

“Disturb Me!”

Scripture used: [Isaiah 6:1-8 \(NIV\)](#)

OVERVIEW

This week Pastor Hurmon concluded our sermon series *Dangerous Prayers*, where we are learning how to pray in ways that will literally change our lives, especially our experience of God. The message this week challenged us to do something concrete as an expression of our faith each day, and to be willing to be disturbed in order to allow God to show us how we can be a blessing to others.

KEY POINTS

- 1) **Without faith it is impossible to please God.** [Hebrews 11:6](#) reminds us of the importance of faith -- that we are living out of our conviction that God is real and that the things of God truly do matter in this world. Faith only makes a difference in our lives when we act on it, so we should seek to live out our faith in some concrete way every day. We can start our day with a declaration of our faith to keep our faith in the forefront of our daily life; by beginning each day with a remembrance of God’s goodness and saving work in our lives, we can dedicate our day to Him.
- 2) **Acting on our faith may take us out of our comfort zone.** If we are in relationship with a loving, active God, then our lives should look different than the lives of those around us. Pastor Hurmon shared several examples from his own life about times when people acting on faith made a difference for him. At pivotal moments of his life, he has been blessed by total strangers receiving promptings from God to speak a timely word of encouragement or clarity into his life. His life has also been shaped by other Jesus-followers who were determined to live out their faith in a practical way, including a teacher who helped to change the direction of his life. When we are committed to living out our faith, we will have this kind of impact on the lives of those around us, even if we only see glimmers of the ultimate impact that our actions have.
- 3) **God invites us to pray the dangerous prayer, “Disturb me, and show me how I can be a blessing to others.”** In Isaiah 6:1-8, we see Isaiah going through a disturbing moment, the death of Judah’s king, but in this disturbing moment he did not sit still and just wait for God to rescue him. Instead, Isaiah leaned into the challenge and chaos of life, and asked God to use him to be a part of the work of God in the world. In the same way, we often have to consider whether we are more interested in security and comfort or if we are willing to be disturbed and shaken up in order to align ourselves with God’s plan and purpose for our lives.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - We generally don’t want to be disturbed; we’d rather be at peace! However, some changes in our lives only happen through a disturbance, often without our own choosing. We may lose a job and feel shaken by the transition, but God may be using this exact circumstance to move us in a different direction. Is God allowing a disturbance in your life now? How? Have you seen God use a disturbance in the past to move you to a place you’ve needed to be?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Pastor Hurmon shared several biblical figures whose lives were disturbed in a fundamental way that was ultimately used by God to bring about His redemptive purpose. These figures included Isaiah, Pharaoh and Joseph, and Esther. In fact, if you look at most of the people in Scripture, the depth of their relationship with God often came about through a disturbing encounter -- when we encounter the God of the Universe, it often shakes up our lives! Consider a hero of Scripture that you may have, and examine their story and see if there was one or more times when they were “disturbed” in order to allow God to take them deeper into His plan and purpose for their lives. Share with others in your life group, and consider what that means for your life when you hit circumstances that feel disturbing or overwhelming.
- 3) **DO** - Pastor Hurmon challenged us to pray this every day: “Lord, disturb me and show me how to be a blessing to others.” Find a way to put your faith into action each day this week, even if it is just in a small way! Join us next week in Redwood City, San Jose, or online! Pre-register on our website starting on Monday for our in-person Gatherings.