

When God Crosses Our Path and Changes our Plans

Luke 8:40-56

Jesus saw the unexpected demands placed on Him by _____ as the means by which the _____ directed His life and ministry. One day, He was swarmed by a crowd of admirers and by Jairus, the synagogue head. His daughter was likely dying. He boldly _____ Jesus, begging Him to come and cure her.

The girl was clinging to life. Every second counted. Yet inexplicably, Jesus _____ and asked, “Who touched me?” A woman confessed. She knew He was inquiring about her because she had just been healed of a bleeding disorder. She touched Him in _____. But Jesus would not be “_____.” He gave her time and attention for the deeper healing of her soul.

Then a report from Jairus’ house came. Jesus’ delay was _____. But it wasn’t a mistake that Jesus had allowed an interruption to delay Him. The second interruption only served to _____ the _____ of the first. It wouldn’t be a recovery from a disease. It would be a _____ from the _____.

These two interruptions Jesus experienced show us how we are to conduct our own lives as we follow in His footsteps.

First, they remind us that many interruptions that demand our attention are likely _____ - _____ moments. When interrupted, remember, God’s hand of blessing may be _____ the _____ that includes this ellipsis of _____ delay.

Second, many interruptions come when we seem _____ to address them, but if we recognize them as God-ordained interruptions, we can expect God’s _____, enabling us to respond to them and persevere through them with grace.

That same Jesus is passing through _____ today and He longs for you to _____ Him too. It’s possible that _____ might go out of Him to you. It just might be that what feels like _____ inside of you can be transformed into new _____—maybe even _____—today.