

**POSITIVE
TURBULENCE**

Embracing Change as Opportunity



Matthew 7:28

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.



Matthew 13:10 – 13, 16

¹⁰The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” ¹¹He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹²Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.



Matthew 27:18

For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.



TURBULENCE

- Violent or unsteady movement of air, or water, or some kind of fluid.
- Conflict or confusion



POSITIVE TURBULENCE

Positive turbulence is the powerful idea that disruption, chaos, and uncertainty are not obstacles to avoid – they are catalysts for growth, innovation, and transformation. Just as turbulence in nature reshapes landscapes and creates new forms, turbulence in life and organizations can break old patterns, spark creative thinking, and open unexpected pathways forward. When we embrace disruption rather than resist it, we unlock the energy needed to evolve, adapt, and emerge stronger than before.



POSITIVE TURBULENCE

Jesus and Paul advanced the Kingdom of God through positive turbulence.

Periphery

- The outer limits or edge of an area or object
- A marginal or secondary position in, or part or aspect of, a group, subject, or sphere of activity



Parable

- A simple story is used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.
- Jesus used something peripheral, something familiar to them, to reveal an inward, spiritual truth or action step.



Dinner Church
Embraces the Turbulence!





Welcome to *Dinner, Church*
by Verlon Fosner





The Sinner's Prayer

Our dinner churches are filling up with new Gentiles (seekers). As wonderful as it is to be reaching people who would never come to the Sunday proclamation gathering, it is stressful for Christians who have been rooted in Judeo values to not force the seculars onto the path. It takes some meditation and divine permission-giving for many Christians to learn to feel comfortable offering a grace path to the sinners they meet at our tables.



The Sinner's Prayer

Without challenging their sin, we take them to Jesus; without insisting that they follow the pattern of confession of sins before Jesus saves them, we take them to Jesus; without forcing them to pray the sinner's prayer, which has only been around 150 years, we just take them to Jesus. In so doing, we are in no way soft-selling the gospel; instead, we are exercising great soul-winning skill.



Variety is the spice of life.



PROCESS

DISRUPTION

The shake-up begins. Old systems are challenged, comfort zones shattered, and the familiar gives way to the unknown. Change is no longer optional.

ADAPTATION

New paths emerge from the chaos. Teams pivot, innovate, and discover creative solutions. Resilience is built through navigating uncertainty.

GROWTH

Strength is forged from struggle. Organizations and individuals emerge more agile, capable, and prepared for the next wave of positive turbulence.





POSITIVE TURBULENCE

Embracing Change as Opportunity