

UNDERSTANDING TIMES OF TRANSITION

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Transition is a passage or movement from one stage of life or circumstance or place to another.

Life will require you to change. There are seasons of cultural change, seasons of life changes, seasons of health changes, seasons of ministry changes, etc.

In the Kingdom of God, transition is very important.

Question #1: Are you in transition?

Question #2: Do you know WHY you are in transition?

Seven Principles of Transition:

- 1) You cannot go directly to the place you want to go. Ex 13:17
 - a. The Hebrew children crossed the Red Sea but didn't go directly into the promised land.
 - b. There is something in you that God wants to change.
- 2) During the season of Transition, God will provide for you, but not in the manner you are accustomed to.
 - a. There will be just enough for the day.
 - b. There is something about money in times of Transition.
 - c. God is teaching trust and dependence.
 - d. There will be the provision you need, but no abundance.
- 3) During Transition there will be humbling and testing. Deut. 8:23.
 - a. God gives grace to the humble.
 - b. God wants you to see what is in your heart.
- 4) Transition usually takes a long time – longer than you expect.
 - a. The Hebrew children spent 40 yrs in the wilderness.
 - b. What is God doing in you during Transition?
 - c. Some things in your life require God's intervention to change you.
 - d. God has to do it because you can't totally change yourself.
- 5) In Transition you will want to grumble and complain and become impatient.
 - a. Don't do it. Numbers 14:27
 - b. The number one way to stay in Transition is blaming others for your circumstances.
 - c. Remember this is all about how you need to change. Take full responsibility for your heart issues.
- 6) You will have a hard time trusting and believing during Transition.
 - a. The Hebrew children did not enter the promised land because of their unbelief.
 - b. Difference between understanding and trust:
 - i. Understanding is knowing who God is.
 - ii. Trust is learning to hold on when God has you out on a limb – it is a learned practice.
 - iii. Work on belief that all things He has spoken will come to pass.
- 7) Be strong and very courageous to complete the passage of Transition. Josh 1:7 and 9
 - a. God knows how weak and fearful we are.
 - b. Courageous means doing what needs to be done in the face of fear.
 - c. Do what is right.
 - d. When testing comes, the enemy comes after you.
 - e. The enemy knows that the ONLY way to steal your destiny is to get you to give up.
 - f. God is ALWAYS faithful to perform that which He has promised.
 - g. Do not give up.