

THE CHURCH PLANTING PODCAST

with Greg Nettle



Hi friends. I'm Greg Nettle and I serve as president of Stadia Church Planting. And, and I just wanna say to you, I love you as church planters, and I know that this past season, these past few months, these past couple of years has been one of the most challenging seasons in church history to plant new churches. I, I remember when I was planting my first church over in Dublin, Ireland, a long number of years ago. And, and I remember my calling to plant a new church. And I want you to remember yours because in this season, when, when church planters, when you might be feeling tired or burnt out or wondering if you're making any difference at all, I, I, I need you to remember your calling.

I remember standing at a bus stop at night in Dublin, Ireland waiting on my bus to come. And of course it was raining because it seemed like it rained all the time in, in Dublin. And I remember staying there in the rain and, and just reminding myself of, of the words of God from Deuteronomy and again, in Hebrews where God says, never will I leave you church planter, never, ever will I forsake you church planter. Or words like Philippians one six, when God says, I'm the one who this good work in you and in this community. And I'm the one who will bring it to completion. I needed to hear those words and you need to hear them and embrace them.

Now, I, I would take walks in the early morning in the midst of that church plant. And I, I would remember verses like Galatians 2:20. I am crucified. I, and I would make it personal. I, Greg Nettle, am crucified with Christ and I, Greg Nettle, no longer live, but it's Christ Jesus who lives in me and God's faithful.

And when I know that Christ Jesus died for me and lives for me and lives in me and through me that the work that, that you do, that I get to do, that we get to do together will never be empty or meaningless. And so friends, I just wanted to take a few moments and say, keep going, be for build with hope.

I want you to know that you are called and in that calling, I want you to know that you are loved and in that love, I want you to know that you are enough and in that enoughness, I want you to know that you are His child. Rest assured in the comfort that God loves you, let that sink in. God loves you.

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And he's the one that lives in and through you and will bring this church plant to be this beautiful bride of Christ. And remember that he loves that bride of Christ. Even more than you do. As much as you love that bride of Christ, God loves it even more. And he's working in that bride, that community of believers, he has entrusted you to lead.

God bless each. And every one of you, I'm praying for you and sending my love your way.

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