

Introduction – The Downsides of Being Famous

I. Jesus Was Interruptible ...

Jesus constantly _____ large crowds of people. So, He had to keep _____ around to new places, and sometimes He even tried to sneak _____ or hide out in more isolated areas.

“Everyone is looking for you!” – Mark 1:37

Mark 2-

Mark 5-

For Jesus, the _____ did not stop Him from doing God’s _____-they were God’s will. Many of His most memorable _____ moments and incredible miracles happened at these moments of _____.

To walk as Jesus walked and to live as Jesus lived, we are challenged to _____ at interruptions as being potential God _____.

II. Applications for Us – Living as Jesus Lived

1) To be interruptible kinds of people we also have to be people with some extra _____ and _____ in our lives.

Comer: “Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life.”

By this he means not simply _____: hurry is a gnawing sense that there is always more to do, and a life spent _____ oneself through each day.

We can take some _____ steps to allow for

_____ conversations. And, we need to resist the temptation to always be looking at _____, and to look up to see what is _____ around us.

2) To be interruptible kinds of people we also have to _____ Christian _____ because it means to treat all people with dignity and _____.

When you think of Christian hospitality, instead of thinking of a _____ with friends, think of the parable of the _____ because it gives us a compelling picture of _____ hospitality.

3) When we think about being interruptible, it is not only about _____, because we should be ready for _____ to interrupt our day too.

It probably won’t be a _____ bush, but it could be a kind of burning in our _____.

One day when it is not expected-it all stops. The angel blows a mighty trumpet, and _____ history is interrupted!

Conclusion:

“Give me grace to embrace interruptions today as gifts from you, and help me to make space in my schedule, at my table, and in my heart for others.” (Lectio 365)

Questions for Further Reflection or Discussion:

- 1) Can you come up with more examples of when Jesus turned an interruption into a ministry opportunity?
- 2) What specific challenges do you face in your life now that make it hard for you to be interruptible?
- 3) Think of a time in your life when God interrupted your plans or agenda... how can you make yourself more ready for more of this?