. I was just trying to do something fun. Yeah. And it's good. Yeah.

So you think you're like a barista in your own house? Absolutely. Yeah. Do you have like a coffee corner? I do; I do.

We're working on it actually right now. Oh, I love that. Putting up some shelves, making it look nice. Because isn't your dad like a carpenter man? Yes, he is.

That's so cool. Okay, so tell us just a little bit about yourself. You live here in Florida, but you are from where again? Well, originally, I'm from Sacramento, but then I was in Washington. Okay.

For about seven years. And then moved to Florida for four years ago. Okay. And you're here with your big old family. Yes, my big old family.

There's eight of us. Yes. And you're the oldest of all the siblings. Wow. But they're like younger than you.

Like, you're the only one that's a grown up. My brother, he's a year younger than me. Oh, that's right, your brother. Silly me. Our birthdays are on the same day.

Fun fact. What? So, it's pretty fun. How do you do that? I don't know.

Ask my mom. So, do you have one cake, or do you each get your own cake? We always get our own cake. Okay. That's the one thing I do request.

Should hope so. Yeah. We both have different tastes and so I'm like, mom, at least give me a cake. You know, if you couldn't give me my own day. No, I don't think that's her fault.

I think maybe it's Your brother's fault. He did. From the womb. He was meant to annoy you. Absolutely.

But it's fun because we get to celebrate with all our friends. We have the same friends. So, every year we just do a big thing because it's the day before fourth of July. That works out. I expect to be invited next year.

You will. Okay, good. Yeah. All right, so we're here today to talk about our young adult's retreat that we just did over the weekend. It was fabulous.

It was amazing. It was awesome. We loved it. So, Pastor Jason is my husband, and he wrote a study guide for this retreat. And it's almost a hundred pages, you guys.

Yeah, it's crazy. One so detailed. Hundred pages. He spent so much time in prayer on this guide, and it was all about walking in the spirit. So, we are.

So, it's about the Holy Spirit and that's like a huge, you know, thing. Like, it's not one of those things that you can just be like, oh, I'm just doing this little study about, you know, kindness. It's like the Holy Spirit. So he. He took that very seriously.

And you can tell by his hundred-page guide there. Didn't he have to condense it? Probably, yeah, because he definitely. And I'm sorry if you hear pages flipping in the background. I just, I wanted to be able to share just a little bit about like the sections that he wrote.

So he did section one, who is the Holy Spirit? And we went all through that, all biblical, you know, everything. Section two, how to have a theological conversation with those who disagree. That's a good one. Yeah.

There's huge debate on Holy Spirit related things. You know, some churches won't even really talk much about the Holy Spirit. I remember a friend of mine who at her church, she said, we just don't talk a lot about the Holy Spirit because we feel like the Bible doesn't give us enough about him and we never want to say anything wrong. I thought that was so interesting because especially after this guide, I feel like the last couple pages are just Bible passages about the Holy Spirit, right? Yeah.

He gives a whole index of all the things and so maybe I should send this to my friend. Okay. And then section three, how to study the Bible inductively. So just basic stuff, but very important. Section four, how the Holy Spirit transforms and indwells the believer.

I love that. Is that when we talked about Peter the whole time? Yeah, we did. Yeah. I guess he went.

He felt led by the Holy Spirit to go off, you know, book for a minute off his book. Onto the book and just look at Peter's life before and after the Holy Spirit indwelled him. So that was really good. Section five, how the Holy Spirit empowers with fruits and gifts, which again, is amazing and wonderful. And section six, how a believer surrenders to the Holy Spirit.

And then, of course, the appendix where it has every mention of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testament. Yeah. When I saw that, I was like, oh, my goodness. Yeah. So if you see Pastor Jason, just, you know, give him a little handshake or a little fist bump and be like, nicely done.

But all glory to God. Of course. Absolutely. But, you know, just to let him know you appreciate him. I'm sure he would love it because he worked so hard.

And then what's so interesting about him? Let's just talk about Pastor Jason for a minute. Yeah, let's do it. Where did he sleep at the retreat? The living room.

On a cot. On a cot in the living room. Because this is year two of him doing that. Year two of him doing that. By the way, last year, I think he was on an air mattress that deflated halfway through the night.

So he was on, like, practically the tile. But I asked him, I was like, Jason, why don't you make sure? Because you are the pastor, like, you deserve to have a bedroom. You at least get a bed. And he's like, no, this is their retreat.

This is not a retreat for me. And so, I want them to get the full experience. I will happily take a cot in the living room. And so, I mean, that just shows you his heart. But, I mean, we're not spring chickens anymore, so I do kind of wish him next year.

I'm hoping to. We're going have to make sure of it. Yeah, yeah. Because I mean, with his neck problems, this man needs to be on a bed, not a cop. Yeah.

We all asked to have him switch over, but he was so adamant about staying in the living room to where it didn't feel like we could argue there. Right. Well. And part of me wonders if he wants to keep an eye on you guys. Probably because it's right in the middle of everything.

He's like, I'm gonna be right here to make sure there's no funny business. We also feel really bad if we're loud after a certain time, so we all just naturally go to bed. Yeah. At, you know, 2 o'clock in the morning sometimes. Yeah.

On a good day. Yeah. I think he said at one point he was trying to sleep, and I think he remembers you being like, guys, Pastor Jason sleeping. And you, like, came in and turned off the living room light and made sure everything was good there. But that was really funny because some people just showed up at like 12:30 after going to Wawa and making a bunch of noise.

And I was like, come on. Oh, man. Yeah. But it was a wonderful time. It was from a Thursday all the way to a Monday, so it was long.

I was not there Thursday night. I came Friday morning after dropping off the girls to school. But it really was wonderful. And I got a bed. I got a bed with a friend in the girl's pool house.

But it did feel like a retreat for me because it was just that time kind of like away from the kids and I got to just have fun. And I felt like I was in college again, staying up till two in the morning playing. Yeah, we had some really good conversations. We did. So, it was wonderful.

But what we wanted to do was kind of come on here and just share what stood out to us. I know that'll bless Jason if he, if he can hear that it really meant something. And I mean, he knows it did, but I think when he hears it, he's just so blessed by that. So, my first question for you is, what was your favorite part about the retreat? That's a really hard question because it was all so amazing, but just the fact that we had a few days.

This wasn't just like a day or two. We had like three, four days to just spend time with like our best friends. Yeah. Talking about topics that we usually don't talk about. I think it was really helpful for us to specifically talk about the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, because some people have different views on it.

But what was so amazing was that one of the sessions, I think one of the first sessions, Pastor Jason made sure to do a dedicated, like, two-hour study on how to properly talk to each other and have those conversations. Yeah. When there's disagreements. Yes. I think every person that I've spoken to has brought up that session because it was in the back of her mind every time, we would have a conversation.

I know I had a few conversations where I was just like, okay, our logic isn't going to cut it at this point. We need to open Scripture. And that was one of the first points that we had there was ask clarifying questions and then open the Bible. There you go. Because we sometimes use the Bible as a last resort.

If our own logic and, you know, arguments don't work out right, then we get to Scripture and we're just like, okay, let's see what it says. Yeah. It needs to be the first thing we do. Yes, I agree. And I love how he.

I'm, like, trying to find it. But you said part of it, how he had, like, a little structure for. When you're talking to someone that maybe doesn't see eye to eye with you, it's like, ask them what they think and then ask clarifying questions. Right? Yeah.

Ask what? Or restate. Restate their question. Yeah. Okay.

I think it was asked. Restate, like, what they said to make sure that you are understanding what they said and ask any clarifying questions that you have, and then ask them if you can share what you believe. And so that way you're kind of, you know, being super respectful of them and just having that humble heart. You're being a good listener, and you're making sure that you guys are both understanding. And I think the number one thing that we all need to remember is that no one on this earth has 100% perfect theology.

That was going to be my next point. We're all flawed in some way. Even if we really think we've got it, we can get to heaven and be like, oh, wow, I was wrong about that. But when it's not a salvation issue, we don't need to get wrapped around the axle. We don't need to fight about these things.

I mean, we don't need to be fighting anyways. But you know what I mean, if it's one of those things where it's just like, okay, we're gonna agree to disagree, and that's okay. And I still love you. Yeah. About the love part, we forget to do that a lot with our brothers and sisters that don't have the same exact opinion as us because we assume that they are, in a way, less than, because they don't understand the way we do.

Right. And so, one of the things that the guide says, I'm reading right out of it, it says, love and respect must be the foundation of every conversation. Ask yourself, how can I love my sister in Christ as we discuss these differences? Yes, yes, do all things with love. Because otherwise it just ends up being an argument or a point of dissension, which we do not want.

And that's what the enemy wants. He wants to divide the body of Christ. Yeah. Ephesians 4:29 is our word should build up, not tear down. Yes.

And that was the verse. I kept coming back to this whole retreat because once again, we had a lot of disagreements, but not unhealthy ones. It was just, oh, I see it this way. You see it this way. Let's open the Bible and talk about it.

I don't think we've had a single negative conversation at retreat. Genuinely. Everyone was so loving, and I've talked to so many people, and I'm like, okay, what'd you think? What'd you think? Everyone said?

I loved how we were able to have these conversations with an open mind because we were prepared to do that. Yes, exactly. It really was so healthy. That's a good word for it. It was health.

Very healthy. Maybe not some of the food, but the rest of it. I was just gonna say maybe not the food, but we did do pickleball. Yes. We did do some somersaults in the pool.

Yes. We have some cool 360 videos. Yep. Got some good vitamin D from the sunshine. Yeah.

I got some color on my face. Mm. So that was wonderful. Yep. Pastor Jason is.

Was a lobster. Pickleball was amazing. Me and Pastor Jim are year two of being undefeated. That's right. So that was a highlight.

Pastor Jim and Shirley. Yeah, they always come, and they visit on one afternoon, and so they came and sat in on a session and then played pickleball. And so that's good. You and him make a good pickleball team. Yeah, I was having the best time.

It was like 100 degrees outside. We were kind of dying. Yeah. But we got the job done. That's right.

And then you got in the pool in the cool off. Yeah. So, what was your biggest takeaway, you would say? I mean, I feel like we talked a little bit about that. I mean, that was your favorite part.

I don't know. Would that be your biggest takeaway? I had a lot of takeaways. Mm. If you guys are here, you'd see my notes app and how much is in here right now?

Yeah. But what I really loved was the first session. Pastor Jason asked all of us to write down a prayer of how we wanted just a prayer request we had. And one of mine was I wanted to learn about parts of the Holy Spirit that I haven't learned about before. And I wanted certain things to be revealed to me that I haven't actually tried to study.

And so that prayer was definitely answered because one of the takeaways was, we can only know the mind of Christ through the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is the only one who knows the mind of Christ. I always assumed that everything I found out about Jesus was my own revelation because of my own work that I did to study him. And, like, your knowledge or whatever, my knowledge, my logic, the sermons I would listen to. But then the conclusion I came to was, no, that's actually the Holy Spirit revealing these things to me. Right.

It is not what I'm doing at all. Yeah. So that in itself is a gift that we get to know who Jesus is through the Holy Spirit. He's, our helper. He guides us.

Yeah. So, it's. It's not us. I think that's where I left. And I was talking to some people in the car on the way back home, and I was like, I feel like I had it wrong this whole time.

Wow. But God revealed through His Holy Spirit. Yeah. No, that's. That's awesome.

And that gives all him the glory. All Him. All glory to. All glory. Yep.

To him be the glory. Yeah. Because otherwise it's us doing all the work. It's. It's all coming from us.

And we, you know, and that's not how it was meant to be. Yeah, absolutely. And I think any disagreement or different opinion that someone has on just faith in general, we can all come to the same conclusion that God is sovereign, and it is his work, not ours. Yes, it is by grace we're saved. It's through the Holy Spirit revealing to us that we get to know who Jesus is.

The only way that we are growing spiritually in sanctification is through the Holy Spirit. It is not our own doing. And so that point was driven home this entire retreat. And I've spoken to pretty much everyone there, and everyone has, like, a similar conclusion that it's not us, it's Jesus. Which makes us so much more thankful that we are believers because our life has completely transformed because the Holy Spirit, even if we didn't know that much about him, he's still working, right?

Exactly. He's constantly working. He's Christ in us. I think the whole concept of your body is a temple has just been renewed. Also, like, when you really realize who the Holy Spirit is, that he is God and He is in me, and he is the only thing good in me.

Without him, there would be nothing good in me. And so, everything I do that is good comes from him. And anything I learn from the Bible comes from him. He's our teacher, he's our advocate. He's so many things.

And so, yeah, it just gives you this gratefulness and thankfulness for the Holy Spirit when you truly realize these things. But, yeah, I had written down a prayer that was really specific, actually, because he said to write down a prayer of what you're hoping to get from this retreat or what you're hoping to learn about the Holy Spirit or whatever it may be. And mine was actually like a prayer request for me because I, you know, have a tendency to joke around and sometimes say things, and my tongue gets me in trouble all the time. And as a pastor's wife, as I'm growing and maturing, I'm realizing it is not becoming of a pastor's wife to. To joke sometimes the way that I joke.

Like, especially with certain people, we will not say names. We will not mention names. But there are some people that kind of draw out the immaturity in me, and I just go for it, and it's like. And that's my flesh. And so, my prayer was, holy Spirit, please help me put a binder or

whatever on my tongue and just let me speak words that are uplifting and that point people to you and help me not to give in to immature joking or coarse whatever.

And it's not like I have a potty mouth or anything. It's not like that. It's just like, you know, the office that show, like, there's lines, there's just funny, random things. But it's like, as you get older and as you, you know, the Holy Spirit purifies you and sanctification, all that, you just sort of realize, I got to put that stuff away. And so, I had just asked the Lord to help me do that.

And, yes, it's funny, because we talked about that, and the question even was brought up, you know, what would you classify as coarse joking or this sort of thing? And so, yeah, I just had a big moment, like, okay, and there's other people here having this moment, too. And now we can hold each other accountable. Instead of me just fighting the battle and trying to be better now, everybody else in that room was taught the same thing. And so, it's like we can all hold each other accountable.

And I think when you are a young adult and you're, like, fresh from being a teenager, but you're not quite, you know, like the seasoned older person, you are kind of in that. That stage where, you know, you have jokes and you do things and you tear each other down, like, the guys especially tear each other down, but that's like friendship to them. Yeah, that is them showing love. Right? Endearment, actually.

But it's like, you know, it's good to start moving past that. And so, I think it was. It was really good. So the Lord definitely answered my prayer through this study, and I. And I feel I'm already seeing the blessings from that.

So. So that was really good. One of the first things I think we talked about was conviction and what the Holy Spirit does. And one of the things that Pastor Jason said that I loved was convictions are a blessing because it shows who you truly belong to. And I was like, okay, wow.

Because sometimes I feel like you can feel shame for a lot of things you do, but that is just the Holy Spirit giving you an option to do better. Yeah, He's. He's showing you how to be better and to be more like Christ. Yeah, for sure. Which is sanctification, because I don't think there is sanctification without conviction, because once again, it's not of us, it's of Jesus.

Yeah, no, I completely agree. You have to be convicted of your behavior in order to have that opportunity to make the right choice and be sanctified. It shows us that there is assurance of our salvation as well, which I loved, because sometimes we are. We will have our doubts eventually. I think every Christian comes to a point where they're just like, is Jesus real?

Right. Am I going to heaven? I feel like a terrible person. Yeah. But I think if you're feeling that way, but you're seeing where.

Where God is opening himself up to you, that is already. Right. Well, and. And people who aren't saved don't feel conviction about things the way that you would if this. The Holy Spirit was in you.

Yeah. It's just a whole different thing. And so, you know, sometimes if people are like, I don't know if I'm saved. Well, the fact that you're worried about it probably means that the Holy Spirit is speaking to you about something. Pastor Jason also kept saying that every time we feel conviction, or you feel temptation, it's an opportunity to praise the Lord that he's given us the way out and to just thank him that we're able to have a way out of this.

Right, exactly. So it should be our first response, thank you, Jesus. That you've already given me the opportunity to get out of this. Yes, yes. Through Christ.

I mean, he's the way out. And I think that's so true. To just thank him. So, the next time you're having a moment where you're having temptation or whatever the problem is, you can just be like, okay, thank you, Lord. You're showing me that you're there for me, and all I have to do is cry out to you.

But so, what would you say? Because, you know the podcast is God's faithful pursuit. How would you say we see that in the Holy Spirit, he's very consistent with us, I think. Yeah. I see it in my life is I already know ahead of time if I'm about to do something, if this is going to be God honoring or not.

And that's just the Lord being faithful in his promises that he will help us to be more like him, because that's the goal. We're never going to be fully like him on this earth. In heaven, we will. But there are things that we can do to be more like him here. And he convicts us.

I think that's where I see faithfully. Every single day, every single time we sin. It's in her. He's in our head. Yeah.

Telling us, yes, no. Mm. Do this, don't do this. Mm. Say this, don't say that.

Right. And it's like, we can be a slave to our flesh, or we can be a slave to the Holy Spirit. And I know slave, that word is like a bad connotation in the servant. A servant. There we go.

But, like, to the world, it's bad, but it's like, I would much rather be a slave to Christ than anything in this world, because all of that is empty and just leads to sorrow. Whereas a slave to Christ is like. It leads to life and joy. That is one of the fruits of the Spirit. I think during testimony night, we had some people share that they've experienced so much joy in trials because of the Holy Spirit helping them get through it, which to me was just, wow.

Also, testimony night. Oh, yeah. We didn't even talk about it. I'm in tears. It was so good.

Because that's where we saw practically how the Holy Spirit transformed everybody there. Yeah, well, and we got a double whammy as the girls because we got to have girl testimony time in the pool house before full group testimony time. So, we had that time, which was amazing. And then we headed over to the big house, and all of us did testimonies together. I mean, not everybody said stuff.

Otherwise, we would have never gone to bed that night. Probably not. It was probably just a handful. But it was all very impactful. And I just love.

I love hearing people's stories of what God has done in their life, which is literally why I even have a podcast in the first place, because I believe there is so much power in sharing what God has done in your life because you can share the gospel, and that's amazing, and it's important. But sometimes it's hearing what God has actually done in your personal life that will help someone connect those dots and be like, oh, wow, I need that in my life.

Absolutely. I think during the girl's testimony time, one of the girls was sharing how one of the ways she started getting to know more about the Lord was through testimonies that kept popping up on her phone and YouTube. Yeah.

Because to her, she was searching for something that she couldn't explain. But then when people are talking about their experience with Christ, she's like, I want that. Yeah. And so I think that whenever we share our testimony, it's one of those things that really can convict someone. And I know I was convicted for a couple testimonies.

I'm like, I know I struggle with this too. I struggle with this too. But seeing how God is redeeming certain people, it's wild. It is. And it's so amazing.

And it's so. Every person's testimony is so unique, even if it starts off with that same sentence. Well, I was raised in a Christian home. You know, we have so many like that, but every person is different. Every person is unique, and God pursues each one in a different way.

And I just love hearing those stories. So that was also a big highlight of the retreat. I was actually going to go home before testimonies because I felt bad. I was like, I need to go home to the kids, blah, blah. And then Jason said, because we're having that girl testimony time, I need you to stay and facilitate, call the kids and see how they're doing.

And so when I called them, my daughter Ella was like, yeah, mom, we're doing really good. Like, we have a system worked out. Like, I take care of Bethany, you know, at night, and Addie takes care of her in the morning. And then, you know, it was just like they just had this

whole thing worked out. And again, that's the work of the Holy Spirit, like calming that place down and like giving them love and grace for each other.

And so I was just so blessed to be able to stay, you know, that extra night, be there for all of that, knowing my kids were fine. So, yeah, it was a really wonderful time. So, what else? Any other things that you feel like final thoughts or anything else we want to share? Did we talk about application already?

Like, how is this? How are you applying what you learned in your day-to-day life? Now, we might have touched on it, but we can definitely speak on it more. Yeah, I think I'm a lot more aware now of my convictions. Yeah.

Because sometimes I find myself just pushing them down, not really paying attention to certain things because logically it doesn't make sense. But if I'm feeling a certain way about something, it might not be a sin, but it's damaging my relationship with the Lord. I have to pay attention to that. Yeah. And so that's something I've been working on, is just opening my eyes to where I can be more like Jesus.

And certain things might not be an issue for some people, might be an issue for me, and vice versa. Right. And so just. Yeah, like, just walking in the spirit. I think as we go about our day, sometimes we don't realize that we are just truly walking in the flesh because we're not even thinking about him or what he would do and.

Or exuding his characteristics. But when you start the day and you say, okay, Lord, help me to walk in your spirit today, let everything I do just illuminate you and your love. One thing Pastor Jason said, and I never really thought about it this way, was when scripture talks about the fruit of the spirit, it's not plural. So, every one of those things listed, I think it's in Galatians, is something we need to show as a believer. We can't just pick one.

Whether that's love, joy or peace, we can't do that. We have to work on all of them. And obviously that's impossible to do at the same time, which is why we have a helper. Yeah. Holy Spirit.

But I was like, okay, wow. Because sometimes I hear this thing where people are like, so this is my gift, and this is my personal one and I'm not going to pay attention to anything else. I've decided that I want to be whatever, and that might not be what God has for you. And so, you're talking about gifts now too. Yeah, yeah.

It's like there's the fruit, the fruit of the spirit, which, yeah, a lot of times will be like the fruits of the spirit. And it actually is just fruit of the spirit, even though there's a list of a bunch of them. And so, yeah, that was an interesting point where it's like, it's. It's like one big giant

fruit when you're. Because, yeah, they're all connected to each other, but it all stems from love.

And love being that first one because when you, you have love, you have all these other ones. And. And then there's also the gifts of the spirit, which is like. That was a whole nother thing that we talked about. It'.

There's just so much. We could actually have a really, like a three-part series on this whole thing. Well, and of course. It would be nice to have Pastor Jason. Let's do it.

So, yeah, we'll have to do that. We'll have to have him on here, too. But, yeah, there was just so much and so much goodness, and I think a Bible verse that stood out to me that I wanted to share. Hold, please. Okay.

It's John 14, 15, 17. And it says, if you love me, you will keep my commandments, and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper to be with you forever. Even the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him, but you know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. And there he goes again, calling him the helper. And, I mean, if you love me, you'll keep my commandments.

So, it's like. That's like if God had a love language, you know, just do what he says. But it's like, on our own, we cannot do what he says. We have to have the helper. We have to have the Holy Spirit.

But it's encouraging. You know, I also think there's something to be said about our body being a temple of the Holy Spirit, and how. When you think of it in those terms, like, he's in me. So how do I want to treat this body? Do I want to just run it ragged, or do I want to actually take care of it?

And there's different ways that we can do that physically, obviously, with exercise, what we eat, what we drink. We didn't even talk about this on retreat, but I think it's, like, it got my brain, like, thinking about how sometimes that's the last thing we think about is the Holy Spirit and that he lives in us, and shouldn't we give him a beautiful place to live? Yeah. So, I'm glad you played lots of pickleball. I did.

Because you were giving a good home to your Holy Spirit. See, now that's what I'm gonna tell my mom. Yeah. When she asked me what I took away. Mm.

So now I'm gonna play more pickleball. That's right. So if anybody wants to play, you know where to find me. Violet is available. Yes.

I will make time. Yeah, no, for sure. But, like, there's just so many ways that we can. We can make his dwelling place a nice place instead of just carrying on in life. And also, mentally.

Yeah. Mentally, there's certain things that cause us to be distracted from even paying attention to the Holy Spirit. Mm. And half the time, we know what they are. Yeah.

For sure. And we don't do anything about it. And I'm speaking to myself first and foremost. I know. It's like.

Well, the phone, Instagram, social media, even our job sometimes. Yeah. Can take away from pursuing a relationship with the Lord. Yeah. Even our job at the church.

Yeah, for sure. Could be that, too. Yeah. Ministry can actually pull you away from Christ if you're focused more on busy. Yeah.

Being busy, doing the work of Christ, but actually not living it out of your spirit. Yeah. So, yeah, definitely a lot of lessons learned. A lot of good stuff, though. So, we will have to talk more about it, but for now, it's time to go.

So thank you, Violet, for being here. Thank you for having me. Yeah, no, it's always, always a blessing. Well, yeah, I appreciate you being here. And thank you again to Pastor Jason.

Little shout out to him. Huge thank you. Huge thank you. Because the kids, the young adults loved it, and we loved it, and it was fantastic. Next year, we will get you a proper bed.

Yep. We're gonna do it. We will make sure of it. With Shannon. Yeah, we will make sure.

I don't think anyone's gonna have a problem with that. I don't think so either. You hear that, Jason? You're getting a bed next year. The guide's 300 pages next year.

Yeah. Five-day retreat. Oh, boy. All right. Well, thanks again for tuning in.

This has been fun. I hope that we will see you again. Next time on God's Faithful Pursuit, with Shannon Bishop.

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