

WHY MARGIN MATTERS

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In walking with the Lord, margin is very important.

Margin is taught as a form of self-care.

Our margin is for other people.

Why does margin matter?

1 Kings 19:1

Did God speak through the hurricane, fire, —

We are living in the midst of hurricanes, dumpster fires.

The second you give more time and attention to the dumpster fires, is the second you might miss the whisper.

God spoke in

Our availability signals to God that we are ready.

Margin is not just free time, it's available time.

People who need you are quieter than people who want something from you.

The people who need you might not know that they need you and might be quieter

The people who scream for your attention are the people who want something from you.

We need to be available for the people who need us.

People are the point.

How do we love all the people? We serve the people God puts into our life.

Margin is the only thing that will allow the people to have space in our lives.

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Margin = open hands, not blank space.

Why is margin so hard to find?

We idolize being busy.

Busyness keeps us distracted.

Margin - the area between the main content of the page and the page edges

What is the function of margin?

Even a blank page knows it needs margins.

Think about your margin before you think about your content.

The function of margin is eliminating clutter.

The function of margin is space. You have to have space - for people, for yourself, for the people that are counting on you most, for your productivity.

Margin matters for the sake of others.

Margin needs to get priority over content.

How to have margin:

#1: Add margin first.

Start with your margin, then add what you want to your schedule.

You might not have to quit something, you just need to be a better steward of your time.

Margin doesn't mean that we quit things. Margin means that we surrender things.

Walk into this process open to what the Lord will do.

Just because there is a paycheck attached to it doesn't mean it should get priority on our schedule.

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Just because the Lord tells you to do something doesn't mean a paycheck should be attached to it.

Sometimes margin means Netflix and chocolate cake :)

That rest will surrender to other people.

God sometimes calls us to sit with Him outside the scheduled time that you gave Him.

Don't box God into a morning quiet time.

How will He be more if we haven't made room for Him?

#2: Be more spontaneous and less committed.

See if there's ways for you to be a part of something that doesn't commit you to something forever.

Divine interruptions from the Lord.

Please interrupt me, Lord.

Do you ask the Lord for opportunities to love other people?

Do you want to live on mission for Jesus?

Weigh it out - your comfort or someone else's soul.

Nothing is better than Holy Spirit spontaneity.

We have got to not be afraid to walk away from our responsibilities so we can give attention to our purpose.

#3: Observe a Sabbath

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#4: Constant evaluation

What really mattered today? Did it get the best?

Build in boundaries with social media.

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When you delegate, you also get to bless another woman.

You aren't less of a P31 woman because you didn't switch the laundry.

Delegation brings margin.

#5: Too much information.

When we are spending more time learning instead doing, what good is that?

Learning without doing = prideful knowledge

No to personal development. Double down in scripture.

Maybe you need less information, maybe you need to be in God's Word.

Go all in with God's Word.

Don't miss opportunities.

You don't stop growing while you're getting pruned.

It feels good to be needed, it feels better to be used by God.

Don't wear busy like a badge of honor.

Find margin + keep it.

Nothing will compare to the feeling of knowing that you were available and God used you.