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"DISRUPTIVE MOMENTS ARE DIVINE APPOINTMENTS"

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MATTHEW 6:25-34 (NASB)

MESSAGE QUESTION: "God is speaking... What have you heard?

TRUTH: There's a danger in these days of disruptive moments that God's purpose in these days is missed.

I. THERE'S PEACE IN WORRISOME TIMES WHEN GOD IS YOUR FATHER.

TRUTH: In a time of trouble the place to go is the Word of God.

Two responses to COVID-19:

- 1) Those without Christ Job 5:7, "Man is born for trouble as sparks fly upward."
- 2) Those who have hope in Christ... Have we been a rock and encourager to those around us OR have we lived in fear?
- *God's comfort to us who obey Him from "The Psalms"
- 1) Psalm 9:9-10
- 2) Psalm 27:4-6
- 3) Psalm 32:6-7
- 4) Psalm 24:1-10
- 5) Psalm 34:17-22
- 6) Psalm 37:39
- 7) Psalm 46:1-7
- 8) Psalm 50:15
- *INSIGHT: God is committed to care for those committed to Him, that they reach the last day assigned to their earthly lives from eternity past (Leviticus 26:1, 12, 14).
- ***TRUTH:** Those who belong to the Lord and who walk in faithfulness to the Lord are protected by the Lord. Those who disobey have no protector.

TRUTH: God doesn't want us worrying but rather listening.

II. YOUR MISPLACED TRUST IN FINANCES, Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

TRANSLATION: Your life is either about the things of God or the things of this world (Psalm 49:20 NLT).

TRUTH: The day approaches when God will recall your soul, and you will give an account of how you've lived (Luke 12:16-21).

QUESTION: Could God be saying to YOU, "Money isn't everything. Life and eternity are about following Me and investing in My enterprises on earth. Life is about getting ready to stand before Me!"

III. AN OVEREMPHASIS ON THE PHYSICAL

QUESTION: Could God be saying to us that we've been making this physical life everything, without any sense of living in light of eternity?

INSIGHT: Most people are living scratch lives, making that scratch everything!

INSIGHT: COVID-19 is God's tool to remind us how fragile life is and how "fragile lives" are to be lived.

INVITATION: A great book to read: <u>Borden of Yale</u>, biography of the life of William Borden, heir to the Borden Dairy fortune.

THE THREE NOTATIONS IN WILLIAM BORDEN'S BIBLE:

- 1) No reserves
- 2) No retreat
- 3) No regrets