



AN INTERRUPTIBLE LIFE

Week #3



:: Readiness to live an interruptible life is established in prayer.

:: Interruption is often God's invitation.

:: Followers of Jesus turn interruptions into opportunities.

:: An interruptible life is purpose-driven, prayer-based and faith-filled.

Living an interruptible life is not about **MULTITASKING**.

Mark 10:46-48 (NIV)

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Faith and obedience are catalysts of divine **INTERVENTION**.

Mark 10:49-50 (NIV)

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

We walk and see by faith; or we SIT and see nothing.

2 Corinthians 5:7

[NKJV]

For we walk by
faith, not by sight.

Mark 10:51-52 (NIV)

⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"

Jesus asked him.

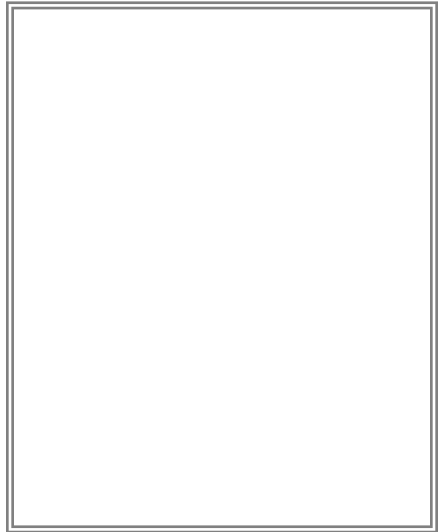
The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



SO WHAT?

- 1) Give UNDIVIDED attention.
- 2) Make the RIGHT ask.
- 3) Take the NEXT step.

Where do you need to STOP to be part of something divine?

NOTES:

***"A world of confusion and disappointment results
from trying to believe without obeying."***

- A. W. Tozer



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Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

- :: *What is one thing God has been teaching or re-teaching you through the Interruptible Life series?*
 - :: *Share how you've been able to create space for interruption in your life this week. [i.e. What are you doing to develop an interruptible lifestyle?]*
 - :: *Discuss the differences and/or similarities between living an interruptible life and multi-tasking.*
 - :: *Reread Mark 10:46-52.*
 - :: *What stands out to you in this passage?*
 - :: *Discuss the role interruption played in these moments.*
 - :: *Who do you most identify with in this interaction? Why?*
 - :: *What can we learn from Jesus' actions?*
 - :: *What can we learn from Bartimaeus' actions?*
 - :: *Pastor Shawn said, "Faith & obedience are the catalysts of divine intervention."*
 - :: *Discuss the implications of that statement.*
 - :: *What do you find especially challenging or encouraging about this?*
 - :: *Revisit Ephesians 2:8-10.*
 - :: *What is the role/impact of faith and interruption in this passage?*
 - :: *Discuss ways God prepares us for the good works He's prepared.*
 - :: *What are some practical implications for how we live today?*
 - :: *Take a moment to pray. Ask God to prepare/equip you to stop and respond.*
 - :: *Invite at least one person to pray for you as you seek to live an interruptible life.*
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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

**Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.
I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I recognize
you as Savior; and I choose to respond to you as my Risen LORD.
Help me to walk with you by faith in every area of my life.
In Your name, Amen.**

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New International Version [NIV].
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