

**The Time Barrier**  
**Sermon 2**  
**OUTLINE**

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**Intro:**

How are you doing with your block map magnet? Have you learned any new pieces of information since last week?

Big Question: How am I going to have time for one more relationship? Let alone 8 new relationships with my neighboring houses?

Time is the biggest obstacle we need to overcome to be effective neighbors.

Are we living at a pace that allows us to be available to those around us?

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**Development of Neighboring:**

Technology is supposed to give us extra time and yet we still just cram more into our days instead of creating margin.

Myths we believe:

1. Someday things will settle down (we just need to get to \_\_\_\_\_ then we will have time for that)
2. More will be enough (with one more purchase or \_\_\_\_\_ then we will be content)
3. Everybody lives like this (no they don't)

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**Biblical Text:**

Jesus tells us there is a different way to live

Luke 10:38-42

Martha, distracted by the preparations for hosting Jesus, misses out on time with Jesus. She is rushed and misses out on the main thing even though she is doing good things.

What Martha was doing wasn't bad, but she is being reprimanded for serving Jesus. Jesus is saying we need to say no to good things to center our lives around the main thing.

Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus, culturally this is not the norm. Culturally Martha is doing what is culturally appropriate by being in the kitchen and serving Jesus. Mary is going against the culture and focusing on what the main thing.

Sometimes we need to go against the cultural norms by creating space for relationships with our neighbors.

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**Application:**

We need to practice the art of elimination.

-Michelangelo when given a block to create his statue of David said that he just removed everything that wasn't a masterpiece.

Jesus had healthy rhythms in His life. People wanted to hear more of Him and yet He knew when to retreat and be still.

Jesus asked Martha to say no to ministry and serving to sit and be centered around Him, the main thing.

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**Closing:**

Maybe God is calling you to give up something so you can make room for the main thing?

As you leave today ask these questions: God what is your heart for me? What is that next step you desire me to take? What is the main thing you want me to focus on?