

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY



Divine Interruptions

# Divine Interruptions are Intentional

To Reveal:

1. Sovereignty of God
2. Character of God
3. Mercies of God
4. Will of God
5. Power of God

# Not All Supernatural Events Are From God !

## Acts 16: 16-18 NLT

<sup>16</sup> One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl **who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future**. She **earned a lot of money** for her masters **by telling fortunes**. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and the rest of us, **shouting**, “These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved.”

<sup>18</sup> This went on day after day until Paul got so **exasperated** that he turned and said to the demon within her, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And instantly it left her.

# If Not of God...

These events or happenings will distract us from:

1. Knowing the Truth
2. Living out the revelational knowledge of God's words
3. Fulfilling Purpose
4. Praying / Fasting / Worshipping *'As Prescribed...'*
5. Blessing others

# 1. Purpose is Revealed

Exodus 3: 1-4 & 10 NKJV

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was **tending the flock** of Jethro his father-in-law... And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. **So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.** <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, **“I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”** <sup>4</sup> So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, **“Moses, Moses!”**

<sup>10</sup> Come now, therefore, and I will **send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”**



## 2. Destiny Is Redirected

Acts 26:9-14 NLT

<sup>9</sup> “I **used to believe** that I ought to do everything I could to oppose the very name of Jesus the Nazarene. <sup>10</sup> Indeed, I did just that in Jerusalem...

<sup>12</sup> “One day I **was on such a mission** to Damascus, armed with the authority and commission of the leading priests. <sup>13</sup> About noon, Your Majesty, as I was on the road, **a light from heaven brighter than the sun shone down on me and my companions.** <sup>14</sup> We all fell down, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is useless for you to fight against my will.**’

**(Paul’s Will Realigned)**

### 3. 'Kairos' Over-rules 'Chronos'

Acts 8:5-8 and 26 NKJV

<sup>5</sup> Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. <sup>6</sup> And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. <sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> And there was great joy in that city.

**(Philip was doing so well in Ministry, but God interrupted!)**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

# Kairos... Redemption Released

## Acts 8: 26-31 NIV

<sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.



## 4. Love Becomes Our Response

### Luke 10:30-37 NKJV

<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a **certain priest** came down that road...<sup>32</sup> Likewise a **Levite...**<sup>33</sup> But a **certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.**

<sup>36</sup> So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” <sup>37</sup> And he said, “He who **showed mercy** on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “**Go and do likewise.**”

**“All the absurd little meetings, decisions, inner skirmishes that go to make up our days. It all adds up to very little, and yet it all adds up to very much. Our days are full of nonsense, and yet not, because it is precisely into the nonsense of our days that God speaks to us words of great significance...”**

**Frederick Buechner**

## Isaiah 55: 8-9 NLT

<sup>8</sup> “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD.

“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

<sup>9</sup> For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so my ways are higher than your ways  
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

# Divine Interruptions Can...

1. Be Ordinary
2. Occur over a period
3. Come through an unexpected source
4. Be Disregarded (Why? Pain vs Pleasure)

**Think of a moment in history where all above were fulfilled?**

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**Authenticity: Divine Interruptions**