

Finding Purpose In Our Transitions – Responding to the Call (Outline)

Intro Prayer: I do not want to give out information, but live changing words from the Spirit of Father.

Transition: The action of passing through from one place to another – 1828 Webster’s

- If we are not in transition, we are not alive, we are dead. Alive people are moving. Repentance is moving from death to life. **Read** - Revelation 2 and 3.
- Warnings - Doing the works out of duty with no spirit of love in them. I never knew you!
- Antidote is ‘please don’t take your spirit from me’ – Psalm 51. Or else I do not move – stagnant – blow like the wind. John 3:8
- Comfort and ease is a deception to believe that there is no urgency. Peace and safety – sudden destruction.
- Distraction kills the forward momentum of transition
- Transition is the power that drives our seeking. Stop camping out when He is moving forward!
- Rebecca and I in transition – wanting the labor over in what He is birthing in us. Greatest transition from conception to birth – the increase of discomfort the nearer the birth.
- Seeing 3’s – excitement and exhaustion.
- Abraham’s servant - I in the way, Yahuweh led me.

Transition with the never-changing One – The confidence to follow Him and cling to life

[Numbers 23:19 KJV] "God [is] not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do [it]? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

[Psalm 102:27-28 KJV] "27 But thou [art] the same, and thy years shall have no end. 28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee."

[James 1:17 KJV] "17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

[Malachi 3:6 KJV] "6 For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

➤ Without trust in His unchanging nature and promises, we will never see the purpose for our transitions...
Read Matthew 14:22-23

- You will never get out of the boat if your trust in His Word does not exceed the fear of drowning....
- In order to survive these last days, our trust in what He has said must supersede even the natural laws of this planet like gravity.
- Don’t ask Him to bid you to come to Him if your not willing to take Him up on His Word. He won’t bid us to come unless he empowers us for the journey.
- Trust keeps our eyes on the Word - Faith (action) moves us towards the goal. He that began a good work in us – HalleluYah!
- His Word has purpose. It does not return unto Him void. His Word has a goal.
- His ‘come’ must awaken the drive that draws us to Him. Our response as the Spirit and the Bride say “Come” – will cause Him to draw towards us and return.
- “Come,” He says, a powerful call to put to test our trust and to let go of our insecurities.
- “Follow Me” -Disciples response – left security of the family business. Matthew 4.

The pattern of transition: Matthew 14 (out of the boat)

- We ask if His Word is true – He calls and says, “try Me” – We trust – We step out – We obtain His witness because we please Him by stepping out – (Hebrews 11) - He empowers our walk to do the unthinkable.
- Sometimes, we do not discover the purpose of why the transition until we are on the other side of it.
- Sometimes, we may never discover it until we are standing before Him face to face. (there is an end to transition)
- Do you think you would be able to endure going through a transition where your faith is severely tested if you knew why you were going through it? Does it make it any easier to go through it? (Hebrews 11)

Examples of the progression of transition:

- 1) **Deliverance from bondage** (the choosing) - Red Sea – born of water – born of the Spirit
 - 2) **Free to move into the calling (take up our inheritance) He has prepared for you** - Joshua cross into promise land (Joshua 4)
 - 3) **Transfer an anointing - greater works shall you do** - Elijah to Elisha (2 Kings 2:4)
 - 4) **Move into a position of authority and power to enable us to do the work of the ministry** - Messiah baptized
 - 5) **Escape to a place of refuge (Petra)** – crossing the Dead Sea (Matthew 24)
 - 6) **He will swallow up water to protect us (Revelation 12)**
- With exception of the Red Sea and Dead Sea, all of these transitions took place at the Jordon (Yarden) River (NOTE: our new land)

Water always seems to be the barrier from where He wants to place us – Red Sea, The Jordon River, The Sea of Galilee

- Genesis 1:2 – **Brooding (rachaph)** over the waters to bring forth life. He must separate the waters into one place so that dry land appears and that life can return. Noah’s Ark – the opposite – Destroyed life by the flood.
- He gathers the waters that overflow us into one place so that the dry land may appear and we walk across it!
- Isaiah 43:1-2 “But now, thus said יהוה, your Creator, O Ya’aqob, and He who formed you, O Yisra’el, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name, you are Mine. “When you pass through the waters, I am with you; and through rivers, they do not overflow you. When you walk through fire, you are not scorched, and a flame does not burn you.”

Attitudes in Transition (Numbers 10:33-36) – Trust, obedience, confidence that the Good Shepherd will lead us!

- 1) Setting out on the journey - arise Yahuweh let your enemies be scattered (**direction and safety**)
 - 2) Return to your rest (**rest and comfort**) – Psalm 132:8, 13 – last enemy put under His feet – rest!
 - 3) He goes before you so that at the end of your journey you find rest (Hebrews 4)
 - 4) Psalm 73 – Along our transition we encounter the wicked who are already at rest like the nations whom He will dispossess. Cry of the Psalmist
 - 5) Wicked does not change (trying to be like Elohim) – Psalm 55:23-26 – they build cities (Cain) but the righteous are like nomads – passing through!
 - 6) Even building on sand appears solid until the rains come – that is the destiny of the wicked!
- Allow Him to be Elohim in our transition so that He is made strong in our eyes so that we may fear Him – Joshua 3:3
 - TRUST - I am so persuaded that His Word is true, that I get out of my comfort zone because I’m convinced of His word that He will not let me fall.
 - Ecclesiastes 3 – seasons of change. Nothing stays the same. Life revolves around change.
 - Maturity and growth cannot occur without transition – the length we’re in it is determined by our willingness to allow Him to work for our good. We tie His hands by our own desire to control the length we’re in transition.
 - 1) A seed dies to bring life
 - 2) A child grows into an adult
 - 3) Throw off the old man, put on the new man.
 - Exodus 14:15 – tell the children of Israel to go forward – move into your transition. Deliverance comes through our obedience to move at the command of the General.

- Exodus 40: When the cloud remained, they remained. When it was taken up, they moved
- Exodus 33:15 – Unless your presence goes with us, we will not move. Even in rest, we are in transition because He is preparing us for the next season. In sleep, we are refreshed from exhaustion. The transition of restoration.
- John 14 – Like the Ark, Messiah goes to prepare a place of rest for us in His Father’s house. While He has gone before us, like the cloud, He sends His Father’s Spirit to lead us by day and night until we arrive home.
- Tehillim - Psalm 32:8 – I will educate you and enlighten you on the proper path of travel, I will guide you by what I have seen!
- Just because your not moving in a way that you can physically see, doesn’t mean that He is not working behind the scenes. We can be on a journey, but there are stop lights along the way.
- Waiting is a form of transition as it is an active way we show that we remain fixed upon His leading.
- Every moment of every day we are in transition – even if it is waiting on Him by transitioning from doubt to trust, doubt to trust, doubt to trust, doubt to trust. In this we remain steadfast on His promise to sustain us.
- Whether moving or waiting, we are in transition because we are ALIVE!
- We will never trust anyone we believe is meant only to do us evil.
- If the enemy can keep us convinced that our Creator is unable to do us good (steering us in the wrong direction), we will be paralyzed from doing anything for the kingdom. We will cease to trust!

Messiah said, **“GO TO THE OTHER SIDE”**

- Storms do not rock the ones who are sleeping in the arms of the Beloved!
- Faith will never be developed in the arm chairs of life...
- His people must be a nomadic people. Always looking for that city on a hill... Dependence on Him!

Three Hebrew words for transition:

- 1) Ma’avar – meaning to cross over. **Hebrew** (ivrim) means to cross over – like Abraham and Joshua
 - 2) Shinui – “change” Malachi 3:6. Lo Shaniti. He does not change. – Shannah – Year – duplicate/repeat
- The perfection of Love cannot change. We as humans, are ever changing for the good or the bad – always in flux – always in motion towards something. We are moving to become unchanging like Him. Love one another.

[1 Corinthians 13:8-13 KJV] "8 **Charity never faileth**: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether [there be] tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. [when I see Him face to face, I will see myself as He has always seen me from the end to the beginning. I will finally see the purpose for all the transitions in my life]. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity."

- 3) Chalaph – “to pass on, away, or through”
- Psalm 102:24-28: I said, “O my Ēl, Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations. You did found the earth of old, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They shall perish, but You remain; And all of them grow old like a garment; You **change** them like a coat, And they are changed. But You are the same, And Your years have no end. “The sons of Your servants continue, And their seed is established before You.”

[Song of Songs 2:10-12 KJV] "10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. 11 For, lo, the winter is **past (ma’avar)**, the rain is **over (Chalaph)** [and] gone; 12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing [of birds] is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"

- Life thrives on shedding of the old – even our skin sheds the dead cells – 2 Corinthians 5:17. Old passed away – The new has come.

Hebrews 11 – The Transition Chapter (without trust – no faith – without faith (action) – no transition – without transition – no eternal life.

- T'shuvah – repentance – change – reverse and do a 180 degree.
- Change is the evidence of life. If you want to see what no change looks like, go out to the local cemetery.

Heroes of Transition (READ Hebrews 11)

1. And belief is the substance of what is expected, the proof of what is not seen. (Faith is attaching our following to His leading – we will always arrive when we are attached to Him) – faith is a transient word that expresses, by our works, that we trust He will lead us to only that which is good). 2. For by this the elders obtained witness. (Elohim received a good report - that's my son – that's my daughter) – unlike Sodom and Gomorrah (evil report) – hold on, great and powerful things He does when He takes notice of our faith). 3. By belief, we understand that the ages were prepared by the word of Elohim, so that what is seen was not made of what is visible. (He had to have faith to create the things we see from a blank canvas)

4. By belief, Hebel offered to Elohim a greater slaughter offering than Qayin, through which he **obtained witness** that he was righteous, Elohim witnessing of his gifts. And through it, having died, he still speaks. 5. By belief, Hanoq was translated so as not to see death, “and was not found because Elohim had translated him.” For before his translation he **obtained witness**, that he pleased Elohim.

6. But without belief it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to Elohim has to believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Him. 7. By belief, Noah, having been warned of what was yet unseen, having feared, prepared an ark to save his house, through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to belief. (This is our salvation walk!)

8. By belief, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he was about to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9. By belief, he sojourned in the land of promise as a stranger, dwelling in tents with Yitshaq and Ya'aqob, the heirs with him of the same promise,

10. for **he was looking** for the city having foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim. 11. By belief also, Sarah herself was enabled to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the normal age, because **she deemed Him trustworthy who had promised.**

12. And so from one (Abraham), and him **as good as dead**, were born as numerous as the stars of the heaven, as countless as the sand which is by the seashore. (FOR YOU - what the world deems as good as dead, He deems a seed, full of life). 13. In belief all these died, not having received the promises, but seeing them from a distance, welcomed and embraced them, and confessed that they were aliens and strangers on the earth.

14. For those who speak this way make it clear that they seek a fatherland. 15. And yet, if they had indeed kept remembering that place from which they had come out, they would have had the chance to return. (close the portals to the past and you eliminate your chance to return to Egypt – the good of the Promise Land exceeds the “good” of Egypt).

16. But now they long for a better place, that is, a heavenly. Therefore Elohim is not ashamed to be called their Elohim, for He has prepared a city for them. 17. By belief, Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Yitshaq, and he who had received the promises offered up his only brought-forth son,

18. of whom it was said, “In Yitshaq your seed shall be called,” 19. reckoning that Elohim was able to raise, even from the dead, from which he received him back, as a type.

20. By belief, Yitshaq blessed Ya'aqob and Esau concerning that which was to come. 21. By belief, Ya'aqob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Yosēph, and did reverence on the top of his staff.

22. By belief, Yosēph, when he was dying, made mention of the outgoing of the children of Yisra'el, and gave orders concerning his bones. 23. By belief, Mosheh, having been born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a comely child, and were not afraid of the sovereign's command.

24. By belief, Mosheh, having become great, refused to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh, 25. choosing rather to be afflicted with the people of Elohim than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time,

26. deeming the **reproach of Messiah** greater riches than the treasures in Mitsrayim, for he was looking to the reward. **(the unity between the old and new testaments)** 27. By belief, he left Mitsrayim, not fearing the wrath of the sovereign, for he was **steadfast**, as seeing Him who is invisible. **“We are counted faithful when our following becomes as unwavering as His leading.”**

28. By belief, he performed the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the first-born should touch them. 29. By belief, they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, and when the Mitsrites tried it, they were drowned.

30. By belief, the walls of Yeriho fell, having been surrounded for seven days. 31. By belief, Raḥab the whore did not perish with those who did not believe, having received the spies with peace.

32. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to relate of Gid'on and Baraq and Shimshon and Yiphtah, also of Dawid and Shemu'el and the prophets, 33. who through belief, overcame reigns, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34. quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became mighty in battle, put foreign armies to flight. 35. Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others were tortured, not accepting release, to obtain a better resurrection.

36. And others had trial of mockings and floggings and more, of chains and imprisonment. 37. They were stoned, they were tried, they were sawn in two, they were slain with the sword. They went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in need, afflicted, mistreated,

38. of whom the world was not worthy – wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes of the earth. 39. And having obtained witness through the belief, all these did not receive the promise, 40. Elohim having provided what is better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. **(Ephesians 4:13 until we all come to the unity of the belief and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the completeness of Messiah..)**

- Why did these go through such trials? Why must we endure such hardships? They had the vision of the promise. They carried the promise. We have the promise they carried and must hold onto it dearly until His return.
- We are living proof that Abraham did not believe in vain – HalelluYah!
- As I have need of YOU, and YOU have need of ME, so they are incomplete without us and we are incomplete without them. One family, one Head.
- **It is the love of pursuing the Promise that unites us.**
- **IF IT WERE NOT FOR THEIR BELIEF AS AN EXAMPLE -** We would fail to grasp hold of the promise and most importantly, keep hold of the Promise when suffering and hardships rip the ground out from underneath us.
- Don't tell me you haven't looked at the lives of David, Sarah, Job, and Peter for some hope to bring some sense to what your going through! He uses ALL of the body of Messiah to help one another persevere to the end.
- We need each others examples of faith to help us achieve the end of our faith which is the salvation of our souls – 1 Peter 1:9

What is the purpose of transitioning?

- He is bringing His like-minded remnant together under the unification of His Spirit – to do exploits – and to usher in His return to set up His Kingdom and we dwell forever in peace from our enemies!

Costa Rica was a time of goodness yet a very distraught time. Finding yourself isn't always pleasant.

- **“It's just another pasture the Shepherd decided to stop at, to allow his sheep to graze”**
- Learning the child-like simplicity of following the Shepherd causes us to face transition with new eyes.

How do we find comfort in our transition?

By understanding that no matter how uncomfortable and painful it is, if we can believe Him in whom we have not seen for our salvation, then we must believe that He is trustworthy enough to move us to the next pasture – and full of goodness enough to bring us to the other side.

Our Final Transition: Those who are alive and remain or martyrs

- It has been written that Paul (Shau'l) ran to his executioner. He knew His Master awaited his coming.
- We will unceasingly, with joy, run towards “uncomfortable” when we finally realize that His goodness awaits us on the other side.

Ending Prayer:

Hebrews 13:20-21- “And the Elohim of peace who brought up our Master יהושע from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfecta in every good work to do His desire, working in you what is pleasing in His sight, through יהושע Messiah, to whom be esteem forever and ever. Aměn.”