

Transition, Opposition, Position

Everything that lives, transitions. A flower starts out as a seed. A butterfly started its journey as a caterpillar. But, there are two transitions that take place in our lives. There is the natural transition and the spiritual transition. The natural transition involves growing up and maturing in the earth realm. After we were born, for example, we were small infants who did not understand words, nor could we talk back then. As we got older, we learned to speak, walk and become more and more independent. When we became adults, we were expected to do as an adult; get a job, get married, have children, buy a home, etc. If you walked upon your cousin who you have not seen for 15 years, and she's still talking like a three-year-old; you're going to automatically assume that something is wrong with her. Why is this? She obviously missed her transition into adulthood. Something held her mind back, even though her body may have continued to grow and mature.

Again, everything that lives, transitions. Such as the state of your spirit man. The spirit of a man is his eternal state, and the flesh of a man is his natural and temporal state. As we grow in Christ, we are expected to mature in HIS Word and act like it. That's why many in the church seem to be so judgmental. It's not always judgment, many times, its expectation. For example, someone points out a man across the room and tells you that he is a Pastor, and he wants to speak to you. If, for example, when you went over to speak to him, all of a sudden, he started using slang and acting worldly; this would catch you off guard, right? When you heard, 'Pastor,' you automatically assumed that this man would be a certain way. And as you walk away, you may be whispering in your spirit, "What kind of Pastor is that?" That's because when we say we're 30 years old, we're expected to act like an adult. When we say that we are saved, we are expected to act as a Christian. When we say that we are leaders, we are expected to act as a leader and not a follower. This Pastor, of course, would be listed as a 'follower' since he has chosen to follow the lead of the 'hip hop' generation.

What is opposition? Opposition's root word is 'oppose.' Opposition, for us, is when something in our lives opposes the Word of God. It is when we don't have peace because we have not reconciled the truth in our hearts. In the same, opposition also takes place when we should have been in a transitioned or changed state, but are found unchanged.

However, God called you to position. Position is where you are supposed to be. It is the way that you stand up, for example. When you stand, you stand upright because that is the position of a man. When we walk after God, we walk into position, and we are aligned a certain way so that we can receive the Word and operate according to our design. This would mean that opposition is the opposite of position; therefore, it is opposite of the Word of God or the will of God. Opposition is when we act or align up against the way that we were designed. It is an opposing of the Word of God.

We are creatures of season. But, unlike the fruits, the berries and the trees, we are not stationary, so our atmosphere does not change to water and feed us. We are creatures created to move; therefore, we are called to be in a certain place at a certain time. We have been conditioned for the atmosphere in that place, but are no longer conditioned for the atmosphere in the place that we have been called out of. Think of it this way. Many birds will come into your city during the spring time. There is plenty of food and water, plus the temperatures are ideal for those birds. During the spring and the summer, birds can be heard singing and seen perching in the trees, enjoying the weather and all it has to offer. But, when the winter begins to approach, those birds fly further south where the weather is more suited for them. Many of the ones that do not leave, die. Because they could not survive the harsh cold weather, the lack of food and the lack of fresh water.

We are made the same way in the spirit. When the Lord calls you out of one season to the next, it is to signify that the previous season is over and a new one is taking place. All too often, believers don't go where they are called because they become too familiar and comfortable with where they are and who is there with them. You see, a new season represents the unfamiliar; a change; the unknown. It is when we walk by faith and not by sight. It is when we get the chance to see just how good God is. Even the birds sing HIM praises. It is when we are called to continue in position, but staying behind is when you decide to operate in opposition. And this is why, many times, you feel challenged, depressed, stressed out and stuck. You may be in your winter state trying to bud.

When you forget or refuse to transition, you will always come face to face with opposition because you are opposing God's will for your life. Your life is not your own to take charge of. When the Lord sends HIS vehicle to carry you from one season to the next, if you are not ready, you may wind up getting left behind in that season. And there, you may find yourself getting rain when you were supposed to be getting sunshine. A plant that gets too much water will ultimately drown! Or you may find yourself getting sunshine when you need rain. A plant that gets too much sunshine will be scorched! Or you may find yourself in the dead of winter, having not stored up any energy and protected yourself from the elements. You have to remember that you are a plant here in the earth realm. You were not placed here to serve yourself. You were not placed here for your family, friends or foes. You were placed here to worship the Lord. You have to ask yourself, "Where am I supposed to be and where do I need to go to get there?" Obedience is the vehicle that takes you in the right direction, away from opposition and places you in the position that God has anointed you to come into.

Many people, out of lack of knowledge, mistake every opposing force as a demonic attack, when, in reality, often times, it's you simply being out of the will of God. Would you fly into a war-torn country and then complain that they are shooting at you? When your natural father said not to go into a certain neighborhood because it was dangerous, you didn't go there. When your Father, which are in Heaven says to you, don't go into a certain place or do a certain thing, why are you going there or doing it? And then complaining that you are under attack, when, in reality, you walked into the gunfire!

Transition. Understand that everywhere you go and everything you do is seasonal. Always be ready to transition when you are called to change. “Be thy changed by the renewing of your mind.”

Position. Stay in God's Will. Funny thing is, God's Will, many times, is an unfamiliar place. And because it's unfamiliar, it tends to be uncomfortable. But, God knows what He's doing. You have to trust HIM and know that faith will stabilize you, but lack of faith will cause you be tossed to and fro in the winds of life.

Opposition. Oppose the enemy. That is your position. Sure, there are places that you want to go and things that you want to do. God will give you the desires of your heart, but He called you to seek first the Kingdom of God and all its righteousness. He tells us that in this, everything else will be given to us! That is, don't strive or chase after those things. Strive to be in a position to be blessed and stay that way.

Look at your life and ask yourself. Where am I now? Am I in transition, position or opposition? If you are out of the Will of God, know that He is fair and just to forgive you your sins if you would only confess your sins and repent. After you have repented, ask the Lord to take you where you are supposed to be. And be ready. Because, many times, the things you've gotten used to will be taken away. The people you've gotten used to will be moved out of the way. And in their place will be silence. That's not bad, but it is different. Let God do HIS will and HIS work on you, and you will find that peace, love; health and longevity will find its way to you and explain the purpose of the transition. Without the transition, you wouldn't have been in the position to receive these things.