



Swift Transitions: Anticipating, Welcoming, and Celebrating the Moves of God

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Just as surely as change happens to everyone, by God’s grace, you can believe that the period of transition is intended to position and prepare you for God’s next blessing. It is not God’s intention to keep us locked in a perpetual state of “stuck.” Indeed, it is God’s will that we come through—that we make it out—better. So, after you make it through, what then? This session will focus on reflecting on and celebrating the journey

- According to Job’s friend, Bildad: “...if you are pure and upright, surely then God will rouse himself for you and restore you to your rightful place. Though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.” (Job 8:6-7)
- According to Haggai’s prophecy: “The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.” (Haggai 2:7).

These texts sound similar and they offer various insights related to how people and communities can emerge through difficult seasons. Take the space below to note what it looks like to reflect on the course of life and how God purposes to be glorified in response to a completed transition.

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An important takeaway from these two examples is that reflection on the journey is an important step toward ensuring that no season goes to waste. We may not like the events that precipitated the change or the transition that followed, but we can learn from it and grow closer to God!



Strategies for reflecting on and celebrating the journey

1. **Romans 8:28.** Reflection informs and strengthens our faith.

2. **2 Corinthians 5:17.** Reflection helps appreciation for the road traveled and the new day ahead.

3. **Philippians 3:13-14.** Reflection may lead to “letting go” so we can press on by faith.

4. **James 1:2-4.** Reflection sharpens our view of God’s work throughout the course of life.

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Practical Application

- **Journal Reflection:** Write about a past or current transition. How has God been present? How has the experience shaped your faith?
- **Gratitude Practice:** List the people and things you are grateful for in this season. Celebrate the growth and opportunities God is giving you.
- **Celebrate with Others:** Plan a small gathering with family or friends to thank God for a transition you’re experiencing.