

MAKING SPACE Part 2
Living with Margin
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- Making Space
- Margin
- Storage units
- We have too much junk!
- The junk that clutters our lives
- The junk in our lives over loads us
- Life Junk Overload
- Too many activities
- Too many choices
- Too many changes
- Too much work
- Too much debt
- Too many worries
- Too much religion

Job 3:26 (GW): "I have no peace! I have no quiet! I have no rest and trouble keeps coming!"

Matt. 11:25-30 (ESV) At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- My goal today is to lower your stress and increase your peace of mind

Margin: is the space between my load and my LIMITS.

To live with Margin:

1*) I need some level of HUMILITY.

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- Spiritual realities of the Gospel
- You're not good enough to make things right with God
- You're religious acts, good works, or actions do not make you acceptable
- Your faith in the finished work of Christ alone puts you in right standing with God
- Spiritual understanding has nothing to do with one's mental capacity
- The problem is not the intellect
- It's intellectual pride

1 Cor. 1:26-28 (ESV) For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

- Humility says – God is God and I’m not

Marginal Application #1 - I must **ACCEPT** my human limitations.

3 benefits of the margin that humility brings:

A) Healthier **MIND**

- You won't be hurried and worried all the time because you've stopped trying to control everything.

John 14:27 (ESV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

B) Healthier **BODY**

- Margin reduces anxiety

Matt. 6:27 (ESV) And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

C) Healthier **RELATIONSHIPS**

- Families without margin have more conflict

Eph. 4:2 (NIV) Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

2nd) I need some level of understanding God's **WILL**.

Matt. 11:26 (ESV) yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

2 Ways to find God's will:

A) **ADMIT** that you need guidance.

Psalms 25:9 (NIV) "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way"

Phil. 4:6-7 (CEV) Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts, offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

B) **ASK** God in faith for directions.

James 1:5-6 (TLB) "If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it. But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to tell you, for a doubtful mind will be as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind"

- Ask the right person: God
- Ask with the right attitude: Expecting God to answer.
- His word
- Circumstance
- An unintentional thought
- Another person

Psalm 19:11-12 (MSG) "God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure. Otherwise how will we find our way? Or know when we play the fool?"

- God's will is already revealed in His word

Psalm 12:6 (NIV) "And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times"

- Stop listening for a voice, and start looking for a verse.

Marginal Application #3 - Add Space for God's **WORD**.

3rd) I need some level of trust in **JESUS** not in religion.

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- Religion is a guy in church thinking about fishing. Relationship is a guy out fishing thinking about God.
- Religion teaches you that you have to do
- Christianity says that you can't do
- You have to trust in the One who has done it for you
- A works based salvation

Romans 11:6 (NIV) "And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 4:4-5 (NIV) "Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness."

Marginal Application #3 - Ask myself what **DRIVES** me to overload.

Eph. 2:8-9 (NIV)"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"