

God's Greatest Gifts: **time** and **people**

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Summary

In an unscripted, heart-to-heart talk, Pastor Jaime reflects on the two things no amount of money or willpower can control — time and people. Prompted by the passing of two people close to him, he challenges the church to stop letting messy moments rob them of meaningful relationships, and to choose people over pride before it's too late.

Top Points

1. Time is uncontrollable and irreversible. You can't pause it, rewind it, or buy more of it. Every 24 hours is a gift from God worth maximizing.
2. People are gifts from God — even the messy ones. You don't choose your family, your coworkers, or your neighbors, but God places people in your life with purpose.
3. Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater. Don't discard a valuable relationship over a dirty moment. Deal with the situation; keep the person.
4. Moments of conflict can erase a lifetime of good if we let them. Too many relationships have been permanently lost over a single incident, a single word, or a season of pride.
5. Deathbed regrets are almost never about money or titles — they're about people. Those who are cognitive in their final moments think about the relationships they leave behind, not their bank account or achievements.

6. Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (James 1:19). Before reacting, seek to understand the pressure, pain, or perspective behind someone else's behavior.
7. If you still have breath, you still have time to make it right. Don't wait until a hospital room forces a reconciliation that could have happened years earlier.

Quotations

On time:

"Every 24 hours is a gift from God. I want to maximize the 24 hours. If I can make these 24 hours count for all eternity, I want to do it."

On people:

"People are gifts from God — people are valued by God and loved by God."

"At the end of your life here on the earth, you're going to realize that [our relationships with people] was more important than the diplomas, the recognition, the Facebook likes, the TikTok followers, even the houses you were able to build."

On the bathwater principle:

"You may be throwing out the baby with the bathwater — not knowing that you threw away something priceless, something super valuable that God wanted to bring in your life."

"What she's done wrong in my life pales in comparison to the good that she's brought in my life."

"More relationships have been lost because of moments. Moments have been enough to erase a lifetime of good."

On making it right:

"I rejoice with you that today you made it right before you passed away three hours later — but you gave up ten years."

"You allowed the devil to steal you of a day, of a month, of a year, of five years."

"If you still got breath, you got time to go make it right."

"This conversation could have taken place five years ago. So you miss five years of moments, memories of good — you threw out the baby with the bathwater."