

Transitions

Isaiah 43:18-19; Genesis 12:1-4

INTRODUCTION

Whenever we go through a transition, a change occurs in our lives. Moving from high school graduation to college, or from singleness to marriage, or from being married to having kids are major transitions. Not all transitions are good; some are challenging and difficult. One thing we know for certain is that we will all experience transitions.

The way we persevere through transitions is by trusting the Lord and His Word instead of our own understanding (Prov 3:5-6). Often, the devil waits until we are weak, vulnerable, and at our lowest point to tempt us and make us doubt God. But the devil cannot make us do anything. We must decide to choose right or wrong. Like Abraham, we need to be obedient to the voice and will of the Lord (Gen12:4). God's will for our lives is not for our benefit alone. God blesses us to be a blessing to others.

What God puts in us, He will make manifest in our lives. Wherever you are right now is not the final place God intends for you to be. God's calling for your life will take through transitions that move you from place to place. The journey begins with redemption. Once you are saved, then you can be a disciple unleashed to take the gospel to others.

GETTING STARTED

1. What are some other major transitions in life?
2. What can happen when people are at their lowest and most vulnerable point?

LET'S GET PERSONAL

1. What is a challenging or difficult transition you have experienced? What is a good transition you have experienced?
2. When has the devil tempted you at a low point? Were you able to overcome the temptation or did you give in to it?
3. Based on what you learned in this message, what does it mean to be a disciple unleashed?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. How has God blessed you? What are some ways you can use that blessing to bless others this week?
2. What makes it hard for you to trust God's Word? Choose two verses or passages to memorize this week that will help you trust God's understanding rather than your own.
3. Want to dig deeper? Take a look at the following passages: Isaiah 43:18-19; Proverbs 3:5-6; Genesis 12:1-4; Matthew 4:1-11; John 8:36.

RENEW YOUR MIND

"Behold, I will do a new thing . . ."

Isaiah 43:19 (KJV)