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Key Takeaway

God often uses ordinary people and ordinary moments to accomplish extraordinary things.

SUMMARY

In this episode, Pastor Wai Chan Lam shares his remarkable journey from growing up in a traditional Chinese Buddhist family in Singapore to serving as a Church of God pastor in Japan. Raised in a home where religion was primarily transactional and centered around rituals, offerings, and seeking favor from various gods, Wai Chan's life changed when a Christian tutor introduced him to Jesus at the age of eight. Despite strong family opposition to Christianity and having little access to a church community, the seed of faith continued to grow. His story is a powerful testimony of God's pursuit, grace, and faithfulness across cultural, religious, and geographic boundaries.

Scripture passage: John 1:35-42

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Listen: 17:20 - 20:40.* How do family traditions, culture, and childhood experiences influence the way people understand God? What beliefs about God have you had to rethink during your spiritual journey?
2. *Listen: 23:35-26:02.* Who has been influential in your faith journey? What qualities did they demonstrate that helped you grow spiritually?
3. *Listen: 48:05-53:35.* Wai Chan reflects on reading the Bible first in Chinese and then later in English, and how each language opened different insights. How might your understanding of faith change if you intentionally learned from Christians whose cultural backgrounds differ from your own?
4. Have you ever had a seemingly ordinary conversation that made a significant impact on your life? Why do you think God often works through simple interactions and relationships?

REFLECTION QUESTION

Think about someone who has significantly influenced your faith journey. Have you ever thanked them for their impact? This week, consider reaching out to encourage that person. Also ask yourself: Who might God be calling you to encourage, mentor, or invest in spiritually?