



What We Don't Understand About Homelessness

with Tensley Almand

DISCUSSION

1. **3:02**—Does Tensley's recollection of his family not feeling like they "fit" in church resonate with you? Was there ever a time in your life when you felt like you weren't growing spiritually because church just didn't feel welcoming to you? How did this conflict resolve? *Ephesians 2:19*
2. **13:23**—Think back on your experiences during COVID. Did you feel like your life was collapsing? Did you lose any great opportunities or feel like your progress in certain areas had been brought to a halt? Are there any ways in which you're still feeling the effects of that disruption today? Did anything good come from it? *James 1:2-4*
3. **18:48**—Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt like you'd failed, but after thinking through it more thoroughly, you realized you'd accomplished exactly what you'd set out to do? Why do you think you initially felt like a failure, and what prompted you to re-examine things? *Proverbs 16:3*
4. **22:47**—In general, do you feel that your actions match your beliefs and the things you say? Are there ways of deepening your faith that you talk about, but have yet to follow through on? What do you think is inhibiting you from doing so? *James 1:22*

5. **23:41**—It’s easy to care about people who look like you or share your beliefs, but how much time do you spend around people whose race, background, economic class, etc. are different from yours? What are some ways in which you could broaden your horizons or experiences?
Philippians 2:3–4

6. **32:43**—Have you ever experienced homelessness in your life? What life upheaval or trauma caused you to find yourself without shelter? Who helped you find a place to stay and get your life back on track? *Psalms 34:18*

7. **35:20**—What’s your reaction to Tensley’s explanation of the concept of “relational poverty”? Did it make you realize there was a time in your life when you were experiencing that kind of poverty, or were at risk of experiencing it? *Ecclesiastes 4:9–10*

8. **37:42**—Have you ever looked at a homeless or extremely poor person and thought, “That could never happen to me”? Have Tensley’s words changed your perspective or worldview in any way?
Proverbs 16:18