

# Reality of Disruptions

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**Lifquake: a major, often unexpected and disruptive event that fundamentally shifts your life...**

*Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled. His name was Mephibosheth.” (2 Sam. 4:4)*

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. (Eccl. 3:1)*

• **Life as it is - always changing** – “A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace... (Eccl. 3:2-8)

**\*\* Life as we want it to be - always comfortable\*\*** – “A time to be born, a time to plant, a time to heal, a time to build, a time to laugh, a time to dance, a time to gather, a time to embrace, a time to search, a

*time to keep, a time to mend, a time to speak, a time to love, a time for peace.” (**The Book of Me, PWV - Personal Wish Version**)*

*...you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (**James 1:3-4**)*

### **The journey from devastation to transformation involves...**

- **Believing for beauty** – “What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time.” (**Eccl. 3:9-11a**)

- **Leaning on eternity** – “He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” (**Eccl. 3:11b**)

- **Choosing God’s purposes** – “I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil – this is the gift of God.” (Eccl. 3:12-13)

- **Trusting God’s providence** – “I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere Him.” (Eccl. 3:14)

*Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account. (**Eccl. 3:15**)*