

LeaderImpact Podcast Ep. 5 Enoch Weng

Enoch's company

- [Rise Above Finance](#)

Organizations Enoch mentioned:

- [LeaderImpact NEXT](#)
- [FaithTech](#)
- [Muzewest](#)
- [Glorious Arts Institute](#)
- [BAM – Business As Mission](#)
- [Mission Central](#)

Show Notes:

- Enoch's favorite Disney movie: The Tigger Movie
- Talks about a difficult time in his family's life

What should have torn our family apart, actually brought us closer together.

- Getting back involved in school – how to help those around him, and break down the stigmas of mental health
- Journey to becoming a Christian financial planner
 - Graduated with a finance degree
 - Felt lost in the corporate world and didn't know how to connect his work and his faith
 - Left his job and worked with a non-profit, but found it hard working in that world
 - Changed again and joined a tech company to try and support the non-profits he wanted to. He was enjoying his work when he felt God speak to him through other people, the same verses would repeatedly come to mind and he felt God tell him to leave the company. But he didn't know where.
 - How he felt when he walked away. Not a Disney movie moment! He felt scared and confused, yet he felt peace.

I am in God's hands no matter what life throws at me.

- Waited for about 6 months for God to tell him where he should go

- What does it mean to be a Christian financial planner
 - After the 6 months, he started work financial services firm
 - Met the hiring manager, who was a Christian. He would join but would call them out if he suspected anything sketchy, and that is why they hired him.
 - In a meeting, a senior advisor said they worked there because he wanted to reconcile his Christian faith and his work. Talked more with this advisor and found he did an internship in the same company where this person had worked. This advisor shared that his calling is to teach biblical finance. Over the next year, they have many talks about biblical finance.
 - After a year of working together, he asked Enoch to partner with him.
 - The core of Christian financial advising and planning is, Understanding what stewardship is, applying the biblical principles and frameworks, and putting Jesus at the center of every financial decision

Who owns what we have?

- If God owns what we have, then we are stewards of what he has entrusted us with, then we need to have a long-term, eternal perspective and not a short-term, personal perspective.
 - The ultimate currency exchange: trade our dollars to win souls!
- Investing in companies based on your personal values
 - What is the purpose of the goals in your life? And then work backward to what different investments can get them there. Investing isn't the end goal, but a tool to help you make an impact on the world.
 - Where you align your money to, are they aligned with your core values?
 - Biblical responsible investing
 - Negative screening – criteria used to “X” out companies that don't align with my beliefs and values
 - Positive screening – find companies that promote and live out the values you have. Further, what are the things God has called us to? How do we find the ROIs (Return on Investments) that aren't just about pure profits, but also about helping widows, clothing the homeless, spreading the Gospel.
 - Be intentional about aligning all aspects of your life, including your investments
 - But more than just money but how you are investing in your life, the 3 T's – time, treasure, talents.
 - Investing is a component, but the bigger question is, is your life in alignment? Ask what the narrative they have, and then they look at their finances to see if everything is in alignment or not. Then they work on reconciling the narrative they want and their finances.

Show me your bank account and I can show you where your priorities are.

- Look at finances in a holistic way and it can involve coaching, mentorship, and counseling because money is often emotional that people have to work through. It is not just transactional but the relational side as they help their clients.

I want Jesus to be proud of all the things I have done, and for me, finances are a huge part of that.

- Enoch's spiritual journey
 - Seemed to be a happy guy who went to and served in his church, but he struggled with mental health. No one knew what was going on.
 - His mom signed him up for a church camp, but he didn't want to go. He ended up in a group with international students, but over the weekend he really connected with this group. He saw that they were dealing with difficult situations, but he saw that they had peace, and he wanted that!
 - They shared with him that they had this peace because of their relationship with Jesus but he didn't know what that meant even though he went to church growing up.
 - They were singing a song that really affected him emotionally, and he felt a burden lifted when he said he needed Jesus in his life and felt a sense of peace
 - But his life got worse right after, but he still had peace. He still had times of mental downturns, but he has always had the peace of God in his life.

No matter where you are, there is hope for you.

- Examine where you are at, and see how you can take steps to be the steward that God has called you to out of joy.
- To free you from the worry about finances so you can be free to pursue and fulfill the calling God has on your life.
- How Enoch became involved with LeaderImpact
 - Was involved with Power to Change during his time in university
 - First joined a group when his business partner invited him to a group
 - Was a bit of disconnect due to the age of the rest of his group, he was much younger than everyone in his group
 - Helped start LeaderImpact NEXT to help young leaders with the challenges and issues they face as well as encourage and empower each other.
 - Was challenged by the LeaderImpact staff in their area to start this movement for young leaders

- Has stepped away from LeaderImpact as he felt God call him to a time of rest
 - Has been amazing to see how the new leaders who have stepped up and grown the movement
 - Many challenges in his work and his personal life.
 - God has encouraged him through affirmations from his clients and people who believe in what they do
- What is his faith legacy?
 - Wants to see a culture of stewardship in every household by equipping people to put Jesus at the center of every financial decision.
 - See people transformed by being good stewards.
- What brings him the greatest joy?
 - Hearing how people have grown closer to Jesus and how they are making an impact on other people's lives.