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# **WALKING IN A NEW SEASON WITH GOD**

TIMES OF CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE





When Elijah prophesied about a drought, he had to live through that drought. He ended up hidden with a widow and her son eating bread for close to three years. You may know what is ahead but walking through it causes you to change. Elijah came back with power to destroy idols.

When I wrote about transition and scars, back in May and June of this year, I had no idea where I would end up. In May, I had to have my breast implants removed because they leaked and the silicone got into my lymph nodes.

I had spent six months on Ancestry, researching my family history. Little did I know, that this would end up as a trip to Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts in June. I had found out that most of my ancestors came over during the Puritan Migration of 1620. I had a prayer assignment to pray into what the Puritan's planted for America.

In July, I visited a friend for eight days in the South West. It wasn't a vacation but a wrapping up of assignments and closing doors. Sometimes during transition or changing seasons, closed doors and wrapping up loose ends are just as important as open doors.

In August, God confirmed it was time to move again. When I say again, this means the 24<sup>th</sup> time I have moved. This time is different. I am in a new season of life and that is what I want to talk about.



## Willing to be Willing!

One of my nieces asked me why do you move so much? I didn't have an answer for her. As I thought about my life and the paths I have taken, I realized that most of the time I moved because of God.

I had prayed Proverbs 3: 5-6 NIV, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." After this prayer, I gave up the right to direct my own path. Now I am NOT saying, if you say this prayer you will move 24 times. But what I am saying is God will be busy directing your path in unexpected and exciting ways.

To be able to move into God's best, requires trusting Him. Be willing to be willing to give God control over your life. He is a good God but it requires letting go of your comfort zone.

## How do You Know it is Time to change Something?

Have you ever gone to the refrigerator and couldn't find anything that would satisfy you? It wasn't that the food there was bad but it wasn't what you wanted. Have you ever felt out of synch or don't fit in with everyone around you? You know something isn't right but everything is fine. It is like an itch that you can't scratch.

When things around you start feeling dissatisfying, it is time to start asking God, "What's up?" I am not talking about when things are hard and you want to move on. We all want to get off that path. It is like when things are good but aren't enough. Many good things get in the way of God's best. The apple in the garden of Eden was good food but it wasn't the right food.

Here is an example that might explain what I mean by being dissatisfied. I moved to a new place and got new furniture. I love the furniture but I was having trouble hanging up pictures and using my decorations. This morning I realized that my decorations I loved in the other place were no longer right for my new place. They are beautiful things but not right for this season in my life. The same thing happens to me with clothes. When I worked fulltime, I had to have work clothes. Now that I am retired, all those clothes no longer fit the lifestyle I am leading.

## How do You Know You are Stuck?

Here are some questions you can ask yourself:

- Are you willing to try new things like a hairstyle, different clothes, or a new opportunity at work?
- Do you watch reruns over and over instead of trying new shows?
- Are you willing to try new restaurants, church events or take a class?
- Are you willing to make new friends or are you stuck in the “us four and no more mentality?”
- Do you keep clothes that are two sizes too small because some day I will be able to fit in them?

Ok. I know that last question hurt but think about it. By the time you are able to fit in that outfit, it will be out of style.



## How to Move into the New

When moving into a new season of life it is different for different people. Some people may need to change jobs while others may just need to take a class to improve their job performance. Here are some ways of testing the water on what doors to go through.

First, give God permission to direct your path. This will open doors of opportunity and close doors to past seasons. Stop and think about where you feel dissatisfied in your own life and make a list. When you have a list, present it to God. He will show you if you need to make a shift or if you need to adjust your attitude. Don't be afraid to try things. If it doesn't work out you learned it was a closed door. Now, I am not talking about quitting your job and moving to the Bahamas.

Remove the clutter in your life. What I mean by this is get rid of things you know no longer belong in your life. This can be clothes, people, clubs, TV shows or commitments that no longer satisfy you.

It is small steps in the right direction that give you the stepping stones to the right path. Very few people will be called to leap into a giant change. Get advice from people who know you and love you. The key here is who love you and want the best for you. They will see things you can't see about yourself.

## Prayer

Father God,

Help! I am not sure what is next but I want Your best. Please direct me to the best path for my life. I am willing to change and step out but I need to see what the next step is for my life. I trust You because You are good. I ask for Your grace provided through Jesus. I ask for Holy Spirit to strength and empower me to walk this path in faith and joy. Amen!

Scriptural References:

I Kings 16 and 17; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-6