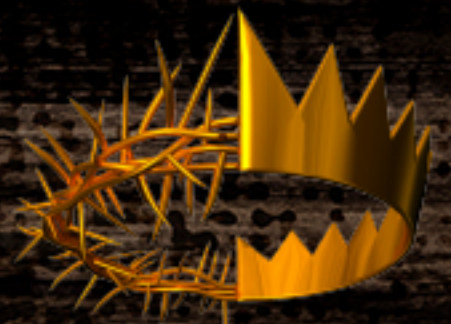




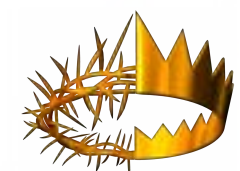
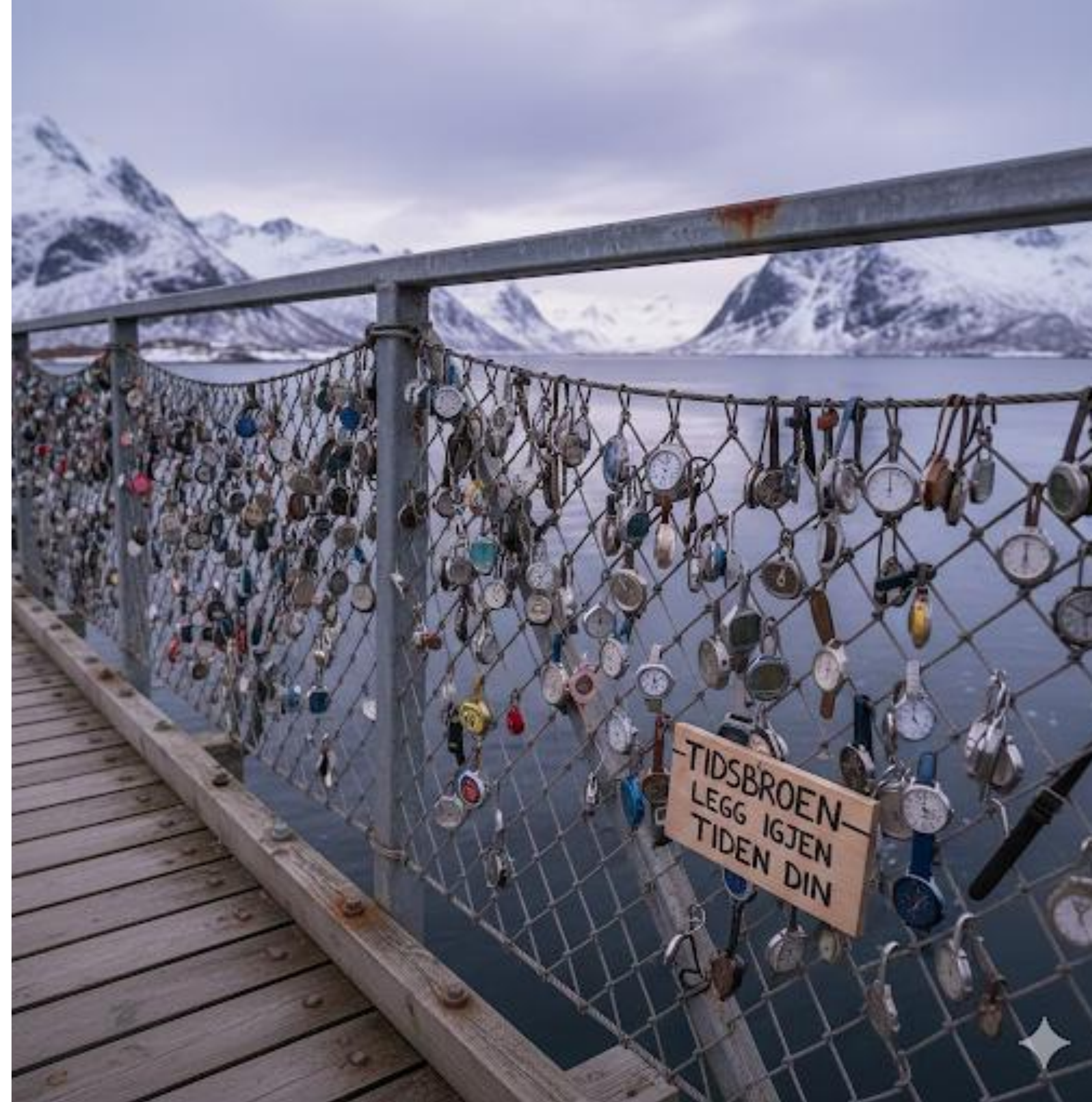
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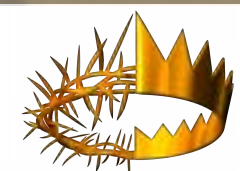
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In the far north of Norway, tucked away in the Arctic Circle, lies the small fishing village of **Sommarøy**. For 69 days in the summer, the sun never sets.

It is a land of eternal day.

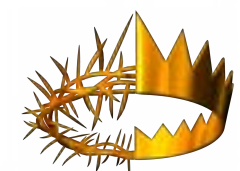


PART 1: UNLOCKING THE WORD



See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

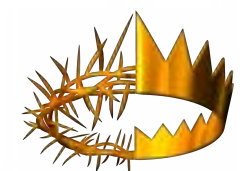
Ephesians 5:15, 16



1. THE MEANING OF "REDEEM"

The Greek word used in Ephesians 5:16 is (exagorazō).

- was the marketplace.
- means "out of." To "redeem" means to go into the slave market of the world and buy back something that is being wasted or mistreated. We are buying our minutes back from the "evil days" and placing them into the service of the King.



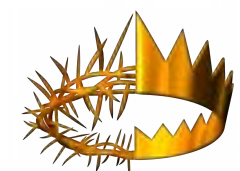
2. CHRONOS VS. KAIROS

We must distinguish between the two types of time found in Scripture:

Chronos: The Quantity. > This is linear, sequential time. It is the root of "chronology." It is the ticking of the clock that marches toward the grave.

- Scripture Reference: *"But when the fullness of the time (chronos) had come, God sent forth His Son..."* (Galatians 4:4).

Here, *chronos* represents the long, measured wait of history until the precise second of Christ's birth.

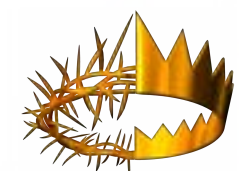


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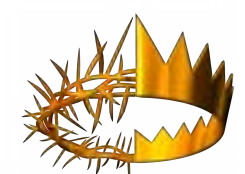
Kairos: The Quality. > This is the "opportune moment." It is not a duration, but a **destination**. It is a window of opportunity that opens and then shuts.

- **Scripture Reference:** *"The time (kairos) is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand"* (Mark 1:15).

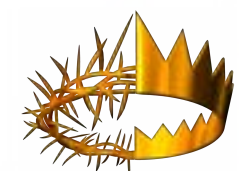


THE STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLE:

We are given *Chronos* (24 hours a day), but we are judged by how many *Kairos* moments we recognise and capture within those hours.

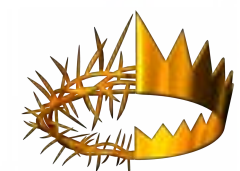


The Problem: Most of us live entirely in *chronos*. We manage our calendars, but we miss our *kairos*. We are so busy counting the minutes that we fail to make the minutes count.

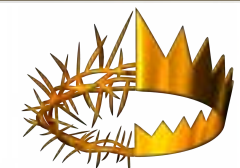


As Ellen White powerfully notes in Christ's Object Lessons:

"Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a **more strict** account than of our time." (COL 342.1)



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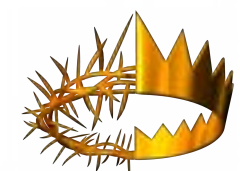


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1. THE TRAGEDY OF CHRONOS: THE RICH YOUNG RULER

(Matthew 19)

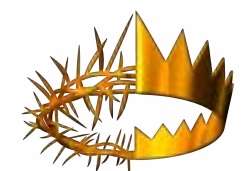
The Rich Young Ruler had plenty of *chronos*. He had a long life ahead and wealth to fill it. But he was presented with a *kairos* moment—an invitation from the Creator of Time to "Follow Me." Because he was too attached to his "possessions" (which included his scheduled, comfortable life), he let the *kairos* pass. He kept his clock but lost his calling.



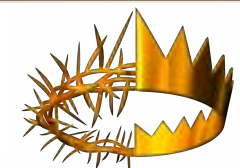
2. THE TRIUMPH OF KAIROS: THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

(John 4)

Jesus was tired. He was operating in *chronos*—it was the "sixth hour" (noon). He had a schedule to get to Galilee. But when the Samaritan woman arrived, He recognised a *kairos* moment. He broke social, racial, and gender barriers to redeem that hour. The result? An entire village was saved because Jesus was willing to interrupt His *chronos* for God's *kairos*.



PART II: THE THREE OBJECTIVES OF "REDEEM THE TIME"



1. AWARENESS: THE AUDIT OF THE SOUL

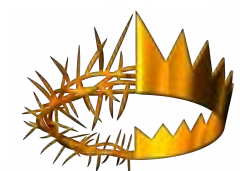
The first objective is to realise that time is a lent treasure. We cannot manage what we do not measure.

- **Biblical Foundation:** Psalm 90:12 – *"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."* *
- **The Insight:** Moses isn't asking for a math lesson. He's asking for a perspective shift. When we "number our days," we realise they are finite.

Ellen White reinforces this in *The Ministry of Healing*:

"The value of time is beyond computation. Christ regarded every moment as precious, and it is thus that we should regard it."

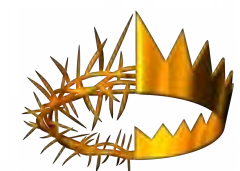
(MH 496)



2. ALIGNMENT: PRIORITIES OVER PRESSURES

The second objective is to align our *chronos* (schedule) with God's *kairos* (purposes).

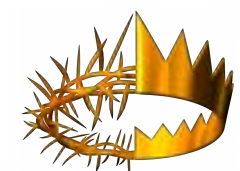
- **Biblical Foundation:** Colossians 4:5 – *"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time."*
- **The Insight:** Paul suggests that how we spend our time is our greatest witness. If we are just as stressed, rushed, and frantic as the world, what "Good News" are we actually sharing? Stewardship of time is the quietest, most powerful sermon you will ever preach.



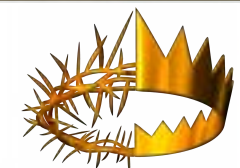
3. ACTION: THE BOLDNESS OF "NOW"

The final objective is the move from contemplation to execution.

- **Biblical Foundation:** 2 Corinthians 6:2 — *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."*
- **The Insight:** The enemy of stewardship is not always "evil"; often, it is simply "later." Procrastination is the thief of *kairos*.



PART III: THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE "REMAINING"



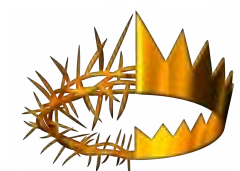
We often think stewardship is about what we give (the 10%), but "Redeem the Time" teaches us it's about how we handle the *remainder* (the 100%).

If you give God your first hour in the morning, but the remaining fifteen hours are spent in vanity, gossip, or mindless consumption, have you truly redeemed the time?

Ellen White challenges us in *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4*:

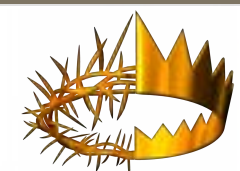
"Time is not yours; it is God's... If you waste your time, you are robbing God." (4T 451)

That is a heavy word—"robbing." But it's also a hopeful one. Why? Because you can only rob someone of something that has **value**. God calls your time "stolen" because He considers it **precious**.



A hand holding a pocket watch against a background of a globe. The hand is in silhouette, holding the watch with the dial facing forward. The globe is a light brown color with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The text is overlaid on the hand and watch.

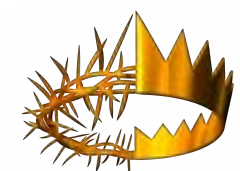
CONCLUSION:
LEAVE THE WATCH,
FIND THE MISSION



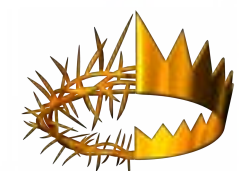
The people of Sommarøy left their watches on the bridge because they wanted to be free. But as Christians, we don't just want to be free *from* time; we want to be free *for* Christ.

Redeeming the time doesn't mean doing more. It means doing what is eternal. It means looking at your neighbour not as an interruption to your schedule, but as a *kairos* moment sent from Heaven.

Today, I invite you to metaphorically leave your "watch" on the bridge of worldly expectations. Stop asking "What time is it?" and start asking "What is this time for?"



The clock is ticking, but the
Kingdom is calling. ---



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