

# SIMPLIFY.

## **PART 4: MARGIN**

### **INTRODUCTION**

During this season, we've all experienced new and higher levels of stress, because life has radically changed for all of us. What do you do when that starts to become normal? What if you could actually find a way to thrive spiritually during this uncertainty? Jesus gives us an invitation to live differently. He calls us to a simplified life.

### **BIBLE VERSES**

Matthew 11:28-30

Ephesians 5:15-16

Genesis 1:27

Luke 5:15-16

Genesis 2:7

Mark 1:35

John 21:22

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Pastor Will taught that to be an apprentice of Jesus we must live into both our potential (created in the image of God) and our limitations (created out of dust). How have you experienced both your potential and your limitations?
2. What is God's personal and specific call in your life right now...the role he has for you, the things he wants you to do with your time, energy, and resources? How do you feel about that call?
3. Think about your past week. What are the things you said "yes" to? What are the things you said "no" to as a result of those "yeses?"
4. Jesus was very intentional with the things he said "yes" to. The reason he was able to live with this kind of intentionality was because he built margin into his life. Margin is the space between your load and your limits. Thinking about your own life, how would you rate the amount of margin in your life on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being almost no margin and 5 being a lot of margin? Explain.
5. What do you need to say "no" to this week in order to create enough margin to focus on your relationship with God and your relationships with others?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

How you spend your time is how you spend your life--It's who you become. You have enough time to do everything God wants you to do (his call for your life). If you don't have enough time you are doing something God doesn't want you to do. Jesus' invitation to you is "follow me...learn from me," and what we learn from him is that his top priority was his relationship with God and his relationship with others. Are you willing to arrange your time so that Jesus' life becomes your new normal?