

Beyond Scarcity-Time

Week 2

▶ Jeep “Groundhog Day” Super Bowl Commercial 2020 with Bill Murray

Good Morning Gateway

- In the movie Groundhog Day, the character played by Bill Murray gets stuck in a loop and has to live the same day over and over until he gets it right
- And every day, he starts out at 6am to try again
- I feel that way sometimes, how about you?
- Every morning I get up and have a list of things to do that day
- And I try to do them to the best of my ability and do them right
- And sometimes it gets monotonous, same stuff, different day
- Pastor Jason talked last week about a bank account of sorts
- Every day, God deposits 1,440 minutes into your time account
- You get 1440 minutes, I get 1440 minutes and the guy over there gets 1440 minutes
- Usually, these minutes get used in the same way, it's just routine
- And just like my paycheck, 1440 minutes never seems to be enough to do what I want and need to do
- I find myself living with a scarcity mindset when it comes to Time
- I try to hoard my minutes to be able to get stuff done
- Did you know that the feeling of busy-ness or having too much to get done is bad for your health?
 - It causes stress which can lead to heart issues, high blood pressure, sleep problems and mental anguish
- I have to prioritize my mornings to be able to leave on time
- I have task lists for each day of the week to make sure everything gets done
- Evenings are the same way, always something to do or somewhere I need to go
- And, when I get interrupted, I feel stress
 - “Oh great, how am I going to get done now?”

- If that's you, I want you to know that next Sunday, you get an extra 60 minutes for your task list!
- That's right! Daylight Savings ends next Sunday and you get a whole hour for free!
- Maybe that's not you, maybe you don't have enough to do to keep you busy
- Did we mention volunteering in the announcements?
- But I am constantly asking myself

How can I be expected to serve others when I don't have any extra time in my day?

How can I find time to serve God and others when my yard needs to be mowed?

- What does the Bible say about Time?
- What should my priorities be?
- Let's look at that this morning, open up your bible app to Galatians 6
- New Testament letter written by Paul
- Trying to help new believers and old believers live together
- We're going to tackle verses 1-10 this morning in 4 chunks
- My hope is that you will see some things to help you, and me, set the right priorities for our 1440 minutes...
- First up, Paul tells us to

Take Time to Restore Others (vv. 1–3)

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. ³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

We push community here at Gateway Branson, living life together

- There's nobody here who is perfect

- I can say that because Pastor Jason is gone today
- Listen, if it takes being a Cubs fan to obtain perfection, go Cards!
- But aside from Pastor Jason, each of us can stumble in our faith
- Jesus calls us to die to our desires every day
- Some of us fail...
- Paul tells us that we should take the time to restore that person
- What does that mean?
- It means we need to be generous with our time when it comes to hurting people
- It means if someone is in your circle and you see them sinning, you go in love and talk with them and help them get back on the right path
- You call them to obey what the Bible says, to follow Jesus' example
- That may require praying with them or texting them daily to encourage them gently and humbly
- Jesus was humble, he said in Matthew 20:28 that he came to serve others, not to be served
- In other words, unless you're better than Jesus, you're not too important to help
- That time that you spend is very well spent and follows what Jesus would do!
- Chunk #2, Paul calls us to

Take Time to Examine Yourself (vv. 4–5)

Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

We need to prioritize time for staying on the right path ourselves

- Someone might ask, "what work, Pastor Wayne?"
- Are you prioritizing time with God?
- Do you spend some of your 1440 minutes studying scripture? Are you growing in your faith?
- You are responsible for those 1440 minutes

- Pay attention to how you spend them
- Are you showing the fruit that comes from being transformed by God's Spirit?
- Take time to examine yourself and then reprioritize if needed
- Chunk #3, we need to

Take Time to Sow Well (vv. 7–8)

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

The time you spend living according to God's plan will bring life to you

- This is one of the best lessons we can learn about God
- He created this world to work in a specific way that produces peace
- When we put His way into action in our lives, we get the peace and blessings
- When we decide to ignore God's plan (we all do this), we miss out on the peace and blessing He wants us to have
- Paul says you can't mock the justice of God, meaning you can't escape the results of your actions
- Living for His Kingdom brings peace and blessing, you can't escape it
- And you can't trick God into giving you His blessing when you ignore His plan
- What priorities are we planting with your 1440 minutes?
- Are we planting generously?
- Chunk #4 calls us to

Take Time to Do Good Without Giving Up (vv. 9–10)

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to

everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

We keep going in Christ

- I get it, constantly helping others can wear you out
- And I'm not suggesting we spend all of our 1440 minutes buried in scripture and ignoring our responsibilities to our jobs and family
- But each of us can live for Jesus 1440 minutes a day
- We can let God's love influence how we act and react to each other
- We can choose God's principles when we go somewhere or do something
- We can ask ourselves if what we want to do would be pleasing to God
- There's nothing wrong with having fun or resting
- I believe God wants us to do both...it's called Sabbath
- But Paul is telling us that, when we have opportunity, we should help others
- When you see hurting people, especially people in our church community, give your time generously with humility
- And, at the right time, God will give us blessings
- Blessings are when we have more than enough
- If we throw out the scarcity mindset of not enough time
- And we spend our time living according to God's plan
- We will be blessed...

I want to challenge us to pay attention this week to our 1440 minute budget

- Are the priorities we set aligning us with God's plan?
- Are we looking for opportunities to be generous with our time?

Gateways to the platform as I pray

Worship Introduced

Prayer Available

Back to Close

Call to Action

Giving Slide

Blankets in the lobby

- **Take what you need**

Thank you for coming to church...