

86,400 Reasons: Making Every Second Count for Jesus

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A few weeks ago, I shared a short devotional on time and its sacredness. The more I reflected on it, the more I realized this topic runs deep. Time isn't just something we track on our phones or glance at on the wall clock. It's a divine gift. A sacred trust. A spiritual currency that God gives us each and every morning.

You and I didn't earn today. We didn't negotiate for it. We don't even deserve it. But by God's grace, we opened our eyes to a brand-new set of seconds, 86,400 of them to be exact.

Let me give you a picture: Imagine a wealthy benefactor depositing \$86,400 into your bank account every morning. The money comes with two conditions:

You must spend every penny before the day ends. No rollovers.

You are not guaranteed the same deposit tomorrow.

How would you respond?

You would be intentional. Strategic. Purposeful. You wouldn't waste it. You wouldn't leave it sitting idle. You would make it count.

Now think about this: God gives you 86,400 seconds every single day. Every tick of the clock is a second, you'll never get back. It must be spent, and how you spend it will echo in eternity. So, let's ask a hard question: How are you spending your seconds?

For many Christians, one of the most neglected areas of our daily time is prayer. We often say, "I didn't have time to pray," but the truth is we didn't make time to pray.

Let's imagine something sobering: What if God showed up today and said, "Everything you've prayed for this week, I will answer with a YES."

What would actually change?

- Would lost souls be saved?
- Would marriages be restored?
- Would missionaries be empowered?
- Would churches be strengthened?
- Or would your week just have more comfort, convenience, and personal gain?

Small prayers aren't bad, but when they're all we ever offer, they may reflect a small view of God.

Big prayers honor a big God. Prayers for revival, for salvation, for transformation. These are the kinds of prayers that move heaven and change the world.

The Christian life isn't just about how we spend our "spiritual moments." It's about how we spend every moment. Listen to Paul's challenge in Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

“Whatever you do” means everything counts, conversations, chores, work meetings, meals, hobbies, family time, church time, even your rest. When done with a heart surrendered to Christ, the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

Every second becomes a platform to reflect Jesus.

Paul writes in Ephesians 5:15–16: “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

The word “redeem” means to buy back, to make the most of. You can’t rewind time, but you can reclaim it. Use it for eternal purposes. Make your minutes matter.

So, how do we redeem our 86,400 seconds?

- **We pray boldly and frequently.**
- **We love deeply and unconditionally.**
- **We serve selflessly, even when it’s inconvenient.**
- **We worship passionately, not just with our lips but with our lives.**
- **We witness faithfully, speaking the truth in love.**

Psalm 118:24 reminds us: “This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

God made this day, not by accident, not randomly, but with purpose.

You are alive today for a reason. That reason is not merely to survive, but to thrive in Christ and to advance His kingdom on earth.

Jesus gave everything for you. Will you give today these 86,400 seconds back to Him? It’s time to realign your priorities, your energy, and your focus with Jesus.

Let’s stop wasting what God has graciously given. Let’s live today for eternity.

You have 86,400 reasons today to:

- **Worship.**
- **Serve.**
- **Love.**
- **Forgive.**
- **Share the Gospel.**
- **Be a blessing.**
- **Point people to Jesus.**

Don’t wait for a better day. This is the day the Lord has made.

Let’s not waste a single second.