



GET YOUR LIFE BACK, PART 2: I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME

Ever wish you had more time? And yet you've probably noticed that when you get more responsibility at work or you decide to have another child, no-body gives you any additional time. No matter how complicated your life gets, all you get is 24 hours a day. In this message, we review three gifts God has given everyone and explore why simply managing time is never the solution to your time management issues.

BIG IDEA: Stop saying you don't have the time. Start admitting you didn't make the time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What dreams do you have that you've never found the time to pursue?
2. Revisit the list you made from Part 1, and discuss why those things are important to you.
3. How often do you find yourself saying "I just don't have the time?" Why do you say it?
4. *With your Bible or BibleApp, read [Matthew 25:1-13](#).*

"Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!' All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. 8 Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. 11 Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!' But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!' So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return."



[Matthew 25:1-13 \(NLT\)](#)

5. Why do you think the bridesmaid failed to make the time for their most important task? In what ways (if any) do you see yourself in this parable?
6. Of all the things you could make time for, which would you bump to the top of your priority list? Any idea which thing God might want you to bump up to the top of your priority list?
7. What do you think might happen in your life if you stopped saying you don't have the time and started admitting (to yourself) that you didn't make the time?

MOVING FORWARD

This week, stop saying you don't have the time. Start admitting to yourself (and to God, who created time) that you didn't make it. See how the change impacts what you choose to make time for. If you find yourself missing key priorities (like time with God, your key relationships, exercise, time to rest, or your most important tasks at work), ask yourself why you keep missing what is supposed to matter most to you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil." Matthew 25:3 (NLT)