



Time in the Chair
the week of **September 14-19**

DAY ONE: Anything Read Galatians 6:1-2

When we *carry each other's burdens* (Galatians 6:2), we step into each other's lives in some incredibly challenging situations: struggling in school, death of a loved one, family arguments, and break ups in dating relationships. We come alongside each other and *bear with the failings of the weak* (Romans 15:1) in the same way they do for us when we are in need.

When we're not quite sure what to do, we can say, "If you need anything, call me." But as one pastor says, "With these truly heartfelt words, I have just offered everything but not yet done anything. I have now handed my friend a blank check, but it is neither dated nor signed".

So it is often better to do something rather than promising everything. Today memorize Galatians 6:2 and use it as motivation to do something rather than promise everything.

DAY TWO: Read James 5:16-18

Read the passage and then choose one verse/thought related to your words and answer one of these three questions:

1. What does it say about God?
2. What does it say about you?
3. What does it say about others?

As you spend time in the Chair today, talk to God about what you read/learned and respond appropriately to it.

DAY THREE: Traveling Partners Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

A small group at Breakaway is just one of several “circles” in our life. Other circles include friends, work teams, sports teams, classes we attend, our neighborhood, and people with whom we serve. Each circle has the potential to influence us in one of two directions: toward or away from living like the Jesus. No circle is neutral in this respect; each one moves us one way or the other.

This makes The Circle of Breakaway small groups especially important. It may be the only one in your life with the specific goal of helping you to become more like Jesus. Because of the challenges we face along the road (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12), it’s critical we “travel” with others who not only help, but move us toward Jesus in the midst of the challenges. It’s also important we build relationships before we need others and others need us.

Today, as you welcome God into your day, evaluate your circles and their role in moving you toward or away from being like Jesus. This might require you to step out of one circle and move into another. Why not make a commitment this year to participate in your Breakaway small group and be as faithful as you can. You need some good travelling partners and others do too.

DAY FOUR: Read Hebrews 10:23-25

Read the passage and then choose one verse/thought related to your words and answer one of these three questions:

- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an application to make?
- Is there something new about God?

As you meet with God today, talk to Him about what you read/learned and respond appropriately to it.