

Interrupt Me

The Surprising Power of Interruption

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True Story--A king

A true Story. There once was a king. He had a son he loved and a friend that he hated.

The King was so threatened by his friend that he wanted to kill him.

The king's son loved the king's friend and was disturbed that the king was planning to kill his friend.

Interrupting the king would be risky.

The king's son loved the king and the king's friend enough to interrupt the king. He said, 'Your friend has done you no harm. Do not kill this man.'

This was a golden opportunity to interrupt. The king's heart, that just moments before was set on killing his friend, melted. He turned from killing his friend and was thankful for the interruption.

Pro Life

My name is Stuart Carver. I am pro-life. I have served life-affirming ministries for over two decades by:

- Completing family circles with fathers
- Diminishing the demand for abortion
- Getting to the root of the problem

Pro Family

I am pro family. God's greatest venues for evangelism and discipleship are Biblical households.

Pro Fathers

I am pro fathers.

Consider this. Is there really any such thing as fatherlessness?

Even more challenging, consider this. Do you believe God gave all men an inherent desire and ability to love their families?

True Story—A father

Cole had a history drug and alcohol abuse. He seemed aware of but unconcerned about the cost of his actions to himself and others.

Cole had four children and was expecting a fifth.

He was so threatened by his unborn child that, like the king, his remedy was murder.

I love Cole and I loved his unborn child enough to interrupt.

When I interrupted Cole he politely resisted, insisting that I was the one who didn't understand.

Even though it was risky, I pressed on and challenged Cole. He did what Cole's family and friends warned me he would do. He pushed back hard, rebelled and pressed on to murder his unborn child...for a day or two.

The advent of fatherhood was a golden opportunity for Cole. When interrupted, his heart melted revealing what lay beneath; an intrinsic desire and ability to love his family. His heart, that just days

before was set on killing his own unborn child, changed and he is thankful for the interruption that turned him from doing what he really didn't want to do.

His family and friends didn't think Cole had it in him. Cole didn't either. Threatened and conflicted, he just needed a timely interruption.

Most people find it hard to believe that all men have been given by God an inherent desire and ability to love their families. Sometimes, you just can't see that underneath all of the surface chaos, but it is there.

When you look at Cole holding his fifth child today it is incomprehensible that the interruption ever occurred. But it did. It had to.

After hearing a true story like this, from someone who was actually there, you have to wonder: 'What if the interruption had not occurred?'

Golden Opportunities

Women don't get pregnant. Fathers and mothers conceive.

Conception creates an unbreakable union between one man, one woman and their children.

It is a package deal that once done, nothing can undo.

Because women carry the package in utero, they have a need that men do not.

Imagine how different life affirming ministry would look if men's lives were interrupted by gestating children instead of women. How I wish men, **other men**, could experience this.

Because:

- Men are the MIAs
- Parenthood is a package deal
- Men do not carry the package in utero

another kind of interruption is needed.

The advent of fatherhood is the golden opportunity to interrupt men with the message:

- You are a father
- Nothing can change that
- You are hardwired with the desire and ability to love your family

Pro Progress

I am progress. I want to solve problems, not react to symptoms.

The root of the problem is not pregnancy, it is the context in which pregnancy are occurring.

We may not be able to interrupt men in the same way that women's lives are interrupted, but we can interrupt them. We must. We can. We are.

By interrupting men we are:

- Completing family circles with fathers
- Diminishing the demand for abortion
- Getting to the root of the problem

Wish

- Realize that there is no such thing as fatherlessness
- Discover that all men are hardwired to love their families
- Capture golden opportunities surrounding the advent of fatherhood
- Interrupt men and reach the root of the problem
- Change the world by completing family circles with fathers

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Questions

Question 1: You mentioned that these interruptions can be 'risky'. Can you give us an example of what you mean?

My answer: I would probably respond by pointing out the fear people like us generally have about approaching baby daddies with such an interrupting plea. Fears such as fear of rejection and fear of be unprepared for how they might respond, but perhaps most notably, fear of the unknown.

What is commonly unknown by many in life and family ministry is that these baby daddies we are talking about, deep inside, have an inherent drive to be men of valor. Surprising, but supported by the research of others as well as our own.

Question 2: You mentioned an 'amazing phenomenon' can occur. Can you give us brief example from your own experience in working with these men?

My answer will probably reflect on a recent experience I had with a man who has four child and considered aborting his fifth child. I may refer to him as Cole. Cole had a history drug and alcohol abuse and lived very carelessly. No one really gave him much credit for have a powerfully loving and valiant heart. You just couldn't see that underneath all of the surface

chaos, but it was there. I didn't fearfully pander to Cole like others did, I challenged him. At first he pushed back pretty hard and others told me they told me so. Cole is a good father to all five of his children, and he's with them.

Question 3: You said pregnancy wasn't the real issue and mentioned 'the root of the problem'. Can you tell us very briefly what you believe the root of the problem is?

My answer: We believe pregnancy is a good thing, always. Reason: Children are a gift from God. The root of the problem is the context in which pregnancies are occurring. The context is a reference to the kind of relationships in which conception is occurring. By helping people get the context right for pregnancy, we can eliminate crisis pregnancy, we diminish demand for abortion and complete family circles with fathers.

Question 4: Can you give us a brief explanation of what you mean by 'merging life and family ministry'

My Answer: We have not created anything new. Life ministry has always involved the most powerful cycle on our planet. That is the family cycle. No matter what else is going on in the world, the family cycle continues. The departure from doing family God's way has actually made procreation the catalyst of a frightening epidemic.

By promoting Biblical family structures through the expansive network of life ministries we eliminate crisis pregnancy, diminishes demand for abortion and complete family circles with fathers.