

## Excuse the Interruption!

“ \_\_\_\_\_ Sickness”

\*\*\* Mark 1:35-45 “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>[36]</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>[37]</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!” Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” <sup>[39]</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. <sup>[40]</sup> A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” <sup>[41]</sup> Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” <sup>[42]</sup> Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. <sup>[43]</sup> Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: <sup>[44]</sup> “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest....” <sup>[45]</sup> Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.”

[New International Version]

Interruptions weren’t Inconvenience but \_\_\_\_\_!

**Moving at the Speed of \_\_\_\_\_!**

Margin is \_\_\_\_\_!

\*\*\* Mark 6:32-34 “So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>[33]</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>[34]</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” [NIV]

**When Margin Shrinks: \_\_\_\_\_!**

We Consider such Interruptions as Impositions Rather than \_\_\_\_\_!

\*\*\* Mark 5:21-24 “When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>[22]</sup> Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet <sup>[23]</sup> and pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” <sup>[24]</sup> Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.” [NIV]

\*\*\* Mark 5:25-34 “And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>[26]</sup> 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. <sup>[27]</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>[28]</sup> because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” <sup>[29]</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. <sup>[30]</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>[31]</sup> “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>[32]</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>[33]</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>[34]</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.” [NIV]

\*\*\* Mark 5:35-43 “While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher any more?” <sup>[36]</sup> Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” <sup>[37]</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>[38]</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>[39]</sup> He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” <sup>[40]</sup> But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>[41]</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). <sup>[42]</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. <sup>[43]</sup> He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.” [NIV]

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#1 Predictor of our Spiritual Health is \_\_\_\_\_!

Mark 2:27 “Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made to benefit people, and not people to benefit the Sabbath.” [New Living Translation]

Here is a good plan:

- Divert \_\_\_\_\_!
- Unwind \_\_\_\_\_!
- Abandon \_\_\_\_\_!

Col. 3:17 “Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus....” [The Message Bible]

**Moving at the \_\_\_\_\_!**