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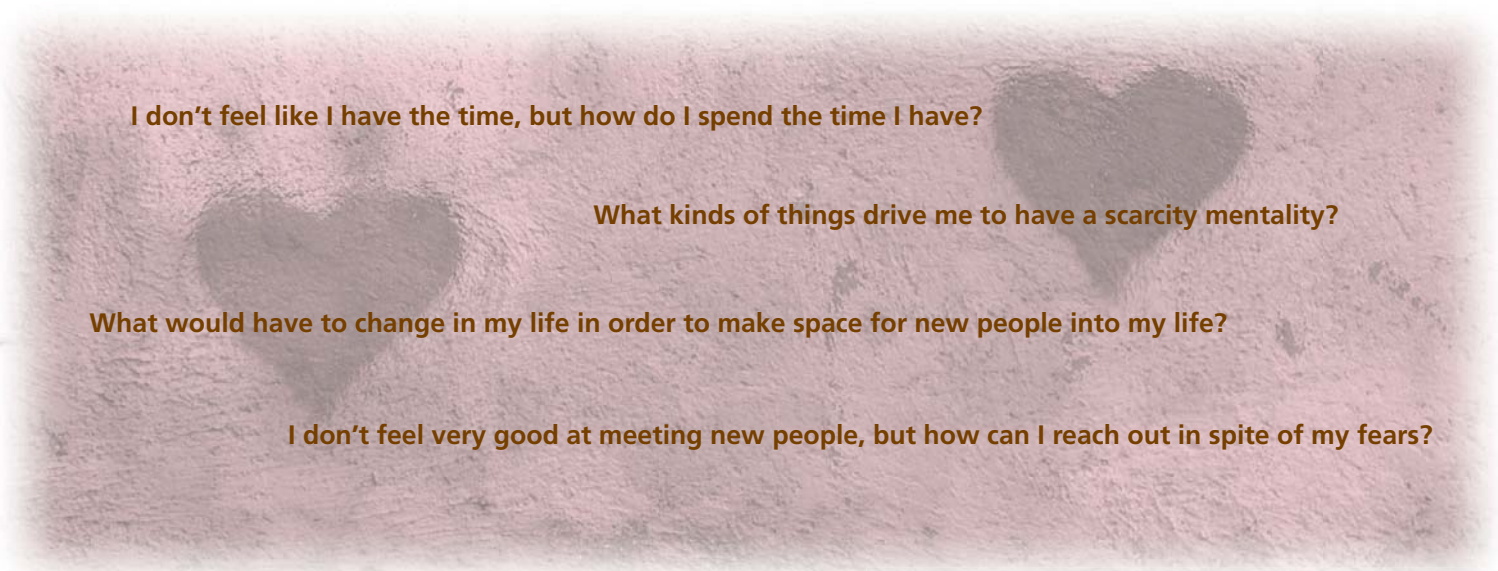


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 How would you advise Joe?
 What are the key questions he could ask to the leadership team?

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Jairus comes to Jesus—his daughter is dying. Jesus heads to help. On his way this he stops not to physical heal this woman, but to welcome her into his presence, welcome him into his space and heal her emotionally and spiritually.

What would it have been like to be Jairus? Jairus must have been freaking...time is ticking for him, he might want to care about this woman, he just is too worried about his daughter. Jesus has a Kingdom view of time, time is not short for Jesus but it is abundant. We often think time is a scarce resource but Jesus views time and uses his time from his mentality that time is an abundant resource.

What does Jesus value? He values this woman knowing she is loved, that her story matters, that it's worth hearing, that it's as important to him as a wealthy respected man's daughter.

What if Jesus hadn't stopped and talked to the woman? What wouldn't she have gotten? peace, complete healing, honor and value

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ABUNDANCE	<p>JAIRUS AND THE DISCIPLES They see the task—heal Jairus’ daughter and quickly. There is no time to spare and there is no room for an inconvenience like this. We don’t have time to get to know this woman.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXTERNAL REALITY: Time SCARCITY We communicate that we are too busy, that we have no time or space for new people • INTERNAL REALITY: Heart SCARCITY Our hearts are closed. Maybe we are afraid open them because it will mess things up too much; maybe we are apathetic to having new friends—we feel satisfied.
SCARCITY	<p>JESUS He has a Kingdom view of time—it’s abundant. He also has an other-centered approach. He’s open to the woman “messing” up his schedule. He doesn’t see it at messing things up. He has a heart for this woman.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXTERNAL REALITY: Time ABUNDANCE We have time for new relationships, time for interruption, time for new ministry opportunities • INTERNAL MENTALITY: Heart ABUNDANCE Open hearts, hearts of welcome, posture of hospitality, expectancy. This is not an issue of having more time. Two people can have the same schedule but operate differently

Ask students to pick a question to reflect on:

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