

Time: Living a Full Life vs. a Busy Life

Finding a Balance in Life

Luke 10:38-42

Lessons from the Good Samaritan, vv. 10:25-37.

I am to make time to love my neighbor in crisis. My neighbor is anyone whose need I see, whose need I can help, vv. 36-37.

There are times when a temporary need of someone in crisis disrupts the normal routines and balance in life. These needs can be costly of time, emotion, and/or money, vv. 29-37.

Lessons from the good, hard-serving Martha, vv. 10:38-42.

You can take on too much and be unbalanced in costly ways. Warning signs of being unbalanced:

You are so overwhelmed by what “needs” to be done, that you have no enjoyment in what you are doing. You never ask from whom did the “much serving” come?, v. 40.

You are so busy serving the Lord you have no time to enjoy Him in relationship, v. 39.

You view your ministry more as an obligation and duty, rather than an opportunity and privilege, v. 40.

Your attitude towards others tends to be critical and resentful. Your attitude towards yourself tends to be one of self-pity, v. 40.

Your conversations with the Lord tend to be more complaints and petitions rather than praise and fellowship. Implicit in your thoughts is that, if Jesus cared He would move others or circumstances to help, v. 40.

Finding the balance and what is really essential, vv. 41-42.

Make your daily time with Jesus the one essential you will not compromise, v. 42.

Focus on the essential and simple. Do not let yourself or others add expectations beyond what is needed by the priorities Jesus gives you, vv. 41-42.

When you feel distracted, over-worked, burdened, critical, self-pity; know these are warning signs which call for change, v. 40.

Always know Jesus sees you, cares, and wants to help, vv. 41-42.

Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church!

We are a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

**Our mission is to know Jesus intimately
and to share His love and truth passionately.**

January 13-14, 2018

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Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald

Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

SERVICE TIMES

WORSHIP CENTER: Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Contemporary Worship Music
Sunday, 8:00 & 9:30 a.m., Blended Music

THE 290S (Ed. Bldg.): Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Spanish Worship Service (en Español)
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship Music
Sunday, 11:15 a.m., The Gathering

NORTH CAMPUS: Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Japanese Worship Service, North Campus Chapel, 日本語礼拝



Want to connect with others at RHCC? Join Rooted!

Over the course of 10 weeks, you will meet with a group of people to talk about what God has been revealing to you as you go through the week's readings, journal entries, and prayer.

Experience life in Him that is marked by community, authenticity and generosity. Our Winter session begins the week of January 16. Pick up a brochure in the seat backs or Welcome Center.

For more information about what else is going on at RHCC this month, pick up *What's Happening* in the blue boxes or a copy of our *Ministry Catalog*.

“The Persecuted Church”

The Catalyst Ministry welcomes you as we hear from Dr. David Curry, CEO and President of Open Doors USA, who will provide an update on Christian persecution in some of the most difficult countries to be a believer. He will share stories that will challenge and encourage us, as well as enrich our faith. Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the North Campus Chapel.

Estate Planning Seminar

The Stewardship Commission is offering an Estate Planning seminar on Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 301, North Campus. This seminar is designed to help you look at your resources through God's eyes and to ask the right questions in planning your estate. Joining us will be Debra Caldin, longtime RHCC attendee and attorney specializing in estates and trusts. Refreshments will be provided.

Security Team

If you are an active or retired law enforcement officer and would like to assist RHCC with its security and safety efforts, please call Bob Cubillos in the business office at 310.521.5250.

We're here for you! The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Pastor Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or naanderud@rhcc.net.

Jobs Available

- Special Needs Coordinator (P/T)
- Worship Arts Assistant (P/T)

For more information about these positions, go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Chain: Submit prayer requests to Vicki Hardin at Chaplain_Vicki@aol.com or 310.612.7832, by yellow card or at RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer.

Weekly Giving Report (as of 1/7)

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$8,100,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$5,323,378
Received YTD:	\$5,072,593
Over/Under YTD:	(\$250,785)
Needed last week:	\$116,355
Received last week:	\$117,198

Year End Giving

Year End Goal	\$1,814,461
Amount Received	\$1,623,588
Under Goal	(\$181,873)

Thank you RHCC!

Perhaps the greatest challenge we have in the leadership of our church is in defining and upholding our unity. We know that the love we are to have for one another is the command of Jesus, John 15:12. We know the love that we are to have for one another is the power of our witness in the world, John 13:34-35. We know that Jesus is not divided as the Bible says in Ephesians 4:4-6, *“There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

As leaders we know the oneness we have in Christ is defined by the Bible, the Word of God. As it says in Colossians 3:16, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”* As a Church Council of Elders and as a Ministry Team, we take seriously our charge to let the Bible be our authority and guide in all matters of faith and practice. There are times when we need to work through our understanding of what the Bible teaches and how that applies to us. There are times when we need to seek to find the balance when truths of Scripture come from different sides that must be held in balance. The Bible never contradicts itself, so we know that the Bible will not set up one truth against another.

One place we have been examining, as Elders, is in the role of men and women and how that impacts us in positions of accountability in the home and in the church. We have undertaken that not because we feel we need to change how that has been defined in our church, but because we want men and women at RHCC to each find full freedom in Christ as we live together humbly under the authority of Jesus and His Word. We know that all of who we are in Christ is for the glory of God. We know that we each have been adopted as sons of God. We know we are each gifted by the Holy Spirit and called to ministry. We know we are each royal priests who have full rights to come into God's presence and intercede before the throne on behalf of others. We know

that Jesus is the Lord in His church and all the rest of us are His humble servants. Yet, we also know in all of this, there is a uniqueness to us as male and female. Each has been designed to complement the other in who each is. One is not the other, yet each are made in the image of God and it takes the fullness of both, together, to fully reflect the fullness of God.

As we journey through the realities of being male and female, as elders we believe the Bible has three places in serving God where being male is a necessary qualification. They are in heading the home under Christ in marriage, in the office of elder, and in the preaching of the Word of God in worship services. This has been the history of RHCC and it will be our future. We believe these are clearly addressed by the Bible in ways that are defining. As the year unfolds, we will share more about the Biblical basis for these convictions. We hold this position humbly, knowing that Jesus has established us as servants who lead a home, serve as elder, or preach the Word of God in worship services as those who serve and represent Jesus. We know the authority is Jesus and His Word; not us. We know that God has established these positions of leadership accountability positions, not as power and control positions. We know that God holds us accountable to be sure His flock is cared for, taught, and protected. We know that God holds a man accountable to love and support his wife so each comes to the full measure of Christ in their lives.

We also know, as we view the issue of male and female in life, it is an area where men have behaved badly. We know that too often, even in church, the Bible has been used as an excuse that has kept women from the equality and respect each is to have, and justified men in behaving in ways that have been selfish, hurtful, and neglectful. Too often men in the church have followed sinful patterns from the world, rather than transforming themselves by the love of Christ. We want to be sure at RHCC that women are welcomed as full partners in the ministry. We want to make sure their spiritual gifts are used in their fullest expression. We want to make sure church is a place of safety and honor.