

Year End Examen – Interruptions and Divine Invitation

Years ago, a mentor said to me, “I only build in response to revelation.” Jesus himself said “I do only what I see my Father doing.”

① *What might it look like for us to build in response to revelation, in our personal lives and in our ministry contexts?*

Throughout the Biblical narrative, we see God interrupting the lives of individuals and inviting them to go on mission with Him. Moses at the burning bush. Gideon in the winepress. James and John in the fishing boat. How many times did we see the breaking in of the Kingdom of God when Jesus Himself was interrupted on His way somewhere? Blind Bartimeus? The woman with the issue of blood? In Acts 3 we see Peter and John on the way to the prayer meeting, being interrupted by a cripple at the gate. They perceived the invitation embedded in the interruption, and a man was restored to health. I could cite dozens more examples.

As I review the last year, I consider interruptions, large or small, and possible divine invitations embedded within them:

② *What have been the interruptions this year?*

③ *What are the invitations embedded in those interruptions?*



① *What is God inviting me to believe?*

② *What is God inviting me to become?*

③ *What is God inviting me to build?*

