



SPACE CADETS

Reclaiming the Margins

Week Three Summary

A is for Accountability

Galatians 5:22-23 - *But the Holy Spirit produced this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Reclaiming the margins = Making room for God and Finding rhythm in God

Accountability is often uncomfortable, unwelcome and uncommon

Accountability is the practice of personal responsibility within purposeful community

Proverbs 18:1-2 (NKJV)

God's Word and God's people are our two best guardrails from disaster

Personal Responsibility

Loved and empowered by God, I am able to respond well

Philippians 4:12-13

Unhelpful responses include blame, excuses, avoidance, denial, hiding, isolation, self-loathing, self-righteousness

The moment we begin responding well is the moment the Lord helps us to begin make our way out of being maxed-out, stressed-out or burnt-out

Purposeful Community

Think about someone you know has dropped-out or been knocked-out of their faith. Did they have a strong purposeful community at the time?

#1 - Purposeful community is BUILT over time

Proverbs 24:5-6

Strength and safety are both important... Even the strongest in the gym need a spotter!

#2: Purposeful community requires regular MAINTENANCE

We all like sheep have gone astray // The devil roams like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour

We are all prone to drift, isolation and vulnerability

#3: Purposeful community is PURSUED

We are all accountable at the level we want to be

How are you building, maintaining and pursuing a purposeful community to whom you are personally responsible?

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PRACTICAL EXERCISE

Write down an organisational chart of your purposeful community right now. Who is in it and what roles do they play? (EG: general, spiritual, financial, health, family etc.)

Where have you avoided accountability, and are there people in your life whom you could build into your purposeful community?

Is your community currently getting stronger or weaker? What do you need to do in order to strengthen it?

What do you need to tell your purposeful community about right now? Thinking particularly about this series of "Reclaiming the Margins" - what is the area you're struggling with the most and would you have the courage to share that with someone who can serve and support you?