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“Life’s Little Detours”

Have you ever been traveling a planned out path of activities, and something happens that distracts you from what you have planned? Things happen...life happens, and the things you have planned don't occur and you find yourself doing things, experiencing things that you had not planned for?

That's where I have been in the last month...

I planned my preaching for the next six months and have detoured to other pressing issues and having to revise my plans.

I planned to write my daily Pastor's Pen and have been distracted with urgent and important activities, at home and at church.

I had planned to focus on some ministry projects but have been detoured dealing with home life issues (of which many of you are aware).

Life happens...and sometimes you may wish life would happen according to plan.

But this is nothing new...life happened for Jesus too, and he was detoured in his journeys. He was traveling to minister to a little girl who had fallen ill and a woman, in the push of the crowd touched the hem of his garment, his healing power went out from him and he stopped in the middle of everything to deal with this interruption of life (Matthew 9:20-22).

Jesus stopped and took time out of his “planned” activities to minister to the woman. While he was caring for the woman the little girl he was going to help died.

Yet it was because of the interruption we see the greatness of the power of God and the compassion of our Savior. He was never too busy or distracted to minister to the person right in front of Him. And because he was willing to do so, the greater miracle (the raising of the girl from the dead) was able to occur.

God is in the distractions of our lives. Don't be so busy and rushing that you can deal with the detours and the interruptions – it is there where God is able to do the miraculous in our lives.

So while I have been detoured and sidetracked, I have also discovered the presence and the power of God in my own life...I hope that you are seeing the hand of God in your detours today!