

Interference

I just asked Jesus to come interfere in my life. This is quite different from my usual prayers that ask Him to sustain me, support me, help me get through my day as I have planned it. It was part of a journaling exercise for the bible study I am doing this semester from the book 'not a fan?' by Kyle Idleman. This is a book that will shake you up no matter where you are on your faith journey. For the last two months, it has been challenging, upsetting, angering, convicting, and inspiring all at once, but this exercise from the Journal today brought me to tears. The instructions were to repeat ten times out loud the phrase:

?Lord Jesus come interfere in my life.?

I know it may sound a little silly, but it was powerful. Each time I repeated those seven words, my mind raced with thoughts as I subconsciously emphasized a different word each time. I was filled with so many emotions that by the third time I had to get up and find a tissue as they spilled out in my tears. But even as the tears flowed, I was reminded of the promise that we all have in Jesus. It was in that promise that I found the encouragement to pray these words with my whole heart.

Lord?.

Jesus?.

Come?.

Interfere?

In?

My?.

Life?

Lord?. King, Ruler. I am your servant. A slave for you. Once under the bondage of my sin, but set free by you. I am now a bondservant, a slave for you by my own choice. You are just and righteous and holy. Knowing that is what makes me want to follow you.

Jesus?. Savior, friend, teacher, intercessor. You gave Your very life for me that I might enjoy eternity with You. Perfect in every way though tempted just as I. Once human now seated at the right hand of the Father. You are coming again to judge and I will only be found worthy by Your blood.

Come?. Come down to me, send your Holy Spirit to guide me. If you are with me, who can stand against? You said if I would seek, I would find You. I'm seeking, Lord, meet me here right where I am now.

Interfere? Mess with it. Shake it up. Change my plans because You have perfect plans for me. Plans to prosper me, plans for peace and for hope. There are things in my life I don't like?change them for your glory. Make my every move glorify Your Holy Name. Make Your plans obvious to me. Protect me from Satan's attempts to bring doubt about Your plans for me.

In? Be IN my life in all its messy ugly sadness. Be in the moments of joy and happiness. Be IN my home, my car, IN all the places I go. Be IN my interactions with my husband, my children, family, friends, strangers. Be IN my heart, seal it with Your Holy Spirit.

My? Not mine but yours. All I think I am, all I think I have are not my own. I do not rule any part of the life I live no matter how hard I try. My life is Yours. My moods, my attitudes, my speech, my actions, my thoughts, my expressions?they are all Yours make them glorify you!

Life? Any life I enjoy is from you. You created me. And I am fearfully and wonderfully made. This life on earth is temporary. You give life and You can take it away at any moment. Your promise of life is eternal. What I do with this life should all be for your Glory, for Your Kingdom. What do you want for my life here on earth, Lord?

?Lord Jesus come interfere in my life.?

When I finished, I was so ready to let Jesus mess with my day that when the phone rang I was almost convinced it was Him calling with some major change my whole game plan. I jumped up and answered the phone with a big grin despite the fact that the caller ID screen said ?customer service? I was so ready to tell the person on the other end of the line about Jesus, that I was disappointed to hear a pre-recorded message. Even if He isn?t calling me to some major change to my life, there are thousands of little ways I can let Him interfere. When we allow Him to rule the little things in our lives, we become witnesses to His great faithfulness and love for us. These are the building blocks of a faith able to respond to His glory when He interferes in major ways.

So, I will start the rest of this day looking for ways that my Lord Jesus might come shake up my life. By His power, I am ready and waiting! Will you ask Him to interfere in yours?