



When God Acts

During the past week, two different people shared their sense that what we had been discussing might be a kairos moment. Neither one shared their thoughts with me while we were together; it was later, after they had reflected on our conversation. They were intentional about getting back to me, expressing their conviction that God was about to do something special for Scripture Union. Hearing it spoken to me twice, in such proximity, augmented my attention. My friends didn't know one another and the contexts in which we interacted were not the same, but they offered two identical impressions of a kairos moment for me to consider.

How should I respond? How should anyone respond to a possible prompting of God's Spirit?

In ancient Greek, the word kairos means "the right or opportune moment (the supreme moment)." In the New Testament kairos means "the appointed time in the purpose of God," the time when God acts.

There have been times in my life where I have felt the subtle, and sometime not so subtle, nudges of God. It may come in the form of the affirming words of another, Scripture leaping off a page, or a special circumstance. When we are living out our faith in kairos time, our Spirit knows and he confirms when it is an ordained moment.

This can be a challenging time, but also one filled with excitement, anticipating what God will do in the world through you. Have you ever had this sort of experience?

In the coming months, as you engage with God daily through Scripture and these pages, you will see ways that God is operating in kairos time to accomplish his promises and purposes. I encourage you to look for those moments where you sense that God is ready to act and that you are meant to play a role. His kingdom come, his will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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