

Thoughts from Pastor Rodney
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DISRUPTION

It seems as though this word has permeated the world, at least my little corner of it. The New Oxford American Dictionary defines this word in two ways. First, “interrupt (an event, activity, or process) by causing a disturbance or problem”. Second, “drastically alter or destroy the structure of something.”

Even the definition presents disruption in my study. What does interrupt and disturbance mean? Well, interrupt is defined as “stop the continuous progress of”. Disturbance is the “interruption of a settled and peaceful condition or a disruption of healthy functioning”. Any way you look at it, the word “disrupt” comes from the Latin word “disrumpere” which means “Broken Apart”.

As I reflect on this past week, I realize that disruption is present. I have little control over some disruptions. My routine has been disrupted. My family has been disrupted. My TV shows have been disrupted. My shopping habits have been disrupted. My church meetings have been disrupted. Even my drive-thru ministry has been disrupted.

In times of disruption, I always resort to scripture and truths that I have learned through the years. God’s scripture gives me hope and affirmation that God is in control. Scripture like:

- ***“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” – which means, “God with us.”***

Matthew 1:21-23

- ***Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall...But as for me, I trust in you.***

Psalms 55:22 & 23b

- ***The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I (Jesus) am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.***

John 10:10-11

These verses, and many others, give me a renewed perspective of who God is. They help me see that God has power over all the disruptions that I cannot control. God is “with us” and wants us to “cast our cares on Him”.

God promises that He will sustain us and never let us fall. God wants us to have a full life...therefore, I will trust in Him.

As a church:

- *Let us use phone calls and social media to stay connected.*
- *Let's devote family time to reading and talking about the scriptures.*
- *Let's be mindful of our neighbor's needs.*
- *Let's continue to be the healthy functioning church that God has called us to be.*

We are the church. While our meetings may be disrupted, our fellowship cannot be broken apart. Let us continue to trust that God is in control.

*I will be using written word and hopefully video to stay in touch.
If there is anything that I can do to help you, please let me know.
May God Bless Blackman's Grove Baptist Church.*

Let us pray:

*In the midst of my disruption
In the times of my distress
Help me know, Lord, that You love me
And You offer peace and rest
And You want me to continue
Trusting in Your plan of grace
'Til the time I stand in Heaven
And I see Your holy face
Amen*