

Transition **Pastor Will Robertson**

I. Introduction

Psalms 23:4 English Standard Version (ESV)

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- a. Transition can be defined as the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another.
 - i. The period of transition can be hard and unpleasant.
 - ii. Transition is the transportation to our destiny.
- b. There are several biblical examples of people who have going through transition.
 - i. David went through a period of transition between being anointed for king to actually being king.
 - ii. Joseph went through a period of transition between being the favored son to becoming second in command in Egypt.
- c. Seasons of transition can include transitions from:
 - i. Singlehood to marriage
 - ii. No kids to becoming a parent
 - iii. College to full time employment
 - iv. Moving to a new state
 - v. A job promotion
 - vi. Employee to employer
 - vii. Not going to church to becoming a member of a church

Corinthians 3:18 ESV

¹⁸.....Beholding the glory of the Lord, we are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.....

II. Why do we go through transition?

- a. Refinement
 - i. To refine means to remove impurities or unwanted elements from a substance; bring to a fine or a pure state and free from impurities.
 - ii. When something is being refined, its true value is uncovered.
- b. To slow down
 - i. Transitioning from a busy to a slow season can be difficult and frustrating.
 - 1. However, as we slow down, we notice things that we would never notice when going fast.
 - a. A slow season allows us the time to work on things that we notice to improve ourselves.

- c. To reflect
 - i. Reflecting allows us to look back on the previous season and learn from the success and failures.
 - ii. It also allows us to begin to dream again.

Genesis 37:7-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁷We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.” ⁸His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Genesis 39:2 NIV

²The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered...

Genesis 39:20-21 NIV

²⁰.....But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

III. Hindrances to Transition

- a. Ungodly comparisons
- b. Quitting in the middle to start over

IV. Keys to a Successful Transition

- a. Go through
 - i. Go means to move from one place or point to another; travel; leave or depart.
 - ii. The season of transition and transformation is not a place to become comfortable but a season to walk into our destiny.
 - iii. We have to go through the transition to get to the destiny.
- b. Trust God
- c. Help others in their transition
 - i. Transition is not a time to be self consumed.
 - ii. We can still be used by God, even through transition.