

Transition into the New

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In our lives we are always moving along and moving into new positions, into new surroundings, and we become awkward because it is new. But when God moves us we must just trust Him in the area that He has placed us.

Even in the ministries and in the Body there is different levels of communication. If we don't work with one another we can't see the project through.

Even though it brings something different, don't be afraid to move to the next level.

When we are covenantally connected it is so much easier to transition into something new.

Be very careful who you are connecting with - connect with someone who has the correct frequency.

Being together brings recognition - you get recognised by the people you hang out with.

Within our church, how are we connected? Do we share in the good things and the bad things together?

We are part of the bigger network.

You can go into a gathering and speak about (for example) Dr Jonathan, Ps Sid, Ps Bill - but who are you? It's easy to say you're part of this and part of that, but how committed and how connected are you?

Let's speak about honour. Let's show others that we are like the people that we claim to represent.

You can't work for Pepsi but drink Coke.

You can't worship God on a Sunday and be with the world the rest of the week.

Do people see the same spirit in you that they see in the people you are representing?

You must have the same heart or you can't be connected.

Elisha had to make choices when Elijah approached him - Elisha had 4 main obstacles he had to overcome when Elisha approached him.

1 Kings 19:19-

God gave Elijah the Word that Elisha would follow after Him. Elisha already knew his destiny, but he had other things to do.

Many times when God calls us we find reasons why we can't now.

1 Kings 19:16

1st obstacle - **2 Kings 2:1**

Gilgal is the place of new beginnings - we have to start at the beginning.

With everything in life we have to start at the beginning, but we usually want to start at a different point. If we don't start at the starting line, we are going to be disqualified.

A time will come in your life that certain things will stop and certain things will start.

When certain things stop, it's a sign that everything God has placed in front of you has been accomplished, and it is now time for something new.

2nd Obstacle

Bethel is known as the gateway to heaven, the place of vision/dreaming.

Jacob couldn't stay at that place and he couldn't stay a dreamer.

Many believers stay in a place of dreams - they are daydreamers.

Many people get stuck on an issue because nothing else is happening in their life.

Let's not get stuck on things, let's move on.

3rd obstacle - **2 Kings 2:4**

Jericho - called the place of victory.

Why stay in the place of dreams when you can move on to victory?

Many believers are stuck with obstacles and stumbling block of many years because they never get out of the place of Bethel.

Look at the positive side of things.

In teens at school, there is always this peer pressure issue - don't let it bother you, come out stronger, come out better.

Some of us have been through terrible things, but we can be overcomers.

Don't look or wait for someone else to give you a start - give yourself a start.

Nobody else can hold anything back from you - only you can hold it back from yourself.

Nothing stops you from educating yourself and making yourself available in new areas.

Don't get stuck because there are obstacles in your life.

4th obstacle - **2 Kings 2:6-9**

There were 51 prophets with Elijah, but only Elisha crossed with Elijah.

If you want to receive from your mentor, you cannot decide where you want to stop and where you want to go - otherwise you can't become like your mentor.

Elisha didn't want a double portion of Elijah's ministry, he wanted to inherit a double portion of his spirit.

When you have the spirit, the rest will follow.

Deuteronomy 21:17

Elisha knew the inheritance law.

1 Kings 19:16

Often we want to run ahead and do the Lord's work without any consideration of what our calling or place is, where we should start, etc.

Don't blame others for the situation you find yourself in.

If the Lord has placed something in our hearts, push through, don't give up halfway.

The Lord will give each of us a covering.