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Creating Space in Your Life

MARGIN DEFINED:
Margin is the space between our current pace and our limits.

KEY POINT:
If you live your life at the limit, at some point, you quit enjoying life.

When there is no margin…

- Stress levels go up.
- Our focus narrows.
- Our relationships suffer.

A Driving Force is Fear…

- Fear of missing out.
- Fear of falling behind.
- Fear of not mattering.

The Real Issue:
How much do I really trust that God knows me and cares for me as an individual?

In Israel, God built margin into their society.

1. Sabbath.

"The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath."

Mark 2:27 NLT

2. Tithe.

3. Law of Gleaning.

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest."

Leviticus 19:9

“Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner.”

Leviticus 19:10

“I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 19:10

KEY PRINCIPLE:
I don’t want you to take everything to the limit.
I want there to be space, and in the space I want you to know that I, God, will take care of you.

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

Deuteronomy 24:19

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.”

Matthew 6:31-32

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

KEY POINT:
Something or someone is going to determine the limits you live by.

DECLARATION:
“I am not going to trade peace for progress and peace for prosperity.”

BIG QUESTION:
Where do you need some margin?