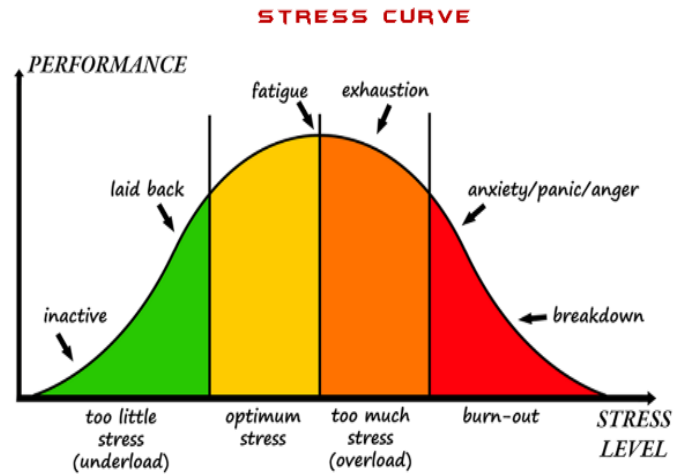


“Transitions: Faith Required”

I. Introduction

II. Transitions

1. Definition of “transition”
2. Lack of transition can lead to stagnation
3. Too much change can lead to excessive stress/burnout
4. The value of the Interim: “The Fertile Void”
5. Examples of life’s transitions
6. Our responses to transitions
7. When things feel **worse** due to change
8. Dealing with the negative emotions of the “subtraction” transitions
9. When things feel **better** due to change
10. Dangers of the “addition” transitions
11. The tendency to “judge” during transitions
12. The effects of transitions
 - a. On us personally
 - b. In our relationship with God
 - c. In our relationships with others



Bridges Transition theory

Endings	The neutral zone	Moving forward
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saying goodbye • Letting go • Losing a sense of identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to spend some time here • Uncomfortable • Exploration phase: “the fertile void” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New beginnings • Relies on regular and effective communication • Wait to see how others cope?

When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.
 ~Chinese proverb
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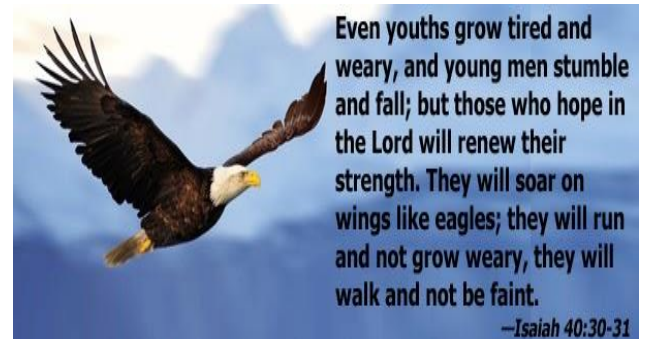
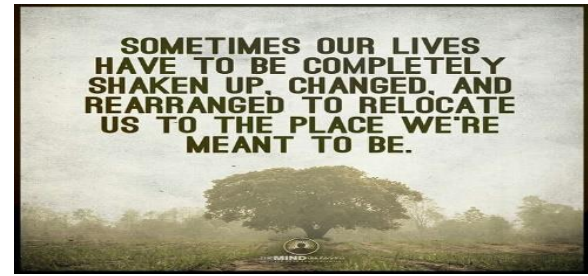


What is worse than being BAD at something; is being GOOD at something that DOESN'T MATTER!

You cannot stay where you are AND go with God. -Henry Blackaby

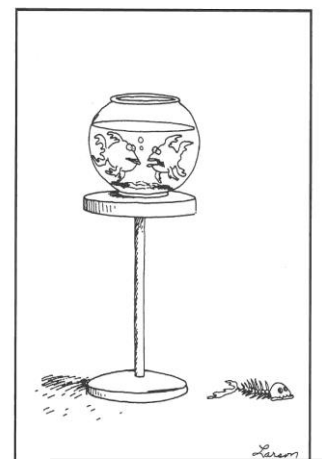
III. Faith Required

1. What is faith?
2. Examples of faith (Hebrews 11)
3. What is involved in a “faith response”?
 - a. **Crisis** of faith
 - b. **Consider** the character and promises of God
 - c. **Contemplate** how God’s character/promises relate to your situation
 - d. **Choose** a faith response
4. Waiting on God in transition times.
5. A faith response as it relates to our transition at MBC.



IV. Application/ Discussion Questions

1. What transitions are you currently facing as an individual or family? At home? At work? At church?
2. What might be **your** typical response(s) during transitions?
3. How might God want to grow your response to make it more Christ-like? What would faith look like in your situation?
4. What is the difference between faith and presumption?
5. Would you rather be safe in the comforts of the boat, or walking on the waves with Jesus?
6. How might your transition time be an invitation by Jesus to join him in his work?
7. Do you look forward to the final transition when one day you will be transformed to enter the presence of Jesus as a believer? 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (Are you ready for that day? Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ for your salvation?)



“I guess he made it...It’s been more than a week since he went over the wall!”

Was his jump Faith or Presumption?

There is nothing wrong with
Change, if it is in the
right *direction*.
- Winston Churchill -

