

The Innkeeper

Making Room



Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,



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⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, **because there was no place for them in the inn.**



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Making Room – Our Need for “Margin”

Margin – “an amount allowed or available beyond what is actually necessary.”

If I schedule 9 of 10 hours, I have 1 hour of margin.

If I spend \$400 of \$500, I have \$100 margin.



Making Room – Our Need for “Margin”

“Margin is the space between our load and our limits and is related to our reserves and resilience. It is a buffer, a leeway, a gap; the place we go to heal, to relate, to reflect, to recharge our batteries, to focus on the things that matter most.” – Richard Swenson

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Making Room for Jesus in Our Lives

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

When in your day, do you “make room” for Jesus?



Making Room for Jesus in Our Lives

- Make time with God a non-negotiable.
- Learn what disciplines feed your soul. (worship, confession, listening, praying Scripture)
- Practice Sacrifice
- Practice Sabbath (a day off, a retreat, a “mini-retreat”)



Making Room for Others

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” (Lk 10:27)



Making Room for Others

Mat 25: 35-36 ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'



In the coming year, are you willing to make more room for Jesus? (*spending time with Him each day*)

Are you willing to make room for others? (*serving others with compassion.*)

How can you create more margin in your life in the coming year?

What do you need to say “NO” to, so that you can say “YES” to God?

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