

Transition Into Your Destiny

You and I are at the halfway point in a three-year time of  transition. A prophetic word has come forth that the years 2008 through 2011 are a season of transition. In God's timing, the halfway point can be the most dangerous time during transition. It is a time when some people decide the journey is too difficult. They can't seem to catch the vision for the new place, so they decide to go back to an old place. Others make wrong turns that cause them to take a detour from their destinations.

Decisions made at this juncture will affect the future. They will either lead a person into his destiny or lead him away from what God has purposed for him.

Although there will be some great breakthroughs during transition, we must realize that a breakthrough does not mean the process is complete. The story of the Israelites in their journey through the wilderness reveals this principle. Although they experienced the miracles of the provision of water, food and protection from their enemies, they were still on a journey.

The wilderness was not their destiny! God had promised another place for them. They were not to be satisfied with merely being delivered from the past season of captivity. To fulfill their destiny they would need to persevere until they came into the promise of the Lord.

As we transition during this time, the Lord is going to cause us to see in a new way. The ability to see will require a greater level of faith. We will see new strategies and new resources during this time.

The Israelites arrived at the Red Sea and were ready to move forward. Their leader, Moses, lifted his rod, and the Red Sea parted. Everyone could see the dry path through the sea to the

other side. The faith required at this place was only that the waters would remain parted until they crossed over.

Years later, another generation arrived at the Jordan. Although there had been a breakthrough previously at the Red Sea, the process of possessing their promise had not occurred. Bad decisions and wrong turns had been made. However, the promise of the Lord still remained. A greater level of faith and a new strategy were needed during this season.

The Israelites arrived at a time of year when the Jordan River was overflowing its banks. The land was flooded, and everything seemed out of control. Rather than utilizing the former strategy of a single person (Moses) lifting a rod, a corporate company of priests had to step into the flood with no dry path in sight. They needed a new level of faith to believe that if they took a step in obedience to the Word of the Lord, the river would part. Only then would they be able to see the path into the new place God had for them.

You may be looking at an impossible situation. You cannot see your way through the floodwaters. Yet God is going to clear the path as you move forward in faith and take the first step. Don't wait for the entire path to be clear. Take the first step you know to take, and the Lord will then let you see the way into your promise! Don't be afraid to use a different strategy for this new season.

The strategy for this season includes creativity. Fresh creativity will unlock resources and financial blessings. The Lord will show you how to accomplish more with less money and less effort during this time. Increase is going to come to those who are willing to make adjustments and keep their alignments in right order.

Guard the alignments the Lord has put in your life. The alignments of apostles, prophets and intercessors will provide strength and encouragement to keep you moving forward. These

alignments are part of the resources God has placed in your life.

Along with strategy and resources, a new mindset is needed to reach God's destiny. Too many people view the world with a mindset of defeat. They are sure that Satan is too strong for them.

The good news is that nothing is impossible with God! A mindset for victory will bring an increase in strength, vision and blessings from the Lord. The new mindset will release ability to pioneer new ways and new methods for success in the days ahead.

Charles Finney, known as the Father of Modern Revivalism, was a pioneer who was willing to blaze new trails and establish new mindsets. After a dramatic conversion and baptism in the Holy Spirit, he followed a path that was nothing short of remarkable. His career included international fame as a revivalist, professor and president of a unique educational institution, Oberlin College, and as an advocate and defender of a controversial Christian doctrine. His ideas about conversion, evangelism and personal holiness helped reshape Christian thought.

Church rolls greatly increased in the wake of Finney's revivals. History shows that Rochester, New York, was dramatically transformed by his influence during 1830-31 in what has been called the greatest year of spiritual awakening in American history. Shops were closed so people could attend his meetings. Town taverns went out of business due to the change in people's hearts. Winds of change were blowing hard during Finney's day. Yet he dared to grasp the moment, roll up his sleeves and fight for change from old mindsets.

Just as in the days of Finney, we are sensing strong winds of change blowing throughout the world. The struggles and difficulties around us are preparing us for a greater release

of God's glory. A great company of people is being prepared to advance the kingdom of God. And we know that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:17-18, NKJV).

One mindset that is being changed in the church today deals with man's responsibility in the earth. Religious tradition tells us that God is sovereign and will do whatever He wants done in the earth. But the church is waking up to the fact that though God occasionally performs sovereign interruptions on the earth, and some of these interruptions include answers to prayer, miracles, signs and wonders, He has put mankind on the earth to take care of the world.

In fact, the Bible tells us, "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" (Gen. 1:28, NKJV)." You and I have a responsibility to bring change into the earth!

What does all this mean to you and me during the season of transition into our destiny? It means:

- The Lord is going to give His people an ability to see beyond the floodwaters of the present situation and to be able to see the path into the new season
- There is a creativity that will be unlocked in you to discover new resources for the new season
- God has put the church on the earth to manage the earth for Him
- God has put people in every mountain (area) of society who will bring change to that mountain using biblical

principles

- The Lord is transitioning His people from an old mindset of escapism to a more biblical mindset of occupying until he comes.

As in the days of Finney, the old, strong winds of change are blowing! Harold R. Eberle, in his book, *Christianity Unshackled*, says that Christianity is now the most influential force of humanity in the world. Reported statistics indicate that more than a million people per week are becoming Christians! In the midst of difficulties and struggles, God is raising up reformers and pioneers who will blaze new trails for this new season.

In the days ahead, there will be good days and there will be bad days. Yet as God's people, we must not stop along the way. The only way to lose is to quit! Make a decision that you will never quit. You will persevere! The kingdom of God is advancing. You are crossing over into a new season to possess the promise of the Lord for your life. Grasp the moment and move forward!

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