

Outside the Four Walls

Tim Allen graduated from seminary, left the marketplace, and entered full-time pastoral ministry during his time



in *The Master's Program*. But by the time he graduated from the program, he understood that the church was bigger than four walls, and that God could use him to

minister anywhere. Up to that point, Tim was used to hearing people tell him that if he was serious about his faith, full-time ministry was his best option. His time in *The Master's Program* showed him that his unique abilities and life experiences could be used anywhere for God's glory. This realization helped Tim discern God's plan for his life, which meant being released from his season of full-time ministry to accept a role as a senior executive for a Fortune 100 technology company in Chicago.

Seasons of Ministry

Two weeks ago, Tim felt God's calling again, this time to transition out of the position he held with his technology company in order to launch a consulting agency to assist corporations with their strategy and execution. He will partner with marketplace leaders and help them identify their business strategy and their execution of that plan.

Through this new venture, Tim will also work with non-profit organizations and churches. He plans to help start-up non-profits clarify their calling, and then assist them in ascertaining how they can best accomplish that mission. His passion

is to equip the saints for ministry, and Tim realizes that he can better fulfill that purpose by taking an entrepreneurial approach instead of working in a large corporate structure. In this new role, Tim is being intentional about creating more margin and balance for the things that are important to him outside the professional realm.

Tim knows that God may eventually call him back to full-time church work, but through his experience in *The Master's Program*, he knows that God knit him together uniquely, to be in ministry in the church, or in the marketplace. Tim will be the first to say "there are preconceived notions in the world about where you should be to 'do' ministry," but he has realized that ministering to people is about being open to God's guidance and not being confined to ministering within the walls of the church.

This Revolutionary knows that his vocation is not his identity. He is starting out a new adventure that promises to yield eternal rewards, because he is focused on edifying and equipping people who are actively engaged in ministry, both in and beyond the walls of the local church.

Tim lives in Illinois with his wife, Jennifer and son, Benjamin. They attend Crossroads Community Church.

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