

The Time is Now

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Message inspired by Reggie Joiner's book: "Playing for Keeps"

Part 1 - Now

Psalm 90:12 ESV "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

*WHEN WE SEE HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE LEFT, WE TEND TO **GET MORE SERIOUS ABOUT THE TIME WE HAVE NOW.**

Perhaps God created time to prove his faithfulness and the extent of his love in a greater way over generations.

Part 2 – What Matters

2 Peter 3:8 in NIV "Dear friends, here is one thing you must not forget. With the Lord a day is like a thousand years. And a thousand years are like a day."

Titus 1:2-3a NIV "That belief and understanding lead to the hope of eternal life. Before time began, God promised to give that life. And he does not lie. Now, at just the right time, he has made his promise clear."

*WHEN WE SEE HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE LEFT, WE TEND TO **MAKE WHAT MATTERS MATTER MORE.**

4 things we need that matter over time.

LOVE over time reminds people of their worth.

WORDS over time influence a person's direction.

STORIES over time connect us to a bigger perspective.

FUN over time builds friendship.

Part 3 – Time Over Time

John 10:10 NIV "A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

*WHEN WE SEE HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE LEFT, WE TEND TO **VALUE WHAT HAPPENS OVER TIME.**

1 Corinthians 7:17&20 ESV, "Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to Him, and to which God has called Him...Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called."

1 Cor 7:19-21 NIV: "Being circumcised means nothing. Being uncircumcised means nothing. Doing what God commands is what counts. 20 Each of you should stay as you were when God chose you. 21 Were you a slave when God chose you? Don't let it trouble you. But if you can get your master to set you free, do it."

Tips

1. Get yourself some legacy marbles (OR use the Legacy Countdown App. By rethink Group. Downloadable from the App. Store on your mobile device).
2. Stop to think about what you want to contribute over time. Which area would you like to focus on first? Love, words, stories or fun?
3. Think about what legacy you want to leave. Reggie Joiner wrote in "Playing for Keeps:" An inheritance you leave FOR someone, but a legacy you leave IN someone.

Every day matters, but days over time matter more.