

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

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Why are some people and organizations better able to manage various transitions? It can be true that successful transitions appear to be circumstantial—i.e., right place, right time. But can it be more than that? Is it possible that people and organizations transition well because they pay close attention to what it means to transition and then do whatever it takes to ensure they are prepared?

In this second session, we will explore the “how” of transition. Some people and organizations possess resources related to finances, personnel, time, and energy to check every box. It seems this would make the question of “how” much easier to answer. So, what if these and other resources are found lacking? This session supposes that there are Christian principles that can guide the path of progression as we learn and/or recall what it takes to transition well.

Is it a question of the will? Some frustrations with transition exist because of an unwillingness to change but that is not always or the only reason for frustrated transitions. Let’s explore a few others. If you have encountered any of the following, how did you handle it?

- Fear and/or low self-confidence: _____
 - Lack of skills: _____
 - Emotional attachment: _____
 - Poor communication: _____
 - Unclear vision: _____
 - Lack of resources: _____
 - Ineffective leadership: _____
 - Others: _____
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Christian friend, have you ever considered that not only have we been transformed by God but that we are still in transition? Our salvation is not an indication of finality. The blessing of being in Christ is that we remain in transition—under His watchful eye—through the process of sanctification.

Romans 12:1-8 and Principles for People to Transition Well

As we read, pay attention to and note the various aspects of change and the transitions required to handle the changes well.

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Strategies for healthy and successful transitions

Several principles are available to help us answer the question: What type of people are positioned to manage transitions well?

1. Accept commonalities despite differences.

2. Aware of what it will take for success to be realized.

3. Accountable for personal role.

4. Aware of possible challenges and able to adjust.

5. Accept the blessings that come with diversity.

God-honoring transitions

Who are some models we can emulate as we honor God’s purposes for our personal transitions?

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