

HOW TO NAVIGATE THESE CRAZY TIMES

Part 4: Rising Above Disruption

DISRUPTIVE TIMES

- Wrecked routines, rhythms and sense of what's regular
 1. Work; too much, too little; too much home time...
 2. Play/entertainment; revised sports, working out from home, no big events
 3. Social; restaurants and family gatherings
 4. Spiritual; church not happening
- So what do we do with these disruptions?
 1. The goal to not react as much to the disruptive environment
 2. Inwardly motivated (*Philippians 4:11 & 13 NKJV*)

DANIEL: DESPITE HIS DISRUPTIVE ENVIRONMENT ...

- Rose to a higher level of productivity (*Daniel 6:3-5 NKJV*)
 1. He had an excellent spirit - the way he did things
 2. God's grace and empowerment moved him past his peers
 3. He was more than just talk
- Rose above the fear (*Daniel 6:10-11 NKJV*)
 1. He did not allow the king's command to affect his connection with God
 2. God was big in his life - hear it in his prayers and words to kings
- Rose above an impossible situation (*Daniel 6:22-23 NKJV*)
 1. He had to have believed that his God was bigger than the lions
 2. He believed that his God would take care of him
 3. God delivered him from the lions with no injury

HOW CAN WE RISE ABOVE THE DISRUPTION?

- Elevate how we operate
 1. We have the ability to operate with an excellent spirit (*Philippians 2:14-16 NKJV*)
 2. We have to rise above the negativity not add to it
- Develop a more consistent connection with God
 1. Like Daniel disruption does not dictate our connection
 2. Prayer, His word, giving thanks is key to connection
 3. Giving thanks magnifies God and makes our connection to Him more real
- Put Your Faith And Confidence In A Bigger God
 1. To Daniel God was bigger than the lions
 2. We are not just talking, we are connecting with our Heavenly Father
 3. What you express to God does not change Him (*Psalms 45:1 NASB*)