

# VOYAGER

*Experiences That Shape Our Faith*

**About the Series:** Experiences are powerful and can shape our Christian faith. But experiences should not be what defines our faith. Rather, it should serve to strengthen our faith and affirm what we already know to be the facts of our faith as recorded in the Scriptures. In this sermon series, we explore the journeys of Apostle Paul and how encountering life-changing experiences can teach valuable life lessons to voyagers like us who are on a journey called life.

## Part 6

### Divine Disruptions

Acts 16:1-15 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan

#### DISCUSS

##### Divine disruptions teach us to trust God (v. 1-6)

- How is this seen in Acts 16:1-6? Why do we have to trust God during these times?
- When our life is divinely disrupted, it is because God is interrupting us for a purpose we may not fully grasp. When we do not know what God is doing, He does not owe us an answer to our questions. What makes trusting God difficult when your life is divinely disrupted?
- Share a life disruption that you have experienced recently.

##### Divine disruptions are such that God interrupts to make sure we are flexible and adaptable (v. 7-8)

- How is this seen in Acts 16:7-8?

- When our plans are so set and inflexible, we get so angry when God changes it even when He is moving us to something better. Why is it crucial to be sensitive and to give attention to God's interruptions in your life?

##### Divine disruptions remind us to always listen for God's voice (v. 9-10)

- By not knowing where to go next, Paul and Silas had to be constantly listening and to be aware of God's next leading. Are you interruptible or do you tell God to not interrupt your life?
- What blessings can result from God's interruptions of your life?

##### Divine disruptions happen so God can give us His best for our good (v. 11-15)

- After having heard our message this week, how differently do you now see divine interruptions in your life?
- How does this stretch your faith in God's sovereignty over all things, in His grace that is sufficient everyday, in His power to help you walk through life, in His perfect timing and will?

#### REFLECT

While it may be hard to understand and accept at times, we know that God's disruptions teach us to trust and rely on God. Divine disruptions are part of God's plan and we can trust that God knows what is best for each one of us. What divine disruptions have taken place in your life? How are you being sensitive and open to God's guidance and leading? How are you trusting in God's plans and purpose for you?

#### PRAY

Heavenly Father, I come before You today to thank You for the divine disruptions that you bring into my life. Thank You for the times when You disrupt my plans and routines, even if it may be uncomfortable or inconvenient for me. It is through these disruptions that I learn to rely on You, and to trust in your guidance and wisdom. Thank You for reminding me that I am not in control, but that You are; and for showing me that Your plans are greater than mine.

I ask that You give me the strength and courage to embrace the disruptions that You bring into my life. Help me to see them as opportunities for growth and transformation, and not as obstacles to my happiness or success. May I have the faith and trust to know that Your disruptions are always for my ultimate good. In Jesus' name. Amen.