

Here's your order, sir!
A thousand business cards
saying "Simon the Fisherman"!



LATER THAT DAY...

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Simon! From now on
you shall be known
as Peter!



TRANSITION

GOD'S UNFOLDING GLORY
IN THE HUMAN STORY

A GATEWAY COLLECTION

“

MOSES IS DEAD. NOW THEN...

JOSHUA 1:2
NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“

**...THROW OUT THE NEWBORN
BABIES SO THAT THEY WOULD DIE.
AT THAT TIME MOSES WAS BORN.**

ACTS 7:19-20
NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“

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

“

**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

“

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

PHILIPPIANS 3:13
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

**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

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE

CHANGE

An event; a moment in time

External

TRANSITION

**An emotional, spiritual,
relational, psychological
process before, during, and
after a change**

Internal

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE

CHANGE

Examples: job loss, marriage, new home, graduation, entering kindergarten, change in health, new boss

Not always controllable

TRANSITION

Examples: surprise, confusion, anger, relief, vulnerability, hopefulness, disillusioned, clarity

We can surrender to God and cooperate with our growth and how we respond to change

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE

- Transition involves three phases:
 1. *Departure*
 2. *Disorientation*
 3. *Destination*
- God initiates a change that launches transition.

“HANGING ON” HAS BECOME ENTERTAINMENT:



**HOARDING:
BURIED ALIVE**

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE

- **Common emotions during transition:**
 1. **Fear** (*1 John 4:18*)
 2. **Loss/Sadness** (*Romans 12:15*)
 3. **Confusion** (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)
 4. **Anger** (*Romans 15:13*)
 5. **Shock** (*James 1:5*)

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**WE NO LONGER HEAR THE
VOICE OF GOD.**

KIM NORRIS

TRANSITION

THREE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES

1. Authenticity
2. Surrendering the Outcome
3. Accepting the Will of God

AUTHENTICITY

- Acknowledgement
- Vulnerability
- Humility
- Honesty
- Removing the mask of pride in order to receive God's help
- Psalm 25:9

SURRENDERING THE OUTCOME

- Letting go
 - Trusting God
 - Obedience
 - On the Job training
 - Gain “WAIT”
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- 1 Peter 5:7; Proverbs 3:5-6; James 1:2-4

ACCEPTING THE WILL OF GOD

- **Invites His favor**
- **Proverbs 19:21; Philippians 2:13; Psalm 119:105**

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE

- Our **calling** will be tested. (*Matt 22:14*)
- Our **character** will be refined. (*Rom 5:1-5*)
- Our **charisma** will be matured. (*1 Cor 13*)
- Our **competency** will be expanded. (*Phil 1:9-10*)

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

“

TO DEEPEN OUR TRUST IN GOD.

“

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

“

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

“

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

“

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

— KAREN KAISER CLARK

APPLICATION:

1. **SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH A FRIEND AND PRAY WITH THEM.**
2. *PRACTICE SILENCE.*
3. **DEEPEN YOUR ROOTS IN GOD'S WORD THROUGH MEDITATION, REFLECTION, AND PRAYER.**
4. *CONSIDER OUTSIDE SOURCES TO HELP YOU WITH CHANGE AND TRANSITION.*

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