

Disruptions

Matthew 4:19

I will never forget when I was at youth group and my wife called, "Tim, I am pregnant!" We were going to have a baby, and this was going to disrupt our lives radically.

I don't say that as a negative, but it was the reality.

Gone were the days of sleeping in, doing whatever we wanted, when we wanted, and we were now responsible for this life.

Yet, we wouldn't trade what we have been blessed with for the world. We love being parents and love our kids dearly. Being a dad has brought me more joy than any sleeping-in, sports team, and other friendship. In my mind, there is nothing cooler than being a dad.

Disruptions can be annoying, or they can be blessings, but the reality is - God will often disrupt our lives, and we can be confident it is for our good.

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus calls His first disciples, and it is not in a way that was overly convenient for these men. These dudes are in the middle of their word day, and Jesus comes along and says, "Follow me."

What? Like now? But I am working! I can imagine what that must have been like for them. Yet the passage tells us "immediately they left their nets and followed him." If you are curious how this played out for these guys, I'd suggest reading through the rest of the gospel. There is a ton that would happen, and it is an incredible story.

But here is the takeaway - When Jesus disrupts, He may be protecting or providing. His disruption may come to deliver you from a bad situation that you can't see. In other words, sometimes Jesus disrupts our lives for our protection. It doesn't always feel good, but it's for our good.

He also may be providing us with an opportunity to serve others, honour God and find great joy in doing so. Many times in life, God will blow up our plans and, in doing so, provide us with an opportunity to experience joy, new life and hope like never before.

So embrace disruptions. Discern if it's for protection or provision, and even if you can't know which it might be, we can trust - God's disruptions are for our good.

