

Series: "MARGIN"
Part 1: "MARGIN MATTERS"
Crossroads Community Church
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A Definition:

➤ **Margin is the amount _____ beyond what is _____**

Signs you have misplaced margin in your life:

1. **Unending _____**
2. **Undue _____ and pressure**
3. **A sense of nagging _____**
4. **Financial _____**
5. **_____ in your relationship with God**

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

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 Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)*

WHY margin matters:

1. **When margin decreases, your _____ increases**
2. **When margin decreases, your _____ decreases**

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WHAT margin is:

1. **Margin is a _____ issue**
2. **Margin is a _____ issue**

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*³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
 Matthew 6:33 (NIV)*

The HOW behind creating margin:

➤ _____

*¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
 Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)*

- **Making a decision against _____**

Sermon Notes:
