



EPISODE 4



STORY

WORK IS...

SO WE...

WE'RE DIVIDED FROM...

Power

Security

Slave

The Rest of Life

THE CULTURAL STORY

POWER

The day my twin sons were born was the happiest of my life. There is one thing I regret, though: the conference call I was wrapping up with my executive team as I raced through the hospital doors. I wish I could take that call back. But . . . as a CEO, I felt an external responsibility to be available. No matter what.

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Tim Allen, CEO of Care.com

Many of those passionately devoted to their careers are not just out to get rich. They have, it seems, an insatiable need for challenge, accomplishment, and public recognition. It is not so much the god of gain they serve as the god of glory. And they are willing to render their lives a living sacrifice on the altar of their chosen profession so their god may grant what they so desperately desire.

Lee Hardy⁸

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

RESTING IN OUR FATHER'S CARE

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

Matthew 6:25-27 NIV

We already have the security we long for in our Father's care for us.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Am I able to disengage from work when I'm not at work?

What does my heart really believe about the source of my security?

PRACTICE TO TRY

ASK A TRUSTED FRIEND

Like Katie confronting Chris, sometimes someone else can see our unhealthy attachment to work more clearly than we can. Ask a trusted friend: What do you think about my relationship with my work?

7 "I'm a CEO and a Working Dad. Here's What I Wish I Did Differently," Leadership, Harvard Business Review, December 8, 2020, <https://hbr.org/2020/12/im-a-ceo-and-a-working-dad-heres-what-i-wish-i-did-differently>.

8 The Fabric of This World Inquiries Into Calling, Career Choice, and the Design of Human Work (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990), 115.