



GOD OVER

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TIME

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INTRODUCTION

Last week, Pastor John began the three-week series *Safety Third* calling us to make a shift in the way we approach 2019 by encouraging us to please God over people. We need to stop praying "Safety First" in our spiritual journey. This week, Pastor Chip tackles "God over Time." The only way to reorient your life around God's desires and live a *Safety Third* life with time is to continually renew your mind through the Holy Spirit, from the inside out.

DISCUSSION

1. Our calendars and how we spend our time are mirrors reflecting the condition of our hearts. Do we have a treadmill or bunker mentality when it comes to time? We naturally gravitate to one or the other. Discuss as a group.
2. A *Safety Third* mentality with our time means we reorient our lives around God's desires. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** How does these verses free us to live with a *Safety Third* mentality?
3. **Read Romans 12:3-17** aloud. We renew our minds by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us from the inside out through truth, prayer and community. What tangible ways we can demonstrate *Safety Third* in these three areas?
4. A *Safety Third* mentality requires an increasing capacity of humility, desire to bless the church and love for the people in it. Share possible ways in which you can live a *Safety Third* life right now with your time.

DO SOMETHING

1. Pray for a *Safety Third* mentality. Honestly reflect on how you view and spend your time from day to day, week to week, and assess how you can better choose God over time.
2. Commit time for truth, prayer and community on your calendar. As you start these rhythms, consider the following verses: 1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 5:15-16, Psalm 90:12, Acts 20:35 and Matthew 25.
3. If you are currently not volunteering or would like to take a next step in volunteering, sign up online.

RESOURCES

1. Watch "The Renewed Mind and How to Have It" by John Piper. Piper ends by encouraging us to pray the Holy Spirit will renew our mind and that we may desire and approve the will of God, so all of life will become worship to the glory of Christ.
 2. What am I doing with my time? Simple question? Easy answer? It's time you found out. In the five-part series *Time of Your Life* on RightNow Media, Andy Stanley helps you discover the answer. Don't waste another second.
 3. *Addicted to Hurry: Spiritual Strategies for Slowing Down* by Kirk Jones goes beyond social and psychological analyses to include spiritual perspectives on the dangers of letting hurry become a chronic condition. Each chapter includes helpful questions allowing readers to identify their current pace of life and assist them in cultivating their own sacred, savoring pace.
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