

SUMMARY:

We live in times of unprecedented change. As leaders, we often feel the tension of chaos and confusion. In this episode, pastor, author and justice advocate, Danielle Strickland, suggests that leaders need to change the way we look at chaos. She sits down with Jeff Lockyer to discuss a new way for leaders to view chaos—through the unlikely lens of the biblical account of Creation. Instead of seeing chaos as a threat, chaos can actually become opportunity for creativity, revelation and new growth.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- We are living in a time of massive shift.
- Times of change and chaos actually create an opening for incredible advances.
- When I was growing up, I had this idea that order was king, and chaos was the enemy. However, I have learned that by leaning into chaos, beautiful things can happen.
- **In the Beginning: Chaos**
 - Creative leaders change the framework and look at chaos as an opportunity, rather than a threat.
- **Day 1: Light**
 - Creative leaders lean into chaos resulting in the ability to see new possibilities.
- **Day 2 Expanse**
 - Creative leaders see their contribution to the world as part of a bigger conversation in culture.
- **Day 3: Foundation**
 - Creative leaders' lives are built on a growing internal foundation.
- **Day 4: Seasons**
 - Creative leaders think about life as seasonal and look for the lessons in each season.
- **Day 5: Animals: Fish and Birds**
 - Creative leaders recognize that simplicity and complexity exist at the same time.
- **Day 6: Humanity**
 - Creative leaders value human dignity and equality, and reject hierarchy.
- **Day 7: Rest**
 - Creative leaders make time for rest in defiance of slavery.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Danielle Strickland grew up with the idea that order was king and chaos was the enemy. Do you relate to this sentiment? What is your typical reaction to chaos in your life and leadership?
2. Think about a situation in your life or leadership that is chaotic right now. In what ways could your chaos be an opportunity for a new possibility?
3. Looking at Danielle's insights from the Creation narrative, what is one thing you could do in the next week to move forward in your chaotic situation?

RESOURCES MENTIONED:

[Hebrew Creation Narrative \(Genesis 1:1 – 2:2\)](#)

[Refugee Crisis](#)

[Downtown Eastside of Vancouver](#)

[Salvation Army: Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery](#)

[Foster Care System](#)

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[Orange Curriculum: *It's Just a Phase*](#)
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[Exodus 20:8-11](#)
[*A Beautiful Mess* by Danielle Strickland](#)

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