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	Week of 3/29/20	Year to Date
Budget Giving	\$17,622.83	\$184,065.86
Budget Needs	\$15,970.00	\$207,610.00

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DISRUPTED
- not -
INTERRUPTED
Daniel 9

Disrupt - DISTURB, RATTLE, AGITATE, CONFUSE

Disruption is nearly always seen as a NEGATIVE thing.
But some of the GREATEST ADVANCES in God's Kingdom
have come at times of GREAT disruption.

1 A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem, and all the believers except the apostles fled into Judea and Samaria...4 But the believers who had fled Jerusalem went everywhere preaching the Good News about Jesus.

CF ACTS 11:19-21 Acts 8:1,4

When God is shaking the world, the only difference between a crisis and opportunity is **HOW YOU STAND UP TO IT!**

WHEN A CRISIS SHOWS UP WHAT IS INSIDE YOU SHOWS UP!

HOW TO NOT GET INTERRUPTED WHEN WE GET DISRUPTED...

PRAYER IS NOT ABOUT 'GETTING HEARD;'
IT IS ABOUT HEARING GOD

#1 LISTEN TO GOD

It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, the son of Ahasuerus, who became king of the Babylonians. During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, was studying the writings of the prophets. I learned from the word of the LORD, as recorded by Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. Daniel 9:1-2 nlt

The Crisis: WOULD GOD EVER LET ISRAEL GO HOME?

Jeremiah 29 -

10 "The truth is that you will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I will listen.

#2 GIVE GOD YOUR ATTENTION

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting. I wore rough sackcloth and sprinkled myself with ashes. Daniel 9:3 nlt

#3 GET REAL WITH GOD

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#4 GIVE GOD YOUR THANKFULNESS

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and keep your commands. 9 But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him. Daniel 9:4,9 nlt

#5 CONFESS TO GOD

5 But we have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and scorned your commands and regulations. 6 We have refused to listen to your servants the prophets, who spoke your messages to our kings and princes and ancestors and to all the people of the land.

7 "Lord, you are in the right; but our faces are covered with shame, just as you see us now. This is true of us all, including the people of Judah and Jerusalem and all Israel, scattered near and far, wherever you have driven us because of our disloyalty to you. 8 O LORD, we and our kings, princes, and ancestors are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. Daniel 9:5-8 nlt

Biblical Fasting: It's About Focus

Is fasting necessary for today's Christian church?

- Biblical fasting is a spiritual discipline which was encouraged by Jesus (Matthew 9:15)
- Jesus indicated that fasting would become a necessity when He was physically gone.
- Jesus taught that fasting was a vital part of "new" preparation.

Is there a proper method of fasting?

- Biblical fasting, unlike fasting for medical or health reasons, must be done with an attitude of seriousness and sincerity.
- When fasting our hearts and minds must be totally focused and directed towards God so that He may be the full source of our strength during our period of fasting.
- Fasting must be done in an attitude of humility. (Matthew 6:17-18)
- When fasting our motives must also be correct. We should fast in order to further the building up of God's kingdom by seeking to minister to others. (Isaiah 58:6-7)
- Fasts may last for varying lengths of time – one day, three days, seven days, and more.
- Fasting should have an object in mind; we should have a clear idea of the need and purpose. (Psalm 85:6)

What are the benefits of Christian fasting?

- Biblical fasting brings us into a closer connection with God. While our bodies are being deprived for the purpose of drawing near to God, He has promised in return to draw near to us. This is a spiritual certainty. (II Corinthians 4:16)
- As we deprive our bodies through fasting, our spiritual man is made stronger and our senses more acute.
- This principle served the apostles well during the early church days as their decisions were made through fasting and prayer; God gave them instructions and directions. (Acts 13:2-3)

What should I do when fasting?

- Pray (Daniel 9:3)
- Confess sins (Nehemiah 9:1-2)
- Read God's Word (Jeremiah 36:6)