

WELCOME HOME.

EXPERIENCE GOD.

BE FAMILY.

SHARE LOVE EVERYWHERE.

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THE LIFE WE'RE LIVING
IS NOT THE LIFE WE
EXPECTED.

TRANSITION

GOD'S UNFOLDING GLORY
IN THE HUMAN STORY

A GATEWAY COLLECTION

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MOSES IS DEAD. NOW THEN...

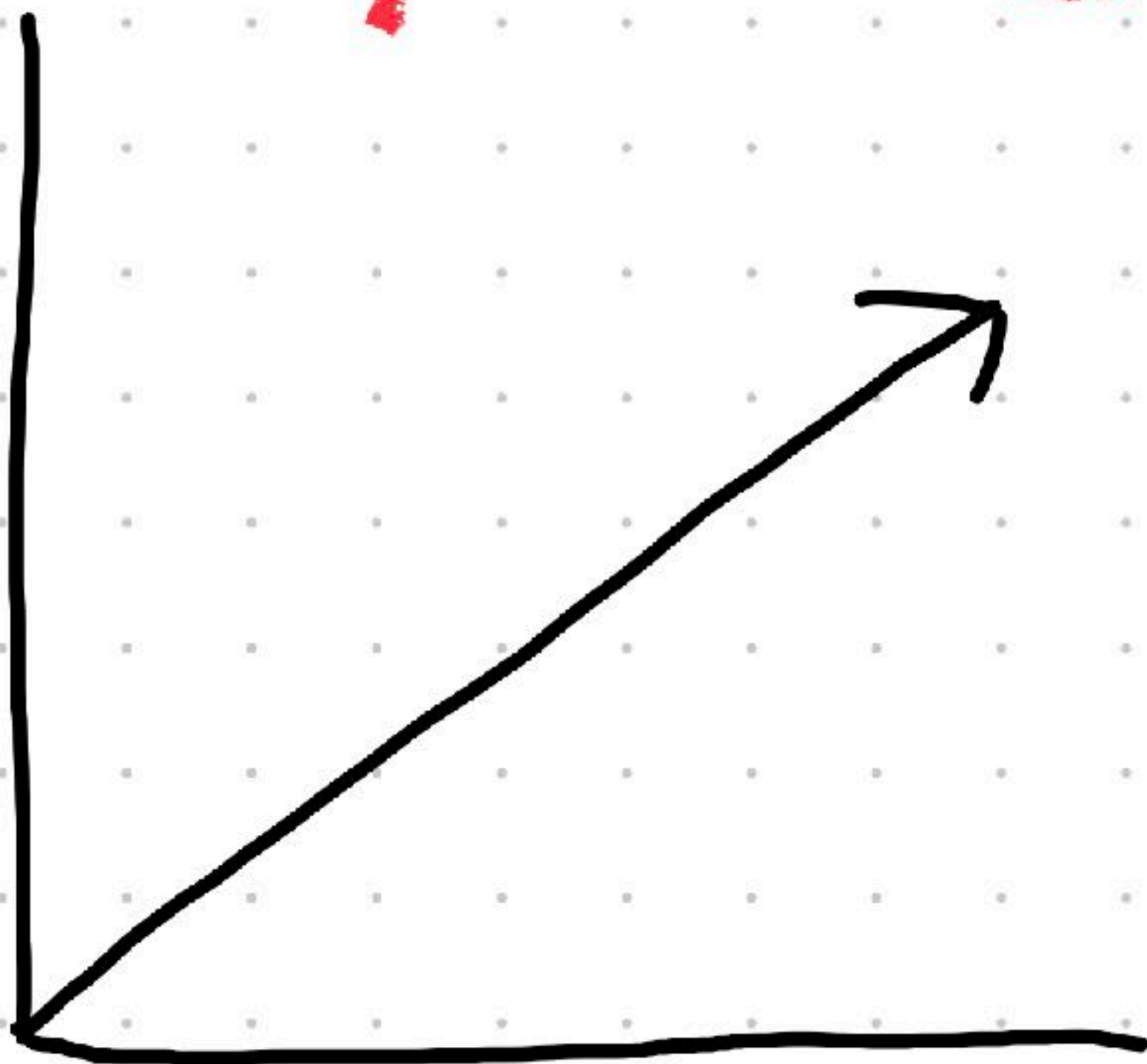
JOSHUA 1:2
NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

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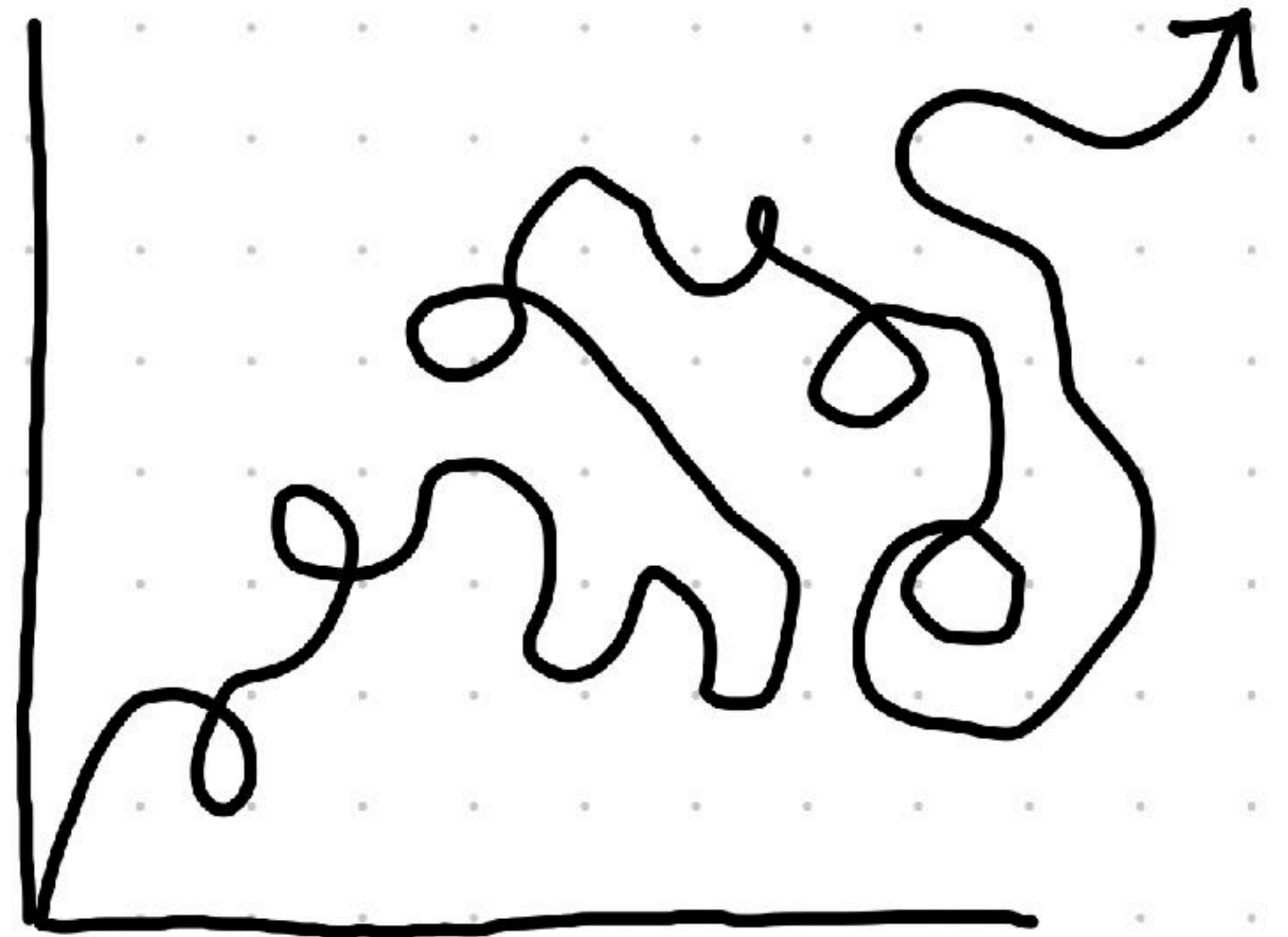
WE ARE AWARE THAT CHANGE
HAPPENS TO EVERYONE, AND
WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR OWN
LIVES, WE CAN SEE THAT IT'S TRUE.

WHAT WE ALL KNOW TO BE TRUE

MY PLAN



REALITY



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**DOES THE BIBLE ADDRESS
TRANSITION?**

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**FORGET WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST,
AND DO NOT DWELL ON EVENTS FROM
LONG AGO. I AM GOING TO DO
SOMETHING NEW. IT IS ALREADY
HAPPENING. DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE IT?**

ISAIAH 43:18-19

GOD'S WORD

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**BUT I FOCUS ON THIS ONE THING:
FORGETTING THE PAST AND LOOKING
FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD..**

PHILIPPIANS 3:13
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

TRANSITION:

- Transition involves three phases:
 1. *Departure (THE LONG GOODBYE)*
 2. *Disorientation (THE MESSY MIDDLE)*
 3. *Destination (NEW BEGINNINGS)*
- God initiates a change that launches transition.

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PERSONAL

COLLECTIVE

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PERSONAL **The Average Person will have 36** **COLLECTIVE**
minor life disruptors.

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**The Average Person will have 3-5
MAJOR life disruptors.**

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25 years in Significant
Transition.**

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**DOES THE BIBLE ADDRESS
TRANSITION?**

**THERE ARE FOUR IMPORTANT
PURPOSES FOR THIS SERIES:**

1

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE

2

**EXPLAIN WHY WE GO THROUGH
TRANSITION**

3

**IDENTIFY HELPFUL KINGDOM
PRACTICES TO NAVIGATE TRANSITION
PRODUCTIVELY**

4

DISCUSS EVANGELISTIC
OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARISE BECAUSE
OF TIMES OF TRANSITION

JULIE ELLIS

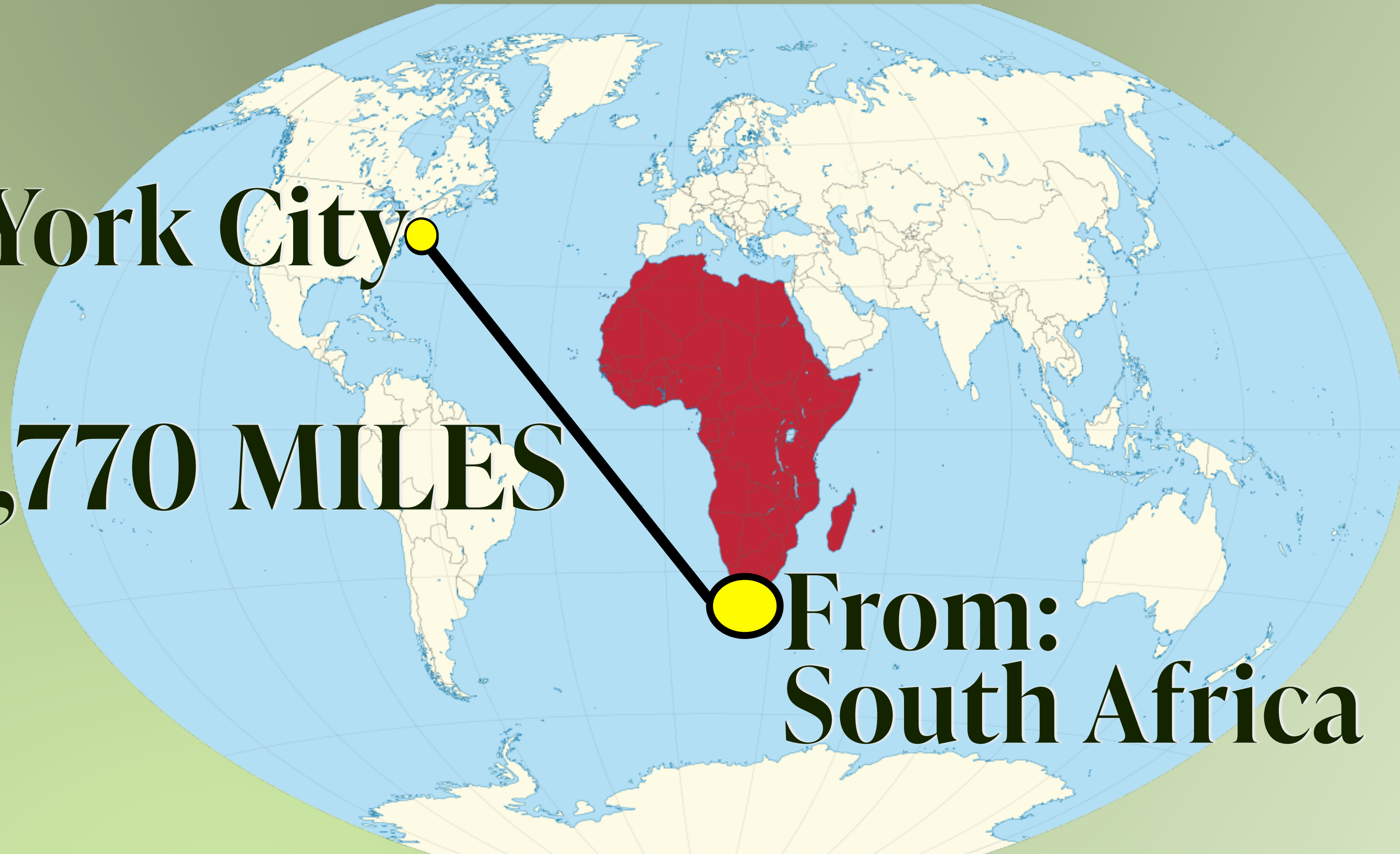
TRANSITION

DEPARTURE. DISORIENTATION. DESTINATION

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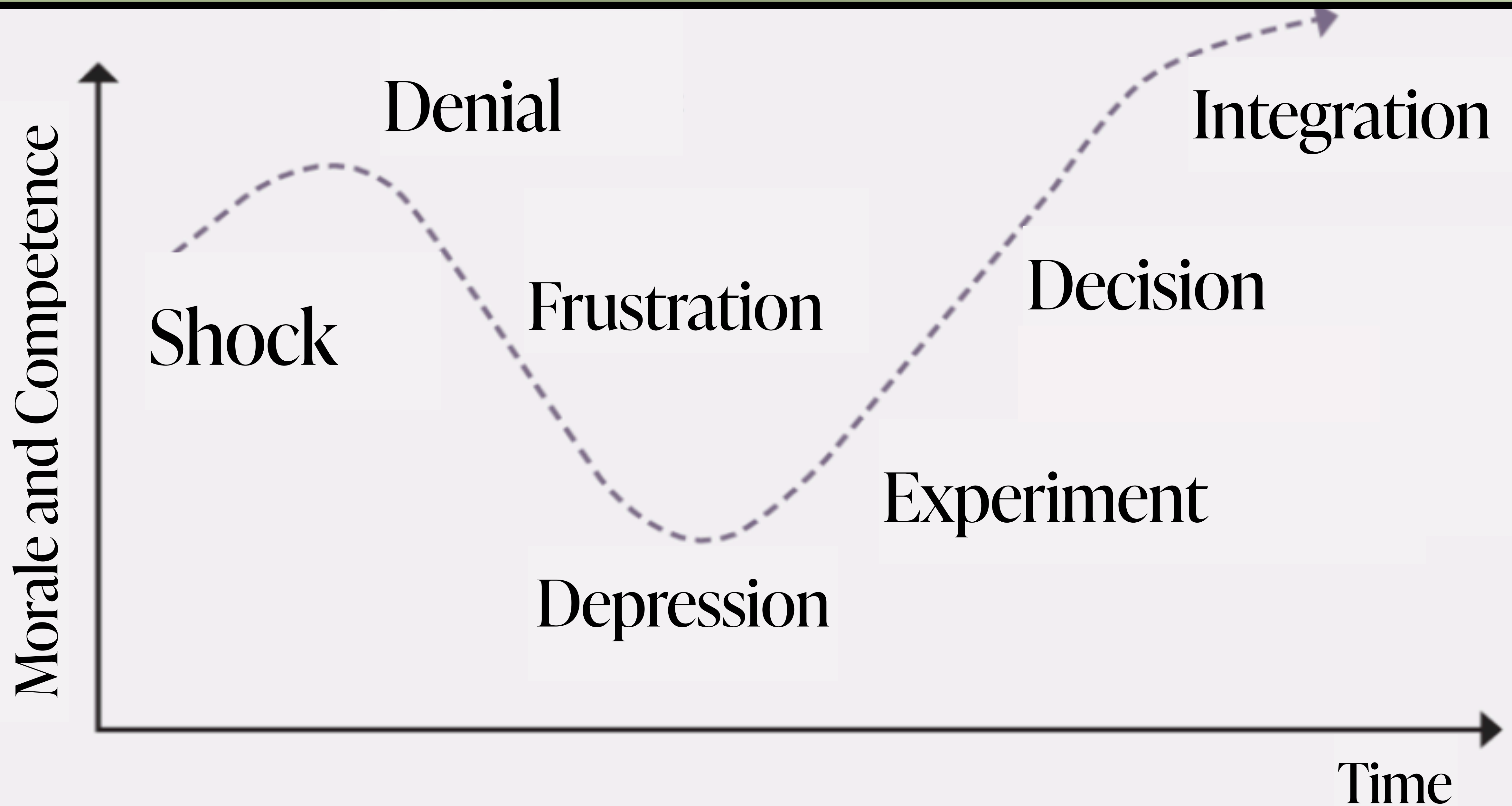
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From:
South Africa



BUT GOD...

ELISABETH KUBLER-ROSS MODEL



“YOU DIDN’T CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU. I HAVE APPOINTED YOU TO GO, TO PRODUCE FRUIT THAT WILL LAST, AND TO ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME TO GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR. LOVE EACH OTHER. THIS IS WHAT I’M COMMANDING YOU TO DO.”

JOHN 15:16-17
GOD’S WORD

FACE THE TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF AND REACH YOUR DESTINATION

- **To love Jesus is to become more like Him.**
- **Face where you are so you can get to where you are supposed to be.**

- **Acts 17:28**

LET GO AND LET GOD!

WHY DO WE GO THROUGH TRANSITION?

- To test our calling. (*Matt 22:14*)
- To refine our character. (*Rom 5:1-5*)
- To mature our charisma. (*1 Cor 13*)
- To expand our competency. (*Phil 1:9-10*)

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**“COME, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS OF MEN.**

**GOD WHO BEGAN THIS GOOD WORK IN YOU,
WILL CARRY IT THROUGH TO COMPLETION
ON THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.**

HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE THAT JESUS HAD.”

MATTHEW 4:18, PHILIPPIANS 1:6, 2:5

GOD'S WORD

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“WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE GOD – THOSE WHOM HE HAS CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN. THIS IS TRUE BECAUSE HE ALREADY KNEW HIS PEOPLE AND HAD ALREADY APPOINTED THEM TO HAVE THE SAME FORM AS THE IMAGE OF HIS SON. YOU GIVE GLORY TO MY FATHER WHEN YOU PRODUCE A LOT OF FRUIT AND THEREFORE SHOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES.”

ROMANS 8:28-29; JOHN 15:8
GOD'S WORD

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**TRANSITION IS A CORE
DISCIPLESHIP ISSUE.**

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TRANSITION IS AN INVITATION.

“COME...”

MATTHEW 4:18

GOD'S WORD

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TRANSITION IS PREPARATION.

“FOLLOW ME...”

MATTHEW 4:18

GOD'S WORD

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TRANSITION IS FORMATION.

**“AND I WILL MAKE...HE WHO BEGAN THE GOOD WORK...
HAVE THE SAME FORM AS THE IMAGE OF HIS SON”**

MATTHEW 4:18; PHILIPPIANS 1:6; ROMANS 8:29

GOD'S WORD

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TRANSITION IS DEMONSTRATION.

**“WHEN YOU PRODUCE A LOT OF FRUIT AND THEREFORE
SHOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES.”**

JOHN 15:8
GOD'S WORD

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**WE NEED TO DEVELOP THE SPIRITUAL HABIT
OF A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE TRIALS OF
LIFE SO THAT THE ENEMY CANNOT FIND ANY
OPENING THROUGH WHICH HE CAN BRING
AFFLICTIONS.**

— *RANDY CLARK*

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**TO LEAD HEALTHY, FULFILLING
LIVES IN SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

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TO DEEPEN OUR TRUST IN GOD.

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**TO EXPERIENCE ALL THAT GOD IS
AND OFFERS.**

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TO BE GODLY EXAMPLES,
HONORING KING JESUS
THROUGH OUR ATTITUDES AND
ACTIONS.

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**TO LEAVE A SPIRITUAL LEGACY
TO THOSE WE LOVE.**

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**LIFE IS CHANGE.
GROWTH IS OPTIONAL.
CHOOSE WISELY.**

— KAREN KAISER CLARK

APPLICATION:

1. EMBRACE AND PRACTICE A NEW MINDSET THAT CAN HELP YOU FLOURISH DURING TRANSITION.
2. *SHARE WITH A FRIEND ONE THING YOU ARE DOING TO COOPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT DURING TRANSITION AND PRAY TOGETHER.*
3. IDENTIFY AN AREA WHERE YOU NEED ENDURING FAITH AND FIND A COUPLE OF BIBLE VERSES THAT WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR TRUST IN KING JESUS.

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