Taking Time to Neighbor Well
Sermon Series: LoveYouSee
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I. **Introduction:** The Story of Hazel

II. **The *LoveYouSee* Question:** Do I live at a pace that allows me to be available to those around me?

III. **The Unhurried Example of Jesus**

- The "interruption" of the blind man crying out
- The "interruption" of the little children on his lap
- The "interruption" while going to the official's house
- Jesus lived a passionate, purposeful life, but he wasn't in a rush.

IV. **The Lessons from Martha and Mary (Luke 10:40-42)**

- Martha: *Busyness can cause us to miss opportunities to be with Jesus and others.*
- Mary: *Jesus invites us to say no to good things in order to focus on what's most important.*
- John Ortberg: "*Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don't have.*"

V. Three Life-Balancing Principles:

- ***Make the main thing the main thing:*** Do this exercise prayerfully. Take time to reflect on what is most important in your life and then intentionally schedule around those things. Plan your life around the priorities you identify. This might mean planning time to just hang out on your block.

- **Eliminate Time Stealers:** Don't be afraid to say no to time stealers that get in the way of your top priorities. We have to learn to stop wasting time with the activities that contribute nothing positive in our life. Learn the art of elimination.

- **Be Interruptible:** Be willing to be inconvenienced. Develop a mind-set that accepts the interruptions of others. This might not feel natural at first, but that's part of living at a healthy pace.

VI. Concluding Thoughts & Prayer Ministry