



## REFLECT



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Pastor Watley begins a new sermon series this week entitled “Necessary Endings”. In this series, Pastor is using [the book by Dr. Henry Cloud](#) of the same name to help us understand that in order to go into a new place or season we need to end the old one. Pastor uses this scripture as our focus text for the sermon titled “What A Difference A Day Makes”.

*Joshua 5:10-12*

*<sup>10</sup>On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. <sup>11</sup>The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate of the produce of Canaan.*

Pastor explains in his introduction that we changed the sanctuary around in the building to remind us what things looked like years ago. To remind us of all of the lives saved and the souls' changed. The baptisms and the weddings were all of the great moments God allowed to happen while we have been located at 12101 Tech Road. Pastor makes the point that if we're going to fully walk into our next season we have to grieve the loss of the past. Grieving isn't bad nor wrong, it's part of the season to fully walk into the new season. Many people can't walk into the new season correctly because they haven't ended the previous season.





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For this point, Pastor uses the children of Israel in our scripture. Pastor points out that in one day the children experienced a life-changing difference. As the scripture reads, one day they were eating manna which was provided by God daily, and then once they went into the promise land the manna stopped. It all stopped in one day and they couldn't go back, they had to move forward. The same is true for us brothers and sisters, we must not go back but we must move forward to what God has planned for us. Pastor makes this statement "You need a good ending in order to have a new beginning." Below are the points that Pastor Watley walked us through:

- This difference brings a new season. As we end one season, we also bring in a new season.
- This difference brings greater responsibility. God gave the children more than they had and it cost them more than they had given before. They had to now work the land for their food instead of it being provided for them each day but it was worth it.
- This difference brings better taste. God ended their manna but God also gave them food that tasted better. However, they couldn't have the new food without letting go of the old.

In this new season of transition for us as a Church, we also have a transition as individuals to leave what is old and embrace what God is doing new.

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**1. RESPOND**

**Introspective Questions**

- ï What endings do you think God is calling toward?
- ï How can you change your focus to embrace these endings?

**Discussion Questions**

- ï What do you think the Children of Israel said about not having manna anymore?
- ï How do you think the Children of Israel adjusted from having food provided to having to work for their food ?