



## Episode #208: Carey Nieuwhof Didn't See it Coming: Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges that No One Expects and Everyone Experiences

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### ABOUT Carey Nieuwhof:

Carey is teaching and the founding pastor of Connexus Church and has been serving in ministry since 1995. He is our primary communicator on Sunday mornings, is passionate about leading people into a relationship with Christ. He served as Lead Pastor until 2015 when he transitioned to a teaching pastor role to focus more on communication and expanding Connexus' broader ministry.

In his spare time, Carey speaks to church leaders around the world about leadership, change, and personal growth. He writes one of today's most widely read church leadership blogs and hosts the top-rated Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast where he interviews some of today's best leaders.

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### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- If God wants to go deep, it's because He wants to take you far.
- Sanctification is the process of being made more like Christ.
- I had to admit that I had problems and I had to invite other people into the healing process.
- Don't quit. You are most tempted to quit moments before your most critical breakthrough.
- God has plans for your life and the enemy hates them and he hates you. There really is a spiritual battle.
- When natural explanations fail, you have to look at supernatural things.
- I think success is more challenging to handle than failure.
- Success is moving from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. -Winston Churchill
- There are two Kingdoms at work in the world: The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of me.
- The kingdom of me leaves me feeling empty.
- There will be a day where nobody listens, nobody reads, and nobody wants to have me speak and am I ok with that?
- Every book sold is a prayer answered. -Mark Batterson
- Where does more, better, different lead? It leads to despair.
- I've got this amazing life now and it still isn't enough, what is that? It's the Kingdom of me.
- I've got to die to the sad little kingdom of me.



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## KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- A life devoted to self ultimately leaves you alone.
- Irrelevance is almost inevitable unless you are aware of it.
- Irrelevance is the gap between how quickly you change and how quickly things change.
- If things change faster than you, you will become irrelevant.
- Relevance is permission to speak into the culture. If you're irrelevant the culture will have a hard time listening to you.
- Get around younger leaders and give them permission to call you out. Do some reverse mentoring.
- Cynicism is way more of an epidemic than I originally thought.
- Cynicism roots itself in knowledge. You go from believing the best to assuming the worst.
- What dies in cynicism is hope.
- A cynic won't change the world, they'll just tell you why the world won't change.
- The antidote to cynicism is hope.
- These challenges are all solvable. However, they are inevitable if you don't see them coming.