

Why God Loves to Lead You Through Uncomfortable Life Changes

Isn't it reassuring to know that we serve a God who never changes?! He is always the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow!

He is always loving, infinitely merciful and unchangingly faithful. God's character remains the same throughout every year, every decade, every century and every epoch. Whoever He was to your parents and your grandparents, He will also be to you.

He is the same powerful God who led Moses across the Red Sea, was with Daniel in the lion's den and heard the prayer of Hannah. That same God is well able to lead you through raging waters, to be with you in ferocious situations and He also answers your heartfelt prayers.

We serve a God who is infinitely kind, inexhaustibly good and eternally creative.

Our God never changes.

However, He is also a God who loves change! He loves to stir up situations, events and people with transition and development. He moved Abraham out of his comfort zone, He took Joseph into Egypt, and He made David an unsuspecting king.

God placed Esther in the palace, He took Ruth from Moab to Bethlehem and He led His chosen people right into the Promised Land.

God loves change.

I believe God's people are entering a season of Holy Spirit

transitions and God-ordained change. I believe that God is stirring the waters of your life for His decided outcome. I believe God is taking His people out of comfort zones, out of expected plans and away from average Christianity.

God loves to get His disciples out of the boat. God stirs things up so He can stir up something new in you. God longs for you to trust in Him and not in your own preferences; that is the very reason He loves to cause change.

Your dependency should always be on Him and on His character rather than on your own strengths, your chosen course in life or your preferred surroundings. Prepare for change! Enlarge the stakes of your tent, throw off the extraneous and lift your focus to heaven. Be ready to move when God says, "Move!" Be ready to for change when God says, "Now!"

When the winds of change blow in a believer's life, it is always for God's greater purpose and divine plan. Don't look back or long for yesterday. Determine that with God, you can move from the mundane to the unexpected and the glorious.

Today is a day of great change, and God is calling His disciples to cross the Jordan River. Will you be one who has the courage to move forward regardless of the cost? Or will you stay on the safe side of the Jordan River?

We serve a God who never changes, but He loves change! {eo}

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