



**LIVING LIFE ON THE EDGE**

**Margin Pt 1**

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- **MARGIN** – is an amount that is available **BEYOND** what is actually needed.
- **MARGIN** – is the space between our current pace and our **LIMITS**.

When you don't have margin in your life – there are predictable effects:

1. As margin shrinks – **our stress levels go up.**
2. As margin shrinks – **our focus narrows.**
3. As margin shrinks – **our relationships suffer.**
  - If you are married – a lack of margin will destroy intimacy in a marriage.
  - If you are a parent – you cannot nurture your children if you don't have margin.
  - Your relationships depend on your ability to create a life of margin.

So WHY do we allow ourselves to get to a place of no margin?

- **FEAR**

In the Bible – there is a constant invitation from our heavenly Father to come back from the edge.

Observation #1. **We were created with limits.**

Observation #2. **We were created as a relational being.**

Observation #3. **God mandated margins.**

- a. Old Testament margins
  
- b. New Testament margins

Jesus said: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. AND your neighbor as yourself."*

**Revelation 3:20** – Jesus says: *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."*

We are going to live with limits –

- Limits that are self-imposed
- Limits that our culture pushes us to
- Or limits our Heavenly Father invites us to