

# POINT OF IMPACT

## DAY 1

**READ** Leviticus 19:9-10. **NOTICE** that it's assumed there will be a need. The landowner isn't told to leave the edges of the field **if** there's a need. There **will** be a need, therefore we have a responsibility and are instructed to be ready. Translating this principle to our lives today, part of being able to share with the poor and alien among us requires **forethought**. Great intentions, without planning and intentionality, will simply leave us without edges.

*Have you established patterns and plans to provide an edge? What things can you do to be sure you have edges? What patterns could you establish to guard your resources? Your time? Your influence?*

## DAY 2

**READ** Isaiah 58:10 and Matthew 25: 35-40.

*What do these verses say about those in need? What should our attitude be toward the "least of these"? Who is (implied) responsible to respond to those in need? Do you find yourself living in such a way that all of your time, resources, and influence are spent long before you have even met your own obligations and responsibilities let alone having an edge for those in need?*

**REFER** to the Scripture from Day 1. **NOTICE** that leaving edges for the poor and alien wasn't conditional on whether or not you could reap a sufficient amount without "tapping" the edges. The assumption: **The landowner is supposed to live off what he harvests without reaping the edges.**

*What's my attitude toward those whom I see in need? Have I allowed influences of the world to skew my perception of what or how much I have been given? Do I feel pressure to continually "have/get more?" What feeds that pressure? Is it our culture's view of what's enough? Is it a worry /fear of being "without?"*

**PRAY:** Father, we're surrounded by influences telling us **we** need more... that what we have isn't enough and responding to those in need is someone else's job - someone who has **MORE** than we do. Help us trust in You and the way of living You've given us. Guide us to live in such a way that You will say, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for Me."

## DAY 3

**READ** Proverbs 2:6-11, 3:9-10, and 13:16.

The principle of living in such a way as to allow an EDGE isn't simply about providing for others in need. It's actually a better, wiser way. We can live a better, more whole and healthy life as we learn to live on less for ourselves and seek to grow our EDGE to serve others.

*If your compassions were stirred toward a need today, would you have the capacity to respond? Whether it's financial, emotional, spiritual, or otherwise, do you currently have anything of yourself left to give? Do you have an EDGE?*

There are countless good things we can do and be a part of. Choosing the best things will help your EDGE grow.

**What can you begin doing today to increase your EDGE?**

*In what are you currently investing your time/resources that you could cut back? Are there steps you need to take to simplify? Something you could sell? Are you in a position to downsize? During any given week, are your days completely booked? Are you (and your family) doing too much? Do you (and your family) spend too much time watching TV? What can you do to limit the activities and time commitments? Do you need to establish boundaries? Should you evaluate the **best** uses of your time and energy as opposed to the **good** uses? What decision can you make today that will begin the process of growing your EDGE and living better?*

## DAY 4

**READ** Exodus 2:11-14 and 3:4-10.

*Why do you think Moses was compelled to kill the Egyptian? What do these verses say about both Moses' and God's concern and compassion for the Hebrew people?*

**"It's in that defining moment when your eyes open to something bigger than yourself that you just might hear God say, "Now you know how I feel." That firestorm of frustration isn't just yours, it's God's as well, and he wants you to focus its energy so that together, he and you can fix some problem that badly needs fixing."**

**Holy Discontent-Hybel**

Moses' solution wasn't the right one, but with God's guidance and wisdom and as he partnered with God, Moses was able to focus his passion and frustration for the good of others and changed lives.

*What breaks your heart? What brokenness, what wrong, compels you to DO something about it? If Moses had never left the comfort of the Egyptian palace, he may never have been aware of the oppression his fellow Hebrews suffered. Do you have space in your life to see the broken things? To feel compassion? Without EDGE we'll not only be left with nothing of ourselves to give, we'll miss the opportunity to meet God in the EDGE, where his passions call us to join Him.*

## DAY 5

**READ** John 5:17;19 and Mark 6:34.

Jesus wants to break our heart about **something**, not everything. God's already working and He calls us to join Him.

**REFER** to last week's **Impact Opportunity insert**. Find it on the JW website: <http://www.jacobsweltec.org/#/message-resources/devo-small-group-studies> Look at the **IMPACT** opportunities. *What captures your passion/compassion? Where can you join God in what He's already doing here at JW? Are you looking for something specific but it's not there? Perhaps that's where God calls you to join Him.*

**PRAY:** Father, guide me as you stir my passion/compassion. Open the eyes of my heart to envision the impact You desire to make through me.

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