

MSG: TRANSITIONS

SZN 1: WALK WITH JESUS

Scripture: John 6:35-40

John 6:35-40 CSB

““I am the bread of life,” Jesus told them. “No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again. But as I told you, you’ve seen me, and yet you do not believe. Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. This is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me but should raise them up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him will have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.””

INTRO: MILITARY BRAT/MOVING

HOW DO YOU NAVIGATE RELATIONSHIPS TRANSITIONING?

Inevitably your life will transition as a result of growth. As you mature into relating Like Jesus you begin to value and experience healing, value and growing up together in UNITY.

Naturally Transitions will have to occur. Relationship transitions are difficult because externally not much may have changed but internally you are changing and in some cases quite radically. .. “YOU CHANGED!”

Yes I am transitioning. Being conformed into the Image of Jesus!

Transitions are difficult because we are very familiar with what, where or who we’ve known, but now God is transitioning you to maturity and that shift will create tension, misunderstanding even disappointments. However we must lean into that because God is doing a specific work in us. And as uncomfortable as that may be... He’s transitioning us out of old drama, old trauma, old habits and bringing us into a new walk with Him.

God desires for our relationships to reflect that movement. That transitioning of maturity. At times because we’re more familiar with what we’ve always known

We choose stagnancy over stability!

We choose convenience over conviction!

We choose apathy over empathy!

We must discover how to navigate the transition that occurs as we decide to walk with Him and walk with others in a new way!

So HOW do we Transition well?

1. REMAIN AVAILABLE

Joshua 1:3-5 CSB

“I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses. Your territory will be from the wilderness and Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates River — all the land of the Hittites — and west to the Mediterranean Sea. No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or abandon you.”

YOUR AVAILABILITY CREATES SPACE FOR GOD’S ABILITY

“HE’S ABLE! ARE YOU AVAILABLE?”

2. REMAIN TEACHABLE

John 6:38-39 CSB

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. This is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me but should raise them up on the last day.”

-Expose yourself to people with perspectives that are different than yours

If you’re the smartest, most gifted, most In your circle, ask the Lord to increase your circle.

-Ask questions that challenge your perspective?

Be honest about where you are and where you are not relationally.

-Who is discipling and mentoring me relationally?

-Who is challenging my weaknesses in my relationships?

-Who is putting a demand on my gifts and strengths?

3. REMAIN FLEXIBLE

1 Corinthians 2:8-11 CSB

“None of the rulers of this age knew this wisdom, because if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived — God has prepared these things for those who love him. Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”

Ephesians 3:20 CSB

“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us — ”

YOUR STIFFNESS WILL STIFLE YOU.

-THE SPIRIT IS STRETCHING YOU TO INCREASE YOUR FLEXIBILITY FOR HIS GLORY.

Stifle- stop the breathe **PREACH THIS!** breath of God, wind of God, movement of God

“how do we hold people accountable for wrongdoing and yet at the same time remain in touch with their humanity enough to believe in their capacity to be transformed?”

-Bell Hooks

***THIS IS MAJOR!!!!!!!!!!!!**

-Avoid the subtle stiffness