

# Episode 104

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*"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."*

- Acts 15.19

3Ci was planted out of a church in Durban called Glenridge. At the time, several leaders in the church had begun to feel that God was leading them to take a radical step of faith and take the gospel to cities far and wide. One couple, however, had no distinct leading in terms of which city to go to, so they turned to the team and asked where they felt would be best for them to plant a church. The answer may have surprised them when they were encouraged to go to Pretoria. As a well-established forty-year-old businessman, to pack up and leave the coast must have been a hugely sacrificial decision for Ashley Bell, especially since he had spent his younger years as a professional surfer. However, for Ash and Nadine, the decision was a simple one. As they said at 3Ci's 20th anniversary, they packed their bags and moved to Pretoria because they knew that people were waiting on the other side of their obedience.

We are those people. Our lives have been radically impacted by that decision made more than 25 years ago. And now we are called to do the same.

RT Kendall once told of how he was given his father's bible when he passed away. In the back of the bible was a list of names. Every day his father had prayed over that list, and as person after person got saved, he would cross them off his list. When he passed away, all but one name remained, and at the funeral, RT heard that this man too had given his life to Jesus. Every person that he spent all those years praying for, gave their life to Jesus.

During Covid, we have heard amazing stories of salvation. From a chance encounter outside a hospital to a young man sitting in our first recording with a small audience, to his mom walking through our building on the day we took our final offering, people have been waiting and responding on the other side of our obedience.

We have seen nearly 75 baptisms in our new building, and we haven't even had a service in there yet. People are being transformed, strangers are joining life groups without ever being to 3Ci, marriages are being restored, struggling families are being loved on and supported as we become aware of those waiting on the other side of our obedience.

What if we were to trust God for just one person? One name we can pray over, one life we can entrust to our Father's hands, one invitation to join in on what God is doing. We were once the ones waiting on the other side of someone's obedience. Now it's our privilege to trust God for one more.

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