

Twenty-two years of faithful service to the same church. That's more than a commitment—it's a journey, a deep relationship with one congregation, one community, and one place of worship.

When pastors move on, you often hear phrases like, "It's a call from God." But the truth is, we don't really know what happens behind the closed doors of the church. What conversations unfold among its leaders, deacons, or members? What decisions are made in quiet moments? If only I could be "a fly on the wall" in those rooms. If only I could ask God directly, "Did You call this pastor to another church? And why? What was so urgent?"

Yet, one of the greatest pieces of advice I've ever received was to be present in the moment. Sit quietly. Listen. Take it all in. Observe the actions and words of those around you. Most importantly, listen to your own heart. And as Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

When you open your heart to the Gospel and the truths within it, the questions that seem so pressing begin to fade. The answers you seek are often already before you.

So, I say this—you never know who the person is sitting next to you. It could be a prophet, an angel, or a test from God—how you treat and welcome others reveals your heart. Rooted in wisdom, the Bible speaks eternal truth. The rhythm of my heart beats with God's love, and my faith proclaims His glory and boundless love through all generations—unto your children and their children to come.

*Working for the Lord,
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