

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Divine Disruption in the Life of a Christian

2 Chronicles 15: 1 – 7

As believers, we should know that God exists everywhere, and we should also know that this existence comes with his desire to have a relationship with the people in whom he has created. But the people of God no longer take him seriously, choosing to reject and stray away from his presence. There is a lack of truth when it comes to teaching the word of God. Teaching and preaching the word of God has become an interpretation of what we think, or what we feel is good for the people around us, that which is popular and preferred. For this reason, God sends divine disruption to interrupt that which has become normal and natural in the lives of humanity. This disruption that humanity experiences is divinely given, so that we might focus our attention back on the one who created us and loves us unconditionally. Old testament prophecies speak of judgement and wrath that followed after those who were disobedient, and departed from the presence of the Lord, but with the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ, God established a relationship with mankind, a relationship that would no longer rain down fire and brimstone or send floods to destroy all of humanity, but it is a relationship that will allow mankind to experience the consequences of their disobedience.

Romans 1: 21 – 32,....when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful....changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man....wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts....who changed the truth of God into a lie....they did not like to retain God in their knowledge....being filled with unrighteousness....without understanding....knowing the judgement of God....

The word teaches us that even though humanity believes in God, they do not put their belief in God. We only see what we want to see, we do not see all that God wants us to see, through his word. God's word must become the standard by which mankind must conform in order for all of mankind to use his word to address all aspects of their lives. The best way for the believer to show God's grace, his mercy, and his love to the world, is to just simply speak the truth of his word. We must learn to preach the fulness of the truth of God's word without apology, but yet, with his love, his mercy, his grace, and his compassion.

Today we want to take a look at how God uses divine disruption in the life of a Christian, so that we may stay focused on his eternal purpose and plan.

2 Chronicles 15: 1 – 7,....and the spirit of God came upon Azariah....and said....the Lord is with you, while ye be with him, he will be found of you, but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you....for a long season....been without the true God....great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries....God did vex them with diversity....be ye strong....for your work shall be rewarded....

As Christians, difficult circumstances in our life should force us to think more clearly concerning those circumstances and our need for the Lord. The problem is that we tend to look at disruptions in our life and take them personally. At some point, we must come to realize that all things which we work so hard for in this world will come to an end. Therefore, God uses times of disruption in our lives to draw us closer unto him, and to equip us for even more stressful times that are coming.

Psalm 61: 2,....from the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I....

Many things can contribute to our overwhelming sense of anxiety, or worry in our life, but rest assured God is the one in control. Therefore, we must be willing to trust that he will work that which is good from whatever the controversy might be. Even though we might never fully understand the moment in time of Gods purpose and plan for our life that we are going through, his faith in us, and our faith in him will sustain us. These disruptions that God allows to take place in our life he does so that he can show unto us that he will use even the smallest amount of faith to work miraculous things in our heart.

Matthew 17: 19 – 20,....then came the disciples to Jesus....and said, why could we not cast him out?....and Jesus said....because of your unbelief....if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you....

One of the first things that we must come to realize is that when these disruptions take place in our life, if we do not immediately turn unto God, then it is our tendency to take even the smallest of trials and tribulations and turn them into mountains that are impossible for us to overcome. One thing that we must remember is that God promises us, through our obedience unto his word, that he will not suffer us to be tempted beyond that which we are able to bear.

1 Corinthians 10: 13,....there hath no temptation taken hold of you but such as is common to man....but God is faithful, he will not suffer you to be tempted beyond that which ye are able to bear....

No, God does not tempt us, yes, God does allow us to be tempted, and yes, a lot of trials and tribulations that we are going through, so that our faith might grow, comes through temptations.

James 1: 13,....let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man....

If we are to successfully serve Christ, then we must rely upon his strength, not our own, and this comes through our faith in him. The quality of our faith is more important than our profession in terms of the quantity of faith which we have. Faith is not just believing in Christ, it is completely, and conditionally depending upon him. Instead of making disruptions in life out to be something as great as a mountain, we should focus on the greatness of God. As believers, we know the power that God has given unto us, which comes through faith believing in the promises of his word, but often time, we fail to use it.

1 John 4: 4,....ye are of God little children....because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world....

Through salvation, we have been transferred from an earthly position in Adam, to a heavenly position in Christ. But there is more, for we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit who now permanently indwells within us. If we will allow this great gift to work within us, we may not always understand the disruptions in our life, but we will understand that God has allowed these circumstances to happen in our life, and since he has allowed them, if we will seek after his will, he will use these circumstances, not only for our spiritual growth, but also for the glory of his salvation within others. We must learn to see, and to accept, the blessing of divine disruption that God allows to take place in the life of the Christian.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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