

## **Holy Interruptions**

January 30 – February 27, 2022

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How will we respond when confronted with the realities of God's promises? We love to hear of God's grace and justice, but it's not easy when we are told that it means upsetting everything we take for granted, assume is normal. God is doing a new thing, interrupting our lives. Will we listen?

### **January 30 – New Identities**

*“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you” – Jeremiah 1:7*

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30

Jesus has done many amazing things, but he doesn't want anyone to see it as a wonderful performance without understanding the deeper truths God is revealing. The call of a prophet is not an easy one, people do not want to hear a word that changes everything. And yet, still we are called.

### **February 6 – God is Calling**

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

What would you give up if you were asked to follow Jesus? These fishermen were minding their own business when Jesus sent them out again for a catch they could never have imagined. They readily dropped everything to follow. Will we turn our lives inside out if asked?

## **February 13 – Shifting Foundations**

*“I the LORD test the mind and search the heart” – Jeremiah 17:10*

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26

We want to be changed by Jesus, by our faith. Crowds came in droves to Jesus to be healed, to receive the promise of God’s blessing. But they didn’t expect to have their worlds turned upside down, to be told truths that make no sense. Yet, if we are to be fully healed, to be fully renewed in God, we cannot help but allow ourselves to be changed.

## **February 20 – Rewritten Scripts**

*“But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.” – Luke 6:35*

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38

You want me to what!?! Why would I love my enemy? Why would I give all that I have if I can expect nothing in return? When we look for worldly rewards we lose sight of the beauty and humanity of those around us, as Joseph’s brothers did. But God is a God of abundance and promise. If we can keep our eyes on God, God will provide even when we least understand it.

## **February 27 – Revealing Light**

*“the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him” – Exodus 34:30*

Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

Sometimes we deliberately interrupt our lives. We’re looking for a little peace, a little rest, a time to hear God more clearly. But will we understand what we hear or will we be too uncomfortable with our encounter to move forward? Even the smallest encounter with God and God’s promises should change us if we will allow ourselves to be transformed.