



HOLY DISTURBANCE

God's gift to us, our love for God.

There's a time to be aware of and frustrated by the evils and injustice in the world around us, "a HOLY DISTURBANCE."

1 Samuel 14:6-7 (NLT) ⁶ "Let's go across to the outpost of those pagans," Jonathan said to his armor bearer. "Perhaps the Lord will help us, for nothing can hinder the Lord. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!" ⁷ "Do what you think is best," the armor bearer replied. "I'm with you completely, whatever you decide."

- When you experience a holy disturbance, you always have a choice. You can SHRINK BACK in insecurity or STEP FORWARD in complete confidence that God is able to overcome against all odds and that He wants to use us.

Purpose Statement: We are an authentic, relevant, Bible-based church that welcomes everyone and desires to grow and serve together.

The Cost of Colliding with the World...

1) A Collision with COMFORT – Will you step out?

- Our version of hardship is when a car doesn't start or our WIFI is weak. Once we sit down it's hard to take a stand. Self-indulgence takes precedence over being the Gospel to the world. It calls us to help others in this world. (Get out of the boat.)
- Luke 18:18-23 (NLT) ¹⁸ Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Only God is truly good." ²⁰ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹ The man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." ²² When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you haven't done.

Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²³ But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich.

2) A Collision with APATHY – Will you get involved?

- Luke 10:30-37 (NLT) ³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. ³³ "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' ³⁶ "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."
- Luke 9:23-24 (NLT) ²³ Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

3) A Collision with FEAR – Will you take a stand?

Where do you start? Chances are there are lives right in front of you. Love them, walk with them, share with them and watch what God does.

Life Groups

Scriptures that Relate:

Monday: 1 Samuel 13
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 14

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 15
Thursday: 1 Samuel 16

Friday: 1 Samuel 17
Saturday: 1 Samuel 18

Talk it Over:

1. What were the keys to Jonathan's battle success?
2. How do we get out of our comfort zones to make a difference for the Lord?
3. How does busyness hurt our ability to do God's work?
4. What and where is your holy disturbance?
5. Who is that person right in front of you that could use your attention?