

Life's Interruptions

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Interruptions are a part of life. They come in different forms, affecting our mood, stealing our joy, and halting our plans. No matter what form of interruptions may come our way, God wants us to be ready for them because they are part of our everyday lives and they have a purpose to fulfill.

1. Jesus wants other people to experience Him through us.

1.1. Jesus allowed interruptions on various occasions: when He cleansed a leper (Mt. 8:1); called the first disciples (Lk. 5:1-7); fed the five thousand (Jn. 6:1-3); calmed a storm (Mk. 4:38-40); healed a paralytic (Lk. 5:17-26); and turned water into wine (Jn. 2:1-11).

2. We need to be disturbed at times, so we can assess how we live our lives. In the process, we discern God's purpose for the interruption.

2.1. We must learn to discern whether an interruption is from God or from Satan.
2.2. The devil is a roaring lion on the prowl seeking for someone to devour (1 Pt. 5:8).
2.3. Sometimes the Lord interrupts our activities to speak to us; we need to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

3. We must be ready to be interrupted by God as He sends our way people with various claims and petitions to minister to.

3.1. In the story of the Good Samaritan, the Priest and the Levite were not willing to be disturbed by the man lying half dead by the road. But the Good Samaritan, an enemy of the Jews, spent time, money, and effort to nurse the man back to health (Lk 10:25-37).

3.2. As we begin to make ourselves available to God, we will have the privilege of sharing with the happiness He brings to other people through us. We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

4. When life interrupts, Jesus can bring:

4.1. Reversal

The Samaritan Woman at the well welcomed Jesus' interruption and experienced a drastic change in her life. From being a sinner, she turned into an instrument of salvation for her own people (Jn. 4:4-26).

4.2. Revision

At times, God interrupts our plans to steer us away from danger to safety, or from failure to victory.

4.3. Renewal

Job lost everything, but God restored twice what he lost.

Interruption is God's invitation to see all around us and into the lives of others in need.

Reflection: What interruptions have you had in your life and how did you cope with it?

In the face of difficult circumstances, Jesus can easily reverse, revise and renew our lives.

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