

God's Passion

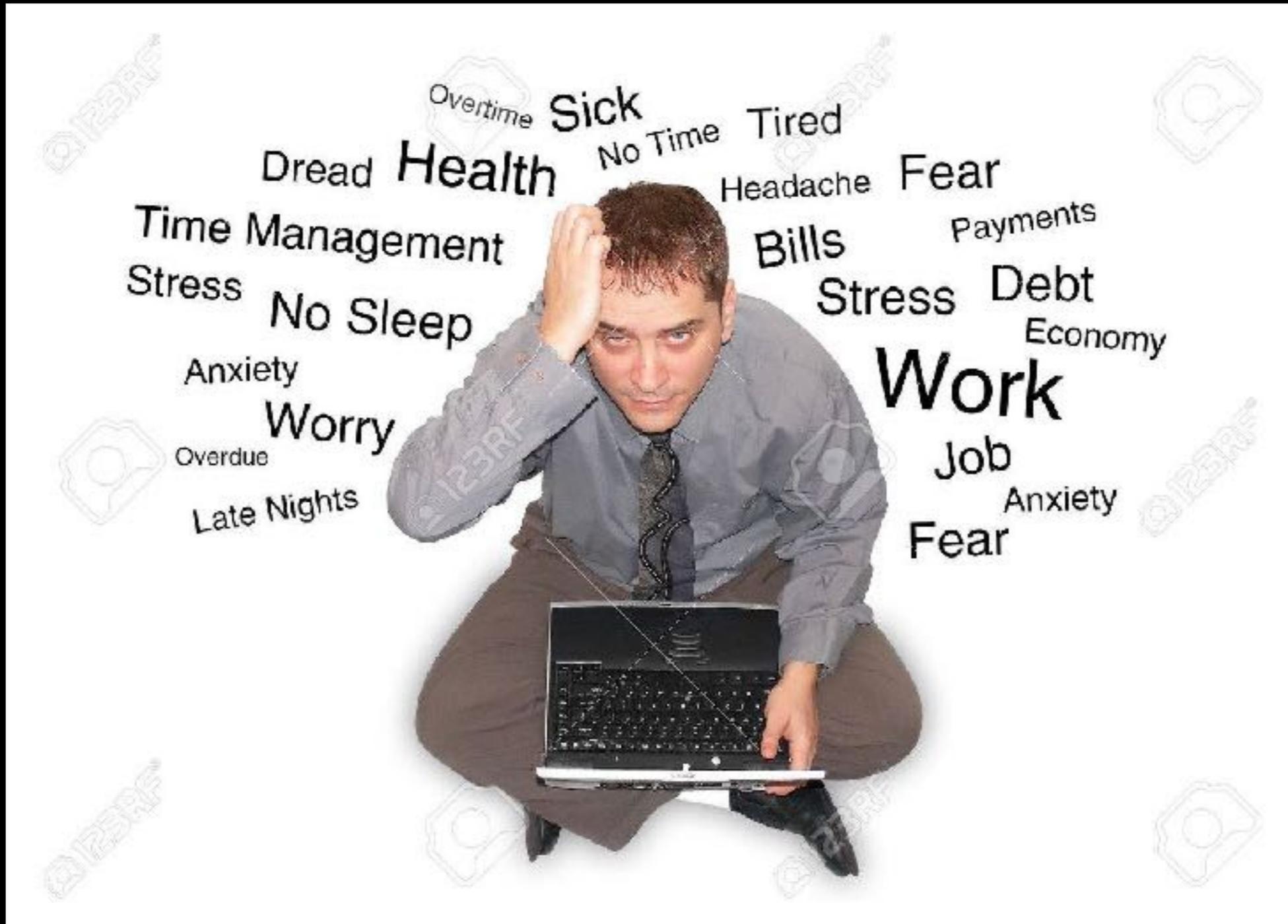
Break our hearts with what breaks yours!



“Remember...the things that annoy, irritate and disappoint us have just as much power to reveal the truth about ourselves as anything else. *Learn to linger with what provokes you.* You may just find the Spirit of God moving there...”

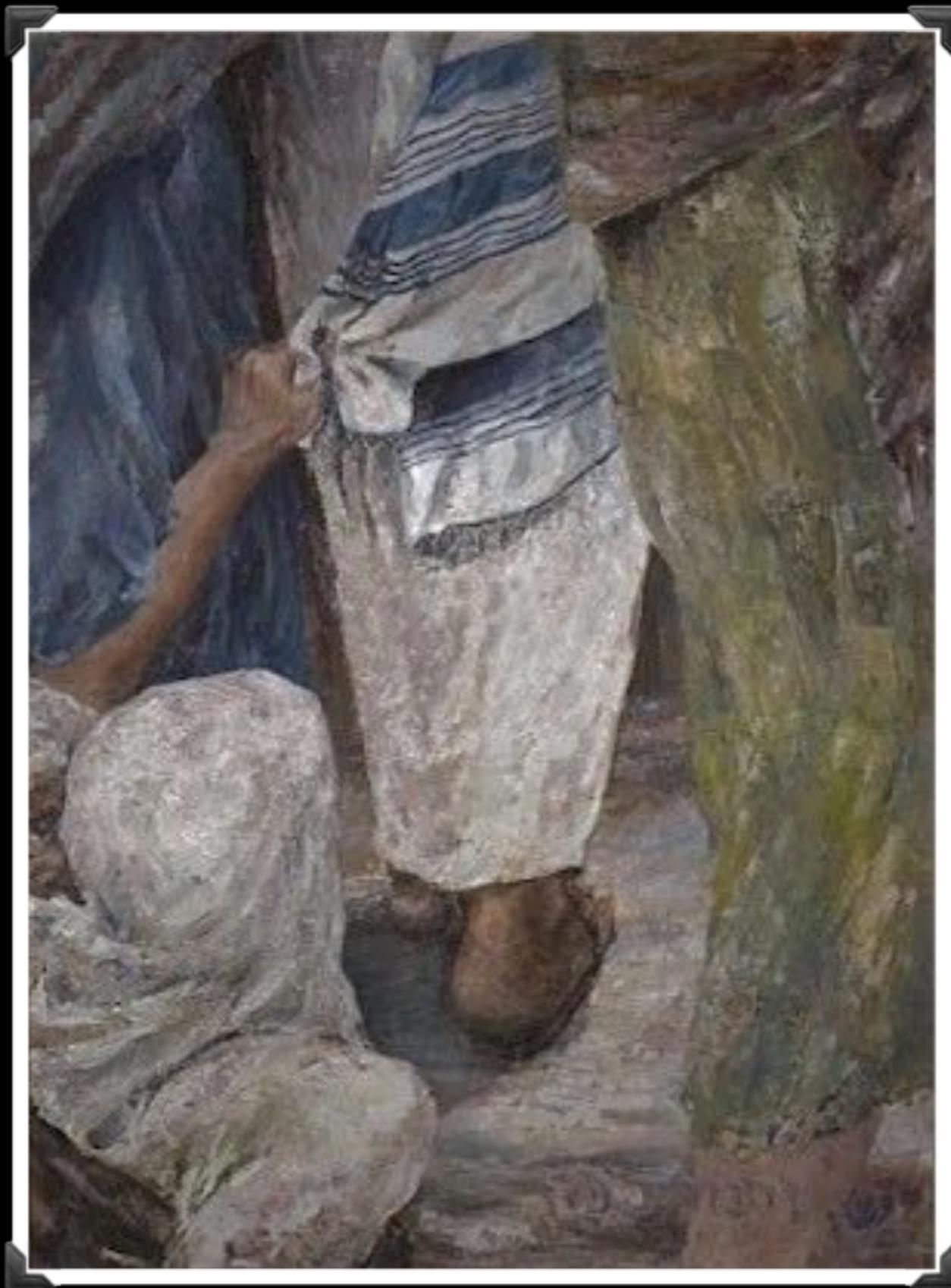
-Sharon Garlough Brown

Life's interruptions



Mark 2:1-12

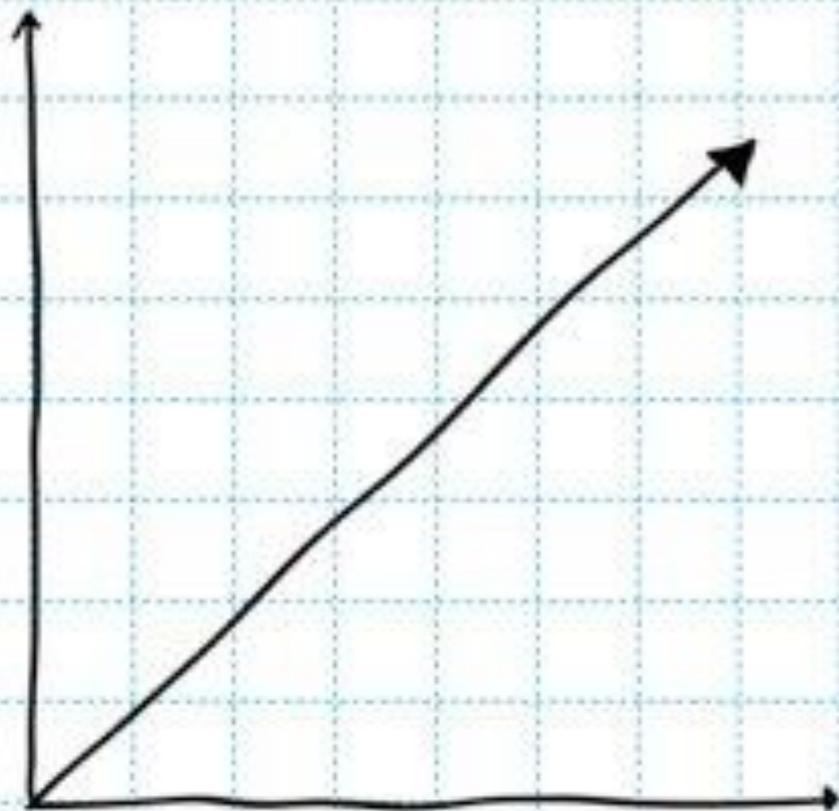




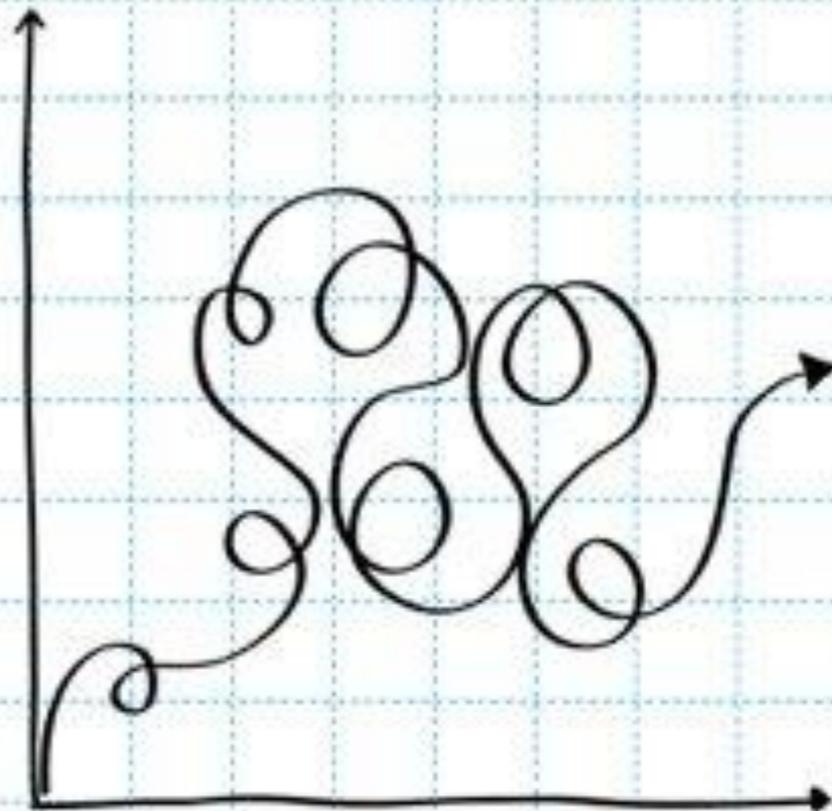
Mark 5:24-34

Jesus welcomed interruptions as
invitations.





What I planned.



what happened.

“My whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I realized that my interruptions were my work.” - Henri Nouwen



So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Romans 12:1 *The Message*

Jesus interrupts!



Are you willing to be re-routed
by the interruptions of Jesus!??!



“perspectacles”





Am I passionate about the things that God is passionate about?



“The enemy sedates us so that we might not do the things God has called us to do....we must wake up, rise up, remember who we are and confront the evil in this world with light.”

-Lioness Arising, Lisa Bevere

Righteousness:

“Willingness to inconvenience yourself for the convenience of others.”



9 “This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.’

Zechariah 7:9-10

**justice-to seek the
flourishing of people in
every area of life**

Isaiah 58

“spend yourselves on behalf of
the poor.”



Matthew 25:31-46



WE CAN ALL BE DOING SO MUCH MORE.



**PURE AND UNDEFILED
RELIGION**

**IN THE SIGHT OF OUR GOD AND FATHER IS THIS;
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS
AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION,
AND TO KEEP ONESELF UNSTAINED BY THE WORLD.-JAMES 1:27**

Am I living the life that God dreams for me?

Am I spending my life on things that really matter?

Am I willing to move in faith into uncomfortable situations where God's Spirit is wooing me?

Am I willing to follow Jesus wherever, whenever and however He leads?

“Our difficulty is that we see our American lifestyles as normative, when in fact they are grossly distorted compared to the rest of the world. We don’t believe we are wealthy, so we don’t see it as our responsibility to help the poor. We are deceived.”

Richard Stearns

Luke 12:48

“...When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”



“Now this was the sin of your sister
Sodom: She and her daughters were
arrogant, overfed and
unconcerned; they did not help the
poor and needy. Ezekiel 16:49

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn...

What is the next life-giving choice?



Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses
all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours...

-Teresa of Avila

“Let me tell you why you are here.
You’re here to be salt-seasoning that
brings out the God-flavors of this
earth...”



“Here’s another way to put it: You’re
here to be light, bringing out the
God-colors in the world



God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine!

Matthew 5:13-16, The Message

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.” -CS Lewis