

Calle To Both Episode 89

Well, by the title of today's episode, you already know the news that I'm going to share with you. This is a life update episode because I am moving, it is official, and I'm finally talking about it. I'm going to be dishing all of the details surrounding this move, and the business side of things like how it's affecting my business and all of that. So buckle up, this is going to be a fun episode. To be honest, I kind of considered not even really making this episode. And not, I don't know, I doubted whether or not this was worth making. But then I have come to realize it's kind of impossible for me to not talk about this at this point because of how all encompassing this process has been. So there's a lot to it. And we'll just, we'll just dive right in. This is gonna be fun. If it wasn't 10am Right now, as I'm recording this, I would pour myself a little glass of wine, and just pretend that we're sitting down for a little life update chat, but I will just settle for a Lacroix. Okay, so I'm going to be sharing with you all the details that I would want to know if somebody in my life was moving. And those are like the questions of where the heck are you moving? Why are you moving?

When is it happening? How are you feeling about all of it, tell me all the things. So that's essentially what I'm going to be sharing with you here today. Hello, and welcome to the call to both podcast. I'm your host, Joe Michelle, and you're in the right place. If you're ready to grow your business, while also being the intentional and present mom, you want to be this show will leave you feeling inspired, equipped with tangible tips and encouraged to go after your own version of being called spoke. Let's dive in. Okay, so the first question, where are you moving? Drumroll. I don't like all my desk. Okay. I am moving to Tampa, Florida, actually just outside of Tampa. We're not going to be in this city. But I am super excited about this. And it has been such a decision to get here. And I'm going to jump into that next. But first, let me just kind of like give you some context. I live right now just outside of Annapolis, I think this is about 1000 miles of a move.

So it's pretty big, pretty far, not a simple logistics situation. I've lived in Maryland my whole life. And all of my family lives here for the most part. So this is going to be a really big change. And that leads me to the next question of Why are you moving? And I have a short answer for you. But of course, I'm also going to give you the longer juicy your answer. The short answer is because we want to, but I'm also going to give you the long answer. And that is why we have a whole episode here together. So truthfully, my husband and I so Felipe and I have been praying about moving for years, like for years and years, we have talked about this and said that just together we do not feel like Maryland is where we wanted to put down like long term permanent roots and raise our kids here. And we just ideally wanted to be somewhere warmer. And there are lots of different elements to this decision. And I'm going to kind of unpack them here.

But for years, we knew we wanted to move, but the timing just wasn't right. We also didn't know where we wanted to go. So while we knew we didn't want to be in Maryland, we didn't have like a stand out place that we felt confident to move to. We just knew we didn't want to be here. So my siblings and I. And my parents have actually discussed this on like multiple, multiple occasions, where some of those people who like when we get together, we all kind of are talking about where we going to move

together. And so we've all kind of shared this sentiment of wanting to move out of this area that we've known and lived in all of our lives, but also kind of wanting to stay together. And just looking at all of our options. And we have had times where we get together as a family and we have like slideshows where like we do presentations on like where we think we should move and you're probably gonna think this is hilarious. Either your family is like us or your normal. I and maybe this is hilarious to you. But we've had multiple family meetings to talk about this kind of stuff. And we explored and considered a few states actually and one of which is Tennessee.

I love Tennessee. I love Tennessee so much. We actually took two dedicated trips to different cities in Tennessee, one of which we drove through the night like we left at like our kids bedtime just to like avoid traffic and planes and we still joke about this like I would personally I would never do this again. But we did that. Ultimately, though, we didn't feel like Tennessee was the right fit for us. And our family, because it doesn't have beaches. And that just kind of showed us how much that that matters to us like I am such an East Coast girl, I am a beach person at heart. And Felipe and I both have a plan and a dream to own beach property one day, Lord willing, and that is something that we've had kind of in the back of our minds as we've been searching for somewhere new to live in. And just having beaches within a couple of hours would be a huge plus. Another factor that we searched for, when we were thinking about this whole move was the rest of my family in my immediate family. So my parents and my four siblings and their spouses are all kind of in this mix.

So it's a very unique experience is not easy to figure out where you want to live at all like by itself. But it's also tremendously more complicated when you are involving so many other people. And that I think is part of why this decision took a little extra time, and trips and consideration. And then also on Felipe side of the family, he has some siblings that were also trying to get to move with us as well. And we're keeping them in mind as well. So what's kind of fun about this is that we're not the only ones moving so far, three of my five siblings have decided to move and are in the process of moving. Couple of us are like in the process of buying homes. And it's like it's a whole thing. My parents are also joining us as well. So this is such a strange and like unique situation because so many of us are trying to be together in the same area that none of us have lived in before. So ultimately, we decided on Tampa for a couple of different reasons. So it is far enough south for my parents who are retired and want to spend more time in Florida and just love the area love the climate. It's near a big city for my little brother. He is all about like great food, great culture, museums, all of that it's near enough to the beaches, some of the top beaches in the US.

And for those of us that are obsessed with the beach, a couple of my family members also care a lot about that. And it's also near like an international airport. So easy travel, especially for my sister who runs a event planning business and is always traveling all over the place. So there was just there was a lot at play there. So we considered so many things. We consider taxes, cost of living homeschool communities, since we do plan to homeschool, the weather, days of sunshine, so many things. And speaking of sunshine, fun fact right now, where we live in Maryland, we get about 208 sunny days per year. And just to give you like a comparison, we will have on average about 246 sunny days in Tampa. So that's 38 days more sun per year. But like when you actually put that in weeks, it is nearly it's just shy of five and a half weeks more sun per year, which really matters to me.

And I feel like with young kids, the wintertime here in Maryland has been really hard. It's something that I've dreaded, because there's so much less you can do there's so much less sunlight, and then you're kind of just cooped up indoors. The days are short, the winter feels really really long. And that's

something that we're just really looking forward to leaving behind. Of course, it's going to be really hot. Like I totally get that. But personally, I would rather be hot than cold. That's just who I am. So I think it's the perfect decision for our family. The sponsor of today's episode is Riverside FM. Riverside allows you to record studio quality audio and video, either by yourself or with remote guests. It's what I've used to record all of my guest episodes here on the show from the very beginning. And there are so many reasons why I personally chose Riverside to create my podcast, but let me just share a few. The first one is the audio quality and ease of use. I can just send a link to my guests and they can join me in the studio. I love that Riverside allows me to chat with my guests from anywhere in the world. Even when our internet connection is a little iffy.

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Okay, so when are we moving? When is this all happening? We're gonna be moving two days after Christmas. I am already packing I am decluttering I am selling laying things. And it has been kind of a whirlwind time personally for us because we don't have a nanny, because my brother who's moving with us has already bought his house has already rented out his Maryland House and my sister in law, his wife is our nanny. So I'm still running my business I'm in, we're in the process of trying to sell a lot of our stuff and buy a house in Florida, rent our house in Maryland. It is, it is like all hands on deck, I've been getting a lot of help from my other sister in law. And my mom and my husband, it's been just a big group effort to be able to kind of keep all of this moving and running with so much less of like the daily structure that I'm used to. And to even just, you know, still have a business and still do the basic things of life. So yes, we are moving to days after Christmas, in that is that is wild.

The next question is do you have a house? Yes, we do kind of, we are under contract right now on a house. And we are just praying that it all pans out, we actually took a not even 48 hour trip down to Tampa last week, like this all just happened like a week ago, to meet with our real estate agent to look at homes. And we fell in love with one home in particular. And it was actually a home that when I was looking on listings, and I was on Zillow, I had just been kind of obsessing over this house like I don't know, I just I've been drawn to it in a weird way. And I just feel like as I'm looking at these pictures, I'm like, I think this could be an amazing fit for our family, I can kind of see where my office would be. And there's just so few details about this house that make a lot of sense for us. So that's the house that we're under contract on, it was even better in person. So oh my gosh, hopefully Lord willing, we can close on this and we'll be able to head down and move in.

Now if that house doesn't pan out, we'll probably just do a rental of some kind, maybe longterm Airbnb or something like that there are lots of rental options. But we are hoping to buy so that we can just get settled in and not have to move as more than we need to because it's already going to be a lot. And I will say My goodness packing has been overwhelming. Like if I'm honest, the last time that we moved was into the home that we're in now here in Maryland, and we've been in this home for six years. And when we moved in, we just had our dog Jack Jack and we had no kids, we had very few belongings, we got rid of most of our furniture because it was hand me downs. It was all the stuff we got as newlyweds that we just kind of pieced together at our condo. So we left a lot of it behind. It was a very

simple move to get here. And of course it was local. So it was like 20 minutes. And now with two kids, it is just a different story. And it's just a lot it's a lot more to it.

And I've I've personally started to like really use this move as an opportunity to declutter, give things away sell quite literally probably 40 to 50% of what we own. Because it's just too much like I would say that I thought I was a minimalist, I thought maybe not a minimalist, but definitely not a hoarder. But I just have too much stuff. And as I'm packing I am throwing away items, I'm setting things aside for sale. And that's one of the reasons why I wanted to kind of announce this and make this episode because you'll probably be seeing me selling a lot of stuff. And you will be like why are you selling all of your belongings? And now it will make more sense. So as I'm looking at my stuff, it's kind of an interesting and confronting situation, because I'm asking myself, like, Would I buy this item right now? Because essentially, in order to move it 1000 miles away, I have to pay for it all over again to move it. So if I haven't used it in years, or I wouldn't buy it right now, I have to really ask like, am I gonna pay to move this to Florida? And I guess I'm pretty sentimental about some stuff because I've had to really sit down and go through things space by space and really decide like, what is worth the cost and the stress and the even just the labor of moving. And one night I was I was so stressed about moving like I was just thinking about it. And everyone in the house was asleep.

And so I went on YouTube, and I just started watching a bunch of videos on tips for packing and moving. And that actually really helped it gave me gameplan and made me feel better. So whatever personality type educates themselves in times of stress. That is what I am just it is it is what it is. So yes, how is it feeling? And what is the process been like? I think for the most part, it has been just a lot of steps. It's been overwhelming in the moving capacity. But as far as it goes of like leaving Maryland. I feel like right now I don't feel sad to leave Maryland. I think the only thing I'm gonna miss about Maryland And is the fall. It's probably like the nicest time of year here. It's it's such a brief season, it's so beautiful and colorful. But like the winters are not worth it. So, to me, I'm like, that's why we're moving. But yeah, I will miss the fall. And I think that we'll probably be making trips up north like around like the September October timeframe to try to like experience a little bit of the fall. And of course, we'll be back at our beach house in the summertime and things like that.

So we'll for sure be back in like the Mid Atlantic region, I guess you could call it. And then I feel like the other thing, the only other thing that's like really truly bittersweet about this process is that I will miss my childhood home. So my parents are also moving down to Florida, and they're going to be selling my childhood home. And so I'm just processing through that. And like, I'm there a lot, my mom has been helping me with the kids. Now that I don't have as much childcare. And I'm just thinking about that a lot. And it's kind of unique that that's the home not only where I was raised, like that's where my siblings and I were homeschooled, like I was homeschooled in that house. So I have so many memories like in the backyard and in the basement in my room. And it's just such a beautiful home that I'm thinking of some creative ways to, like, commemorate and remember the house. And so I have a couple of ideas for that. But if any of you guys have moved out of a home that like meant a lot to you, and you had a way to like savor it or create a keepsake I would love to hear what you did.

So since this is our last like Maryland Christmas, we are going all out on like the Christmas traditions and plans. Weirdly, I we're not going to be decorating at all at our house because we're trying to get this house rented out. So my parents house my childhood home. That's like where it's all going down. We have a spreadsheet, there are going to be daily activities. It is intense. My Event Planning little sister is spearheading it. I'm sure some of you have seen that I've shared my little sister Julia's business on my

Instagram a couple of times. But if you haven't seen it, and you're curious, her business is called less stress events. And she's just like a genius at all things like planning and logistics and making things Wonderful. So we have a spreadsheet of like the movies, we're watching the cocktails, we're making the baking, we're doing like all the things, it's going to be so fun. So we've put a lot of stock in, just kind of going all out on one final Christmas in Maryland. And then hopefully most of us will be heading down south and a couple of my siblings are still going to be hanging out in Maryland for a little while. But all of my siblings essentially have either made plans to move or are in the process of buying homes or have said they would be shortly behind us when their kids are out of school or when their jobs like when it makes sense. So Okay, what else I have some notes because I'm trying to figure out what all do I need to say? Okay, so business wise, I do have a couple of thoughts for that.

Lately, in my business, I've just been focusing my time and effort on my private business coaching clients, I have some of the best clients right now truly, that are just doing incredible things. And it's been such an honor to just like support them walk alongside of them, strategize with them. And that's been taking up most of my business time. Honestly, I had originally planned to launch again this year, I had a new program that was going to come out. And it's been a little bit tricky for me to press pause on that. Because I am super ambitious. I like to like make a plan and execute on that plan. And this time of year with like Black Friday deals happening and the holidays, I see so many incredible entrepreneurs and a lot of my friends pushing to finish this year so strong. Whereas like on my end, I'm like haven't even sat down fully yet to plan for 2024 which might surprise you because last week's episode was all about planning all about strategizing, having a CEO day. But I haven't had a chance to do that for myself this year yet. Because we're just in the thick of it over here with all things packing and decluttering and all of that. But I can't tell you this, the podcast is not going anywhere. It will continue to be a focus for me in 24. And actually, let me just take a moment right now to ask a favor.

If you haven't left a review on Apple, it takes less than 30 seconds. And it actually just means the world to me and helps get the show discovered. It is in my heart to just continue to expand on this show expand on the podcast and after I have a chance to sit down and think about business for 2024. Hopefully I'll have some more announcements coming up but for sure programs will be forthcoming. And right now I feel like we're just in a little bit of a coasting mode and that's okay. Like there's going to be seasons in your business where you have to take your foot off the gas pedal, and right now I feel like I am full throttle in my personal life. There's a lot happening to just move and move in a way that is less stressful for to the kids, and is less stressful for me. And because of that, I've had to take my foot off the gas on my business. And I think that there's just no way to do both of these things at 100%, full throttle all the time, there's just going to be an ebb and flow. And that's okay, right now, my ebb and my flow is moving a little bit more towards getting ourselves relocated to Tampa. And I'm sure once I'm unpacked, my brain is going to switch right back to full force business mode.

But thankfully, I still have, you know, work hours like I do right now, where Felipe has the kids. He's literally at Lowe's picking up house stuff, so that we can fix some things before we rent this house, and he has the kids. And so we're making it work, we're making it happen. One thing, though, that I am looking forward to already early next year is that I'm actually going to be going to a conference event in Tampa in February. And I think this is so cool. I just happened to see this pop up on Instagram on someone that I follow. They're putting together an in person event. And it just felt like it was truly like meant to happen because of the timing of it. It's so close to where I'm going to live. And I'm so pumped, like it's just a one day event. And I hope to just be able to, like connect with some creatives and entrepreneurs and make some new friends. But also, if you live in Tampa, or you know someone who

lives in Tampa, who I should connect with, I would just love if you would send them my way or reach out to me. Because I am looking to like build a new community and find friends in the area that we can do life together with do business together with and eventually homeschool and all of that.

So I think that's like all of my updates. Oh, except I didn't talk about what the kids think. So the kids are excited. Louis has to he has no idea what's going on. He's down. He's ready to go. Clara is older, she understands what's going on a little bit better. And I think that for the most part, she seems really good about it, because we've talked to her about it a lot about the move. She's excited. I think she's we're having a harder time letting things go because kids tend to not want to, like, you know, declutter and get rid of things. But I think that because so many of her aunts and uncles and cousins are going to be there and like be around us, eventually. That that is like making it a much smoother transition in her mind. But we'll see. We'll see how it goes. I don't know how it's actually going to be when we're actually moving things and she doesn't know where her toys are and all of that I'm sure there's going to be some touch and go moments in the process.

Okay, so if you have moving tips or any questions, things like I didn't answer in this episode, please feel free to send me a DM on Instagram. I truly love hearing from you guys. And I will be back for a more business focused, normal call devote kind of content next week. But thank you so much for joining me here. And thank you so much for the support of the show and just being interested in my life behind the scenes. I'll see you guys next week. Thank you so much for listening to the show. If you enjoyed this episode, please help me get the word out about the call to both podcast by taking a screenshot of this episode right now and sharing it on your social media. I would also appreciate it if you would subscribe and leave me a five star review. Thanks again and I'll see you in the next episode.