

# This is the Day...Tuesday

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## Divine Interruptions

*“A large crowd followed and pressed around Him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak, because she thought, ‘If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed.’ Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, ‘Who touched my clothes?’”*

(Mark 5:25-30)

Interruptions are a part of life. We begin our day with great intentions and expectations to check several things off of our “to-do” list, but our plans are quickly hijacked by interruptions. We moan and groan about the interruptions, thinking they are wasting our valuable time. Completing our checklist is more important, right? Our checklist is more important than that phone call from a friend who, “just needs to talk.” Our checklist takes priority over driving to the drug store to help out a neighbor. Our checklist does not include all that wasted time answering a child’s questions. These are meaningless interruptions, strategically placed to undermine our day. Right?

Have you ever thought that maybe God is in those interruptions? Maybe there is a divine purpose in the interruptions? When we read the Gospel of Mark, we see just how often Jesus was interrupted. In chapter 4, Jesus was trying to get some sleep in a boat with His disciples but was interrupted because they were afraid of a storm. In chapter 5, as Jesus was trying to rest, He is interrupted by a naked man who is out of his mind. Then Jairus interrupts Jesus because of his sick daughter. Then, as He is travelling, a woman with an incurable ailment, touches the edge of His garment. Another interruption! But just imagine what it would have been like if Jesus had made His to-do list more important than helping those in need.

God is in the interruptions. Those interruptions in your life are divinely placed for a reason. Interruptions are God’s way of reminding us that He controls the work of ministry in our world. God knows our to-do list much better than we do. God knows the priorities of the day and will use interruptions to hijack our list for the good of those in need. God will also use interruptions to adjust our way of thinking. They can open our eyes to a new way of living each day.

We have all just come through a two-year interruption called a pandemic. This event caused great interruptions in our lives. It interrupted our finances, our careers, our relationship with family, our physical and mental health. It even interrupted the way we worship. But maybe it was a divine interruption. It was an interruption that brought families together again. This interruption showed us the power of kindness and how connected we are to each other. This interruption reminded us of the blessing of worshipping together. On this day which God has given you, don’t discount the interruptions. They are God’s way of keeping your life on track.