

Interruption

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

—Matthew 1:18 (ESV)

Interruptions Can Devastate Our Plans, But Often, They Gloriously Initiate the Plans of God.

1) Interruptions Are a Part of Life

2) Interruptions Don't Always Feel Glorious

3) Interruptions Reveal What is in Us

19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

—Matthew 1:19 (ESV)

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

—Matthew 1:20-21 (ESV)

4) God is in the Interruption

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called

according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28 (ESV)

What if we saw interruptions as a gift? What if, instead of resisting them out of frustration, we saw them as an opportunity to be open to God? It has been the interruptions to my everyday life that have most revealed to me the divine mystery of which I am a part ... All of these interruptions presented themselves as opportunities ... Each interruption took something away from me; each interruption offered something new.

— Henri Nouwen