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From the Heart of the Superintendent



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Superintendent

Adapting to Season of Transition

In light of all the transitions which are occurring to the ministry assignments of so many of our West Texas family, I sense a directing by the Holy Spirit to share some insights from scripture regarding how we must **Adapt To Seasons Of Transition**.

First of all, Change Happens. We may not like it but change happens! Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." When changes happen in our lives, we must take the opportunity to give a thoughtful response. There is a popular saying which goes like this, "It is what it is!" It is my humble opinion, this is not true! Actually, "It is what God says it is!" In the words of Sam Chand, "Change has changed." In today's world there is little hope of things going back to the way they were, or as some would say, "back to normal." The Apostle Paul addressed this in his letter to the Philippian believers, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). As followers of Christ, **"We must refuse to sacrifice our future on the altar of the memories of our past!"**

Second, Adapt To Seasons Of Adverse Change. During Joseph's time in Egypt, he adapted to his season of

adverse change. When you consider some of the things to which Joseph had to adapt, our challenges seem minimal. He adapted to the treatment he received from his brothers. To being sold to the Ishmeelites who carried him to Egypt. Then sold again into Potiphar's household. At which time he was falsely accused and put in prison but in all this he kept the integrity of his character intact. After all this season of adapting to adversity, Joseph still had to adjust to the change of prosperity as he found himself being called on by Pharaoh himself to interpret his dreams, which resulted in a significant promotion. As G. Lawson writes in the Biblical Illustrator commentary, "We too commonly look no farther than the instruments employed by Providence in conferring upon us the benefits which we enjoy, or in inflicting the evils we suffer. But Joseph saw that all his adversities and all his prosperity came from God."

Third, Adapt To Seasons Of Blessings. Hebrews 11:21 records this about the two sons of Joseph, "It was by faith that the dying Jacob blessed each of Joseph's sons as he bowed in prayer over his staff." Manasseh and Ephraim were the two sons of Joseph. Jacob wrote the promises of God and the blessings of God on his staff. We can honor the future by forgetting the past and being faithful and fruitful in the present in order to walk in the blessing of the Lord in the future. Jamieson Fausset & Brown Commentary records this regarding Genesis 41:51-52, "Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potipherah, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, 'It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household.' The second son he named Ephraim and said, 'It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.' Manasseh sounds like and may be derived from the Hebrew for forget. Ephraim sounds like the Hebrew for twice fruitful." Manasseh was great, but Ephraim was greater. Moses wrote in Genesis 48:19 the words of Jacob at their blessing, "Jacob said, 'Manasseh also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother, Ephraim shall be greater than he, and

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his seed shall become a multitude of nations.'" Donald Stamps in the Full Life Study Bible wrote these comments regarding Jacob's blessing of Manasseh and Ephraim, Genesis 48:8-20, "The younger son Ephraim will be greater than the older son Manasseh. Many times in OT history God chose the younger son over the older. He chose Isaac instead of Ishmael (21:12), Jacob instead of Esau (25:23), Joseph instead of Reuben (vv. 21-22; 49:3-4), Ephraim instead of Manasseh (vv. 14-20), Gideon over his brothers (Jdgs. 6:11-16) and David over his brothers (1Sa 16). This emphasizes that what is first among people is not necessarily first with God. God chooses people on the basis of their sincerity, purity and love, not their family position or status."

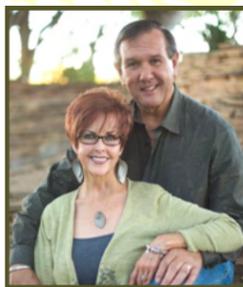
Adapting To Seasons Of Transition is illustrated by a traveler to Amsterdam, Holland. The traveler was much interested in a visit he made to a place famous for polishing diamonds. He saw the men engaged in the work. When a diamond is found it is rough and dark like a common pebble. It takes a long time to polish it, and it is very hard work. It is held by means of a piece of metal close to the surface of a large wheel, which is kept going round. Fine diamond dust is put on this wheel, nothing else being hard enough to polish the diamond. And this work is kept on for months and sometimes several years before it is finished. If a diamond is intended for a king, then the greater time and trouble are spent on it. Malachi wrote that God calls us His jewels. Now in order for us to become jewels for our Master we must be polished like diamonds and God accomplishes this by the challenges He uses to make us His jewels.

Oh Lord, help us all to **Adapt To Seasons Of Transition** that the next generations will know of your greatness!



District Secretary/Treasurer

Things To Remember For A Successful Voyage In 2022: Part 2, Mark 4:35-41



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In part one of this article it was pointed out from Mark's gospel that Jesus had invested the majority of the day ministering to the multitude, teaching them from a boat as they assembled on the shore. It was now evening, the second of the two recognized by the Jews. The first was from 3 p.m. to sunset, followed by the second evening from sunset into the early night. Night had fallen and Jesus instructed His disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." Those few words were the first of five important observations in this teaching, *Things To Remember For A Successful Voyage In 2022*. **The Instruction** assured them Jesus would be in their company and their voyage would be successful. **The Insurrection**, a word the dictionary defines as, "a violent uprising against authority," was the storm they encountered. "And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea" (Matthew 8:42). The word *tempest* comes from the Greek word *seismos*, translated elsewhere in Scripture as earthquake. The word normally used for storm is another Greek word. Dake says in his footnote of this verse, "This (storm) must have been caused by Satan to kill Christ."

The Insinuation: The disciples were experienced sailors and this was not their first challenge on Lake Galilee, however, they recognized this was not the average storm. The boat had filled with water and in spite of their best efforts, straining every nerve to maintain control, the storm had gotten the better of them. It appeared they would face a watery grave. Mark 8:34 reports, "And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?" By Jesus not responding before being awakened by the disciples it insinuated to them two things every believer has thought at one time or another in a time of crisis. **First**, Jesus apparently doesn't know the danger we're facing. **Second**, Jesus must not be concerned about this crisis or He would have already done something. As pointed out in part one of this devotion, this was the ninth of eighteen miracles Mark highlights, most of which the disciples witnessed, if not all! They had witnessed the deliverance of the demoniac in Mark 1:26, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law in Mark 1:31, the healing of many sick and the deliverance of many possessed by demons in Mark 1:34, the casting out of devils in Mark 1:39, the healing of the leper in Mark 1:42, the forgiving of sin and the physical healing of the man with palsy in Mark 2:12, the healing of the man with a withered hand in Mark 3:5, and the healing of many with plagues and demon possession in Mark 3:10-11. It is possible they had observed dozens, scores or even hundreds of miracles prior to Jesus calming the raging insurrection on Lake Galilee, if we include where Scripture says twice, "He healed and delivered many." There is no record of anyone being turned away without receiving what they requested from the Savior, yet all of that seems to have been forgotten in the midst of this disaster. Matthew and Luke do not record the insight we are given from Mark. Luke records in 8:24, "And the disciples came and woke Him, saying, Master, Master, we are perishing!" Matthew's account in 8:25 says much the same, "And they went and awakened Him, saying, Lord, rescue and preserve us! We are perishing!" **Only Mark's gospel records their reproachful rebuke to Jesus.** It is clear they felt they had been neglected in their hour of need! While they fought with every fiber of their being to stay alive, they interpreted Jesus' sleeping as unconcern! "Master, carest Thou not that we perish?" The Living Bible says, "Frantically they wakened him, shouting, 'Teacher, don't you even care that we are all about to drown?'" They were disturbed because He had not respond as quickly as they felt He should! This

is not the only time we see what appears to be Jesus insinuating unconcern. It must have seemed to the two sisters of Lazarus that the Messiah was not all that concerned when He received word of Lazarus being sick. "Therefore [even] when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He still stayed two days longer in the same place where He was (John 11:6 Amplified). Martha and Mary both address Him much the same way the disciples spoke to Him in our text of the day. "Martha then said to Jesus, Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21 Amplified). "When Mary came to the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she dropped down at His feet, saying to Him, 'Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died'" (John 11:32 Amplified). While the disciples in the boat and the sisters of Lazarus may have thought Jesus' inactivity insinuated indifference or unconcern, the record of each story clearly shows otherwise. One of the adversary's most effective lies is, "God is not concerned with your problem! He's too busy to care about you." Friend, don't allow the devil to make you believe the God who has given to you all things is out of touch and unconcerned with your storm! We learn from Hebrews, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16 KJV).

The Intervention: It only took three words from the lips of the Master for everything to change from chaos to calm. "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39 KJV). It is interesting to note, the miracle of the storm being calmed had bearing on more than those in the boat with Jesus. "And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships" (Mark 4:36 KJV). Apparently, those in the other little ships wanted to be as near to Christ as possible. When the tempest/*seismos* arose, the other little ships found themselves in the same storm, but Jesus was not in their boat. His intervention spared the disciples and those who traveled with them of disaster. When He calms the storm the ramifications are widespread! Charles Spurgeon wrote this about God's intervening power, "God's power is like Himself, self-existent, self-sustained. The mightiest of men cannot add so much as a shadow of increased power to the Omnipotent One. He sits on no buttressed throne and leans on no assisting arm. His court is not maintained by His courtiers, nor does it borrow its splendor from His creatures. He is Himself the great central Source and Originator of all power." Never forget, Power is one of God's names! When Jesus replied to the interrogating question of the High Priest who asked, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" He answered, "I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:62 KJV). The miracle He wants you to experience will calm your storm, as well as impact the other little ships around you.

The Inspiration: As with every miracle Jesus performed, He wanted to do more than calm the wind and the waves. Above all, He wanted to open their eyes to WHO was in their midst and reveal to them WHAT He was capable of doing! "And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him (Mark 4:40 KJV)? They should have trusted him all along and so should you and I. After all, He's promised and arranged for us to have **A Successful Voyage In 2022**.

Director of Church Ministries

Making Room for Greater Things in 2022

Second Timothy is a changing of the guard. Paul is passing on the torch of ministry to Timothy. As Paul writes this letter to his young protégé, he is sitting in prison and he has no hopes that he will get out alive (II Tim. 4:6-8). As Paul reflects on his life and ministry, he gives his spiritual son some sage advice on how to ensure that the Gospel is passed on to each generation. **“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach other also”** (II Timothy 2:2). In the Olympic Games, the passing of the torch is a great spectacle at the opening of the games. The passing of the torch is symbolic. One person has fulfilled their duties and now those same duties are passed on to the next person and so forth until the work is completed. Paul understood that his time of carrying the torch of Christ was about to be completed. He stated in II Timothy 4:7, **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”** It was now Timothy’s turn to carry the torch and finish his leg of the race. Timothy was reminded that it was his duty to pass the Truth to “faithful men” who in return will be able to pass it on to others. In this one verse Paul mentions four generations of believers: 1st - Paul, 2nd - Timothy, 3rd - faithful men and 4th - others. This is the principle of spiritual multiplication.



Tracy & Cara Lynn McWilliams

A good illustration of how this can work is seen in the life of a relatively unknown Sunday School teacher named Edward Kimball. In 1858, Mr. Kimball led a young shoe salesman to Christ. This young shoe salesman was Dwight L. Moody who become an evangelist and pastor. Through D.L. Moody’s preaching, an evangelistic zeal was awakened in the heart of Frederick B. Meyer, who was the pastor of a small church. While preaching on an American college campus, F.B. Meyer brought a student to Christ by the name of J. Wilbur Chapman. Chapman began working with the YMCA and he employed a former baseball player to do evangelistic work by the name of Billy Sunday. Billy Sunday held a revival in Charlotte, North Carolina. A group of local men were so enthusiastic afterward that they planned another evangelistic campaign, bringing Mordecai Hamm to preach. During Hamm’s revival, a young man heard the Gospel and yielded his life to Christ. That young man was none other than Billy Graham. Tens of thousands have been led to Christ through the ministry of Dr. Graham. It all began with a Sunday School teacher who was willing to invest his life in the lives of others. Let’s make sure that our generation fulfills the work God has called us to do and that we are faithful to pass the torch of the Gospel on to the next generation.

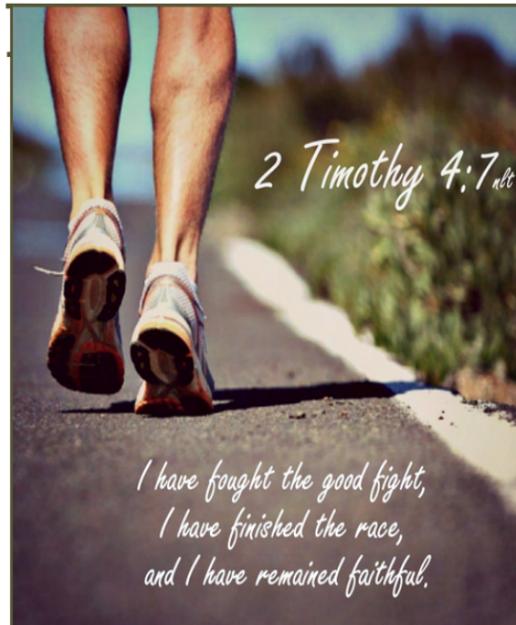
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Please be in prayer for other ministers and families in our district that you may know of that are struggling with Covid.
Prayer Requests: Ann Slaton, (wife of the late Robert Slaton, former West Texas District Superintendent), has been in the hospital with Covid and needs prayer for a complete recovery; **Eddie Lee**, (Lead Pastor, Harvest Christian Center, El Paso & Presbyter of the El Paso Section), hospitalized with Covid pneumonia; **Regina Gonzalez**, (Co-Lead Pastor, First Assembly of God, Plainview), medical issues caused from Covid & Ankylosing Spondylitis (an autoimmune disease); **Chuck & Judy Redger**, **Chuck** has kidney and back issues & **Judy** had two lobes of a lung removed due to cancer. They both are facing medical challenges; **Becky Nenstiel**, complete healing from cancer; **Georgia Browder**, (mother of **Marcus Tanner**), complete recovery from Covid pneumonia; **Charlotte Boyd**, Alzheimers; **George Mullins**, stroke; **Cliff Houghton**, autoimmune disease, asthma; **Patsy Anderson**, (mother of **Kevin Anderson**), heart issues; **Sue Stevens**, (mother of **Darla Anderson**), Dementia; **Brenda Van Hoose**, Ankylosing Spondylitis (an autoimmune disease); **Perry Shuffield**, healing & strength; **Doris Barnard McCutchen**, health issues; **Myllinda Wood**, ALS; **Rey Rodriquez**, Muscular Dystrophy.

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Kari Brown, (Co-Lead Pastor, Trinity Assembly of God, Floydada), cancer is in remission!

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