HOW TO KNOW WHEN GOD IS REROUTING YOU!

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Sometimes we make our own plans, map out our whole life, and then God steps in and completely flips the script. We get comfortable, we get settled, and we start trusting our routine more than we trust our Redeemer. But God doesn't call us to comfort; He calls us to purpose.

The foundational truth for this reality is found in Proverbs chapter 16, verse 9, which declares that a man's heart devises his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 KJV
9 A man's heart deviseth his way: But the LORD directeth his steps.

You might have had your five-year plan all figured out, but God is stepping in to orchestrate a divine detour. We love the idea of leveling up, but we hate the reality of transition. Transition is messy. It's uncomfortable. It messes with your emotions. But you have to understand that before God can establish you in the new place, He has to uproot you from the old one.

When God gets ready to change your trajectory, He doesn't always send an angel with a trumpet to announce it. Often, He does it through disruption. If you are feeling frustrated, unsettled, and out of place right now, don't get it twisted—you might not be under demonic attack. You might just be under divine construction. Here are four keys to knowing when God is actively rerouting your life.

1. THE GRACE DRIES UP AND THE SPACE GETS TIGHT

You used to wake up hype about that job, that ministry, or that space, but now just showing up feels like lifting dead weight. Everything that used to flow naturally suddenly feels like a heavy grind. You start getting easily irritated. You think your boss is hating on you, you think the church is acting funny, or you think your coworkers are switching up. But the truth is, the atmosphere hasn't necessarily changed—your assignment in that atmosphere has expired.

In Deuteronomy chapter 1, verses 6 and 7, God told the children of Israel they had dwelt long enough at that mountain and it was time to turn and take their journey.

Deuteronomy 1:6-7
6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: 7 turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all *the places* **nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.**

When God is rerouting you, He will let your comfort zone become deeply uncomfortable. The grace and the anointing for where you currently sit will dry up because God needs you to get hungry for where you are going. He stirs up your nest so you are forced to fly.

Do not allow the enemy to build a mental stronghold in this space, making you think you are losing your touch just because it's suddenly hard. When the peace leaves a place, it's usually the Holy Ghost packing your bags for you. You have to learn how to manage your emotions when the grace lifts, refusing to operate in a toxic attitude just because you are in a tight transition.

Power Statement
Your frustration is not a sign of failure; it is the physical evidence that your grace for this season has expired and a new route is required.

2. GOD DEADBOLTS THE DOORS YOU KEEP

TRYING TO KICK IN

We hate rejection, but sometimes a closed door is the greatest blessing God can give you. We spend so much time binding the devil over situations that God actually blocked on purpose. You are praying, fasting, and rebuking demons because a door slammed in your face, but it wasn't the enemy at all. It was the Lord's protection. He is shutting down the wrong routes so you do not settle for a counterfeit version of your destiny.

In Acts chapter 16, verses 6 and 7, the Apostle Paul was trying to go into Asia and Bithynia to preach the gospel. It sounded like a holy plan, but the scripture says the Holy Ghost actively forbade him and blocked the way. Even a good idea is a bad idea if it is not a God idea. Stop trying to pick the lock on a door that God deadbolted.

Acts 16:6-7
6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, 7 after they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

This requires you to surrender your pride and refuse the bitterness that comes with being told no. We have to stop crying over spaces that refused to accommodate us. If they let you in, you would have gotten comfortable in a room that was too small for your calling. God closed the door to the room because He is preparing to hand you the keys to the whole building.

Power Statement
Stop fighting the closed doors; God will often use the pain of rejection to push you into the purpose of His divine direction.

3. GOD STARTS FILTERING YOUR CREW AND SHIFTING YOUR CIRCLE

This one hurts, because separation anxiety is real in the body of Christ.

When God is getting ready to elevate and reroute you, everybody cannot come along for the ride. You start realizing that the conversations and kickbacks you used to enjoy now drain your spirit. You are outgrowing the room, and the people in the room are starting to notice. They will say you changed. They will say you are acting brand new. The reality is, you did change, because you cannot take a local mentality to a global destiny.

Look at Genesis chapter 13, where Abram had to separate from his nephew Lot because the land could no longer sustain both of them together. When your route changes, your relationships have to shift. Don't force people to stay in your life when God is actively trying to filter your circle. Some of your friends are tied to your history, not your destiny.

You have to ask God for real discernment in your relationships. The wounds of a friend and the deceitful kisses of an enemy will both teach you that some connections have an expiration date. Let them go without bitterness. Bless them, love them, but leave them in the season they belong to so you can step into the future God has prepared for you.

Power Statement
You cannot fulfill a new assignment dragging old attachments; God will shift your circle to protect your calling.

4. A HOLY AGITATION WAKES UP YOUR SPIRIT

God doesn't just pull you away from the old; He pulls you toward the new by dropping a holy disturbance in your mind. You will start losing sleep over things that never used to bother you. You suddenly care about a new vision, a new business, a new ministry, or a broken demographic of people. The enemy will try to play with your mind and tell you that you are just stressed out, anxious, or depressed. It is not depression; it is destiny calling your name.

In Nehemiah chapter 1, Nehemiah hears about the ruined walls of Jerusalem and breaks down crying, fasting, and praying. He was living comfortably in the king's palace, drinking the best wine, and making a good living. But God

suddenly gave him a heavy, inescapable burden for the rubble back in his hood.

When God is rerouting you, He will break your heart for what breaks His. You get agitated by a problem because God anointed you to be the solution. That heavy burden keeping you up at night is God downloading the blueprint for your next move. Do not self-sabotage by trying to medicate a burden that God meant for you to manifest. Let the burden drive you into prayer, and let prayer drive you into action.

Power Statement

The very thing that keeps you awake at night with holy frustration is the exact area where God has anointed you to bring a solution.