



# STILL WATERS

## EXPLORATION GUIDE

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In *Still Waters*, Tony Igwe describes a formative memory of his dad working in an office building in Lagos, Nigeria, which, at the time, was the tallest building in the entire country. He says that he was shocked that someone could build a structure that tall and that it would stand. Tony says this planted the seeds of his goal to build towering structures. But he says God played a trick on him, because as a civil engineer, all his projects have been underground, unseen.

**Has there been a situation or time when “God played a trick” on you relating to your calling or career? What aspects of your work are hidden, but have a visible impact on others?**

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Tony explains the importance of foundations using the example of a skyscraper. Many people are unaware skyscrapers have foundations 60-80 feet deep, almost as tall as the structures themselves. Tony says this is the piece that is easily neglected, because no one else sees it.

**In what ways is a skyscraper and its deep foundation a metaphor for our inner lives with God? How does your relationship with God, what people can’t see, impact your work, which people do see? How does having a deep and strong foundation affect your work?**

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Tony describes his understanding of integrating his faith and work as, “showing what you believe, not just saying what you believe.” He says that when we take delight in our work, it changes things, even the environment we work in.

**How are Tony’s beliefs reflected in his work culture? How do you integrate your beliefs and values at work? In what ways might taking delight and enjoying your work impact the workplace and your interactions with others?**

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Tony views his work as a bigger calling and says he doesn’t think God stresses over our specific vocation. He believes the real question is, “Do you bring God into your work?” Do you see yourself as not just doing a job, but working to improve God’s kingdom? According to research done by The Barna Group, 70% of Christians are unsure how their work connects with God’s purposes.

**Why do you think the research shows such uncertainty among Christians about connection between faith and work? Do you see how your work connects with God’s purposes? How does your work serve as a means of improving the world, as part of a bigger calling?**