

WHEN OUR LIVES ARE DISRUPTED

“Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” **2 Corinthians 12:7b-10**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT DISRUPTIVE MOMENTS:

1. DISRUPTIVE MOMENTS CAN BE _____ APPOINTMENTS.

“Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” **Acts 9:1-4 2.**

2. DISRUPTIVE MOMENTS CAN HAPPEN FOR A _____. “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” **Romans 8:28**

3. GOD PROVIDES _____ TO HELP US THROUGH. “But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’” **2 Corinthians 12:9a.**

4. DISRUPTIVE MOMENTS CAN PRODUCE _____.

a. _____ “That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” **2 Corinthians 12:10**

b. _____ “...God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.” **Hebrews 12:10b**

c. **MORE** _____ “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” **1 Peter 1:6-7**

What you receive from a disruptive moments depends on how you respond.

3 WAYS TO RESPONDS TO DISRUPTIVE MOMENTS:

1. _____ IT

2. BE _____ BY IT

3. BE _____ BY IT