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Welcome!

SERIES: SOUL REPAIR

Today's Message: Interpreting Interruptions

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: God, you are in charge of everything that happens. We recognize that often we make plans that do not coincide with your plans. Give us grace when our plans are interrupted to trust that you may have something different in mind, and that it will work out for our good and your glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: *Share a high and low point from the past week. Where have you seen God at work this past week?*

INTRODUCTION: This text focuses on a man who was forced to become famous. Millions of people through the ages have labored and fought to get their names in the record of history, but Simon of Cyrene was pushed through an incredible interruption onto the pages of history. Except for one incident in his life he would never have been known, but because of that one experience, he is known the world over wherever the Gospel of Jesus is known. God uses our interruptions as well.

SCRIPTURE: Read St. Luke 23:26

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What was your favorite part of the message today? What's one thing you learned? What interruption have you experienced in the last year? How are you handling it?
2. Has anyone in the group ever experienced an interruption that turned into an opportunity to minister to someone?
3. As transparent as you can be, can anyone tell the group of a time you may have missed an opportunity to minister because you were too busy to be interrupted.
4. Discuss ways your group can make an impact on people in need. Share how you have been used to make an impact on someone's life. Share how someone has made a big impact on your life. What did they do and how did they do it?
5. Discuss how you felt when God used you in someone's life. Be honest enough to tell the group what it is that prevents you from making a bigger impact on others. How can the group help you?
6. Do you have any fears or prejudices that hinder you from impacting any person or group of people?

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CHALLENGE: What *interruptions* have you experienced in the last year that might now be interpreted differently?

SERVE: Pray over Luke 23:26 this week. **Praise** God for God's presence and the resources God provides to us amid interruptions that empower us to move forward. **Listen:** when you are quiet before God, it is amazing how clear things become. **Respond.** Write it down, live it out, give God praise!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “*find, follow and like*” our Facebook page at facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

NOTICE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, ALL OF OUR CAMPUSES ARE PHYSICALLY CLOSED AT THIS TIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

As a small group leader, we depend on **you** to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472
EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177
EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)
EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)
EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177
EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000
EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR/DIRECTOR:

CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory
EMAIL:

- Imagination (0-10): Vernita Williams (Vernita.Williams@myspbc.org)
- SMB (11-19): Martina Jones-Smith (SMB: Martina.Jones-Smith@myspbc.org)
- Dreamchasers (20-29): Curtis Ballard (curtis.ballardjr@myspbc.org)
- Aspire (30-39): Lance Watson, Jr. (lance.watsonjr@myspbc.org)
- Fusion (40-49): Michelle Townsend (michelle.townsend@myspbc.org)
- Encore (50-59): Jamie Duncan (Jamie.Duncan@myspbc.org)
- Prime Time (60-69): Maceo Freeman (maceo.freeman@myspbc.org)
- Refiners (70+): Wallace Simms (Wallace.Simms@myspbc.org)

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