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Hello, I'm Matthew Ellison, the President of Sixteen:Fifteen Church Missions

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Coaching, and I also serve as a Church Missions Coach for Sixteen:Fifteen. And I'm joined today by

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a long-time and very close friend, Chris Olson.

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Chris Olson and I have been doing missions together for over twenty years, hard to believe but

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it's true.

[Chris:] It's true.

[Matthew:] And the reason I wanted Chris to be part of this conversation is

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because like me, Chris has extensive time spent in the local church

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and extensive time spent in the mission agency world, and so I think

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you're uniquely suited to address this conversation. Now, what I want to talk about today

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Chris, is this, from a Pastor's perspective, what I wish,

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mission agencies knew about local churches. And so,

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here's my first question Chris, in your interaction and work with
mission agencies-

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I'm speaking to you as churchman right now-

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you're a churchman-
[Chris:] Okay.
[Matthew:] What's been the most frustrating?

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[Chris:] I think the most frustrating thing,

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it's a little bit hard to describe, but let me get shot at it. Most
mission agencies have worked

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hard on their vision and their strategy, their missions, so to speak.

[Matthew:] Right.

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[Chris:] They know where they're headed, they know what they
specialize in, they know what their niches, so to speak.

[Matthew:] Right.

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A lot of churches are relatively new, newly

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taking up their own duties and responsibilities of the Great
Commission and they are

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less certain. But those that have advanced to the point where they have heard from God about their

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vision and strategy often meet a stonewall when they approach an agency

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for particular help because their vision and their strategy doesn't necessarily match the

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agency's missions better.

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That doesn't mean they can't work together, they can't help one another, but it is a difficult place to

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start where you have a different vision.

[Matthew:] So I want to speak into that one

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as well. I would say the thing -as a churchman, I'm speaking as

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churchman- that is most frustrating about my interaction with not only

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niches, but something I call, "the pitch"

[Chris:] Yes. Okay.

[Matthew:] So you meet

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an agency person, and you just, you meet him for the first-time and without hesitation they

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dive into their sales pitch...

[Chris:] Can I tell you about Wycliffe Bible Translators?

[Matthew:] Yes.

[Chris:] Yeah, I used to work there.

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[Matthew:] You get the brochure and they spend little time listening to you, or even

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asking you about your vision for the world, as a local church, you have a vision to reach the world.

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So, oftentimes it feels like this, like they're saying, "Join us in our

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vision." instead of saying, "Can we join you in the vision God has given

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the church to reach the world?" So, I think one of my points of frustration is what I

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call "the pitch", okay? So, let's flip this question, Chris, in your interaction

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with agencies also from a church perspective what has been most rewarding

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or fruitful?

[Chris:] What's been most fruitful for us is when we're interacting with

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agencies that have some special talents, some special skills

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that are very difficult for local churches to build from scratch. An obvious

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example, is the firm that I used to work for Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Seed Company who

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specializes in bible translation. Not only do they have Linguists but they also have people with a lot of

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experience managing translation projects all over the world in different cultures

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and different environments. And that's a real challenge

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for a church to come up speeding on, from scratch, so that's been very fruitful. The

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secondary that's been very fruitful for us, is agencies that have a field

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presence and are able to do things like hire employees in the field.

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That's very difficult for us to do it because we have to

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surmount all the kinds of laws that you meet in countries around the

world.

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We're in that situation right now in reference of South America, for example.

[Matthew:] Right. So again, I'm going to speak on that point

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as well. Mine's going to be really general the thing that's been most rewarding for me,

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most fruitful, is I've seen a growing number

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of mission agencies that are no longer trying to do missions for

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churches but they want to do missions with them.

[Chris:] Okay.

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[Matthew:] So, they're shifting the way they relate to churches.

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They're not just viewing churches as a funding source but they're in fact giving the

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churches, allowing churches a seat at the table and really understanding

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that churches are God-designed central-players in world missions. I've seen a big shift,

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have you seen that big shift as well? Agencies changing how they

relate to churches?

[Chris:] I'm starting to see that in my

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own direct experience fifteen years ago I worked with an agency that

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just felt like it was too expensive to reach out

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and engage churches even though they have desire to do so because they always had to make the first move. So the first

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trip to the church,

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second trip to the church, always at their expense, often coming up dry.

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It would take a big budget to do that. What I think is happening now is

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more and more churches are approaching agencies and those agencies that are prepared to work

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with churches can be often very productive and fruitful when the agency, when the church rather,

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makes the first move.

[Matthew:] Yeah, that's good. So, what do you wish agencies,

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organizations

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knew about local churches, maybe that they just don't seem to get, what is it

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you wish mission agencies knew about local churches?

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[Chris:] Well, one thing I think agencies do know about local churches, but it's not always in the front of their

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minds that is that almost every local church I know of, when they look at the

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missions budget, they're always under the gun that have other hundred other ways that could be

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spending that money and they're very wary about up-front outlays

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that might not bear fruit consistent with their vision. So,

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I think agencies need to keep that in mind. I'm not saying agencies are flush necessarily but I

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am saying, generally, the whole process of budgeting and managing limited funds

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as a different flavor, a different character in local churches. Agencies need to realize that.

[Matthew:] Yeah, I

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want to speak into this one is well. Now, I'm thinking about sending agencies, that is, mission agencies that actually

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help churches send missionaries. I think one of the things that

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agencies often don't get is that when missionaries come out of the church,

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The church -not all- but I think many churches want to stay connected

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to those people so it's frustrating when it's kind

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of, "Thanks we have your people, we have your money, and we'll take it from here." And one of the things I often

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tell agencies is, "Listen, if a missionary gets murdered -and this happens- and it's going to continue

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to happen because that's how the Gospel advances meant, they don't send those missionary bodies back to

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an agency, they send them back to the local church.

[Chris:] That's exactly right.

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[Matthew] And so, I think, again it's really important, speaking to the mission-sending agency now is to

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realize that lots of churches, what a vital role working

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with the agency, sending their people to the field.

[Chris:] I think that's right. Now, I want to give you an example and

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it's not nearly as traumatic as the one you just sited. But we're in a situation right now

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where we have a partner agency in the field, and this in a country in South America

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and we have provided the funding and the support for three

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Indigenous people to be hired full-time to work at the church planting movement we're trying to

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get established. Our agency partner has done all the mechanics of doing the hiring and that

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kind of stuff, but we've agreed up-front. Now these are our missionaries, now,

[Matthew:] Right.

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what we discovered were, that one of our missionaries got laid off, and another

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one was hired, and sent to a place that's not within the scope of our

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vision, so it's an example where when the partnership is forged,

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you almost can't do too much communication. You need a lot of

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communication

[Matthew:] That's really good-

[Chris:] -and you can keep the vision up-front between agency and

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the church because they're going to have a unique combined vision that maybe

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not exactly matching either the church or the agency but that's the weather moving forward in partnership.

[Matthew:] I think it's important that

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agencies realize missionaries are sent from churches.

[Chris:] Well that's true, even

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if you need some indigenous person, if the church is paying for it, the church is supporting it, pouring for

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them every week, they're, they're coming from the church.

[Matthew:] So, keep them in the loop. Communicate.

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Over communicate.

[Chris:] Yes.

[Matthew:] So Chris, here's a question,

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do you think local churches should go at this alone if they have the ability

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and that resources? Do you think that they should try and do missions without the agency?

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[Chris:] You know, in some

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situations, it may be possible for that to be done successfully for churches

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that have a lot of resources both human and financial resources. But,

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so many agencies

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has special capabilities and special experience-

[Matthew:] Right.

[Chris:] -that often I think it's wasteful

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for a church to go forward without an agency even if they do make steady,

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albeit slow progress, I think many churches could go much faster toward their vision with the

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help and maintenance-

[Matthew:] And I agree with you. I've been really excited to see this paradigm shift for local churches are moving

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from supportive role to an active role and they don't just want to give money and send people, they want to

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be engaged themselves but I would caution them not to do it

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without the agency. Again, some maybe capable of it but agencies have

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expertise, experience, resources, a value proposition

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and here's the good news is, there's a growing number of agencies that want

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a vital relationship with local churches. Twenty years ago, I would say, you'd be hard-pressed to

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find the organization that really wanted to partner with the local church in engagement. They

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wanted money, they wanted people, but, today there's a growing number of agencies that really have a

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high view of the local church. So I think we should do it together.

[Chris:] Well, I'll give you an example, today

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there are millions of refugees all over the world and in many countries,

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it's illegal to hire refugees except under special circumstances. To
minister

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to those refugees, you often need the expertise of an agency that's

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learned how to do that kind of thing. To establish a business that can
successfully hire under a given set

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of laws over

[Matthew:] That's right. They have experience, expertise, and they got
a value proposition that most

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churches don't possess, right?

[Matthew:] So Chris what I'd like you to do in closing

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here today is, I'd like you to address the mission agency person

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who is in the church partnership. Give them a word of encouragement
and then flip that around, I

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want you to talk to the churchman, who is wondering about how to have
a better relationship with the

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mission agency.

[Chris:] Okay. Well, I think the message to those two parties has some
commonality.

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The commonality is the word persevere. But let me address the mission

agency first of all:

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You understand your agency well and I'm sure you work very

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hard in understanding the church's world that you work with, the second part of that problem is going

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to be a lot harder to achieve though, to understand churches

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well especially if you're dealing with multiple churches. So I would say, persevere. Don't let

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an early failure sometime or a step-on-the toe, so to speak, turn

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you away because the local church has so much to offer your agency. God is going to use the

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local church in an awesome, and even a miraculous way to fulfill

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the Great Commission. So don't turn away from it just because they're difficult. Now, as to the church

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person, my message is similar in terms of persevering. Things

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won't always go smoothly, remember, you've got a vision you're working towards; the agency person has a

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vision that they are working towards with what's consistent with what

they're agency is called to do.

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You got to want to look for commonalities there so, if you could use the special

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skills and talents of the agency in a productive way, but remember that your counterparts on the agency

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side, are working to fulfill the agency's vision. So you need to

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approach them with understanding and patience. It may take some time to get exactly what you

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need, from agency participation. But the partnership with the agency is

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going to be very fruitful and worthwhile. God loves and blesses partners.

[Matthew:] That's right.

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Okay we're going to close. Partnership can be messy. It takes time

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but persevere because it's worth it. It's biblical.

[Chris:] Exactly.

[Matthew:] Right. Thanks for being here, Chris.

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[Chris:] Well, God bless you!

[Matthew:] God bless you!

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[Chris:] And you guys too!