

Transition is necessary for God to take us out of where we've been and into a better place.

God's primary, fundamental goal for our lives is to bring us into a close relationship with Him.

God always looks at where He wants to take us, not just where we are.

Remember, how you leave one phase or experience of life will determine how you enter the next phase of your life.

GOD'S PATTERN FOR CHANGE.

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Everything God does is according to a pattern and based on the principles of the Word of God.

Pattern – design or plan, an example for others to follow, set of instructions to be followed.

Ephesians 1:11-AMP

In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) *and* we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, ***Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will, ...***

Passion - Before we were even born, he gave us our destiny; that we would fulfill the plan of God who always accomplishes every purpose and plan in his heart.

Deuteronomy 29:29

"The secret *things belong* to the LORD our God, but ***those things which are revealed belong*** to us and to our children forever, ***that we may do all the words of this law.***

Some patterns/plans of success/increase:

Identifying with each other: Act 2:42-43-Passion - Every believer was faithfully devoted to following the teachings of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer. **43** A deep sense of holy awe swept over everyone, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

Involvement with each other: Act 2:44 All the believers were in fellowship as one body, and **they shared with one another** whatever they had.

Investing in each other: Act 2:45 Out of generosity they even sold their assets **to distribute the proceeds to those who were in need among them.**

Being involved brought increase: Act 2:46-47 Daily they met together in the temple courts and in one another's homes to celebrate communion. They shared meals together with joyful hearts and tender humility. 47 They were continually filled with praises to God, enjoying the favor of all the people. **And the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were coming to life.**

Pattern/plan for Failure:

Being Deceived: Gen 3:4-5-NKJV Then **the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.**

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Being Distracted: Gen 3:6 **So when the woman saw** that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate.** She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Dislocation (Removed) from original position. Revelation 2:5 **Think about how far you have fallen!** Repent and do the works of love you did at first. I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place of influence if you do not repent.

Destrucion/Devastation: Mat 7:13 "Come to God through the narrow gate, because **the wide gate and broad path is the way that leads to destruction**—nearly everyone chooses that crowded road!

2Timothy 1:13-NKJV

Hold fast **the pattern of sound words** which you have heard from me, **in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.**

Titus 2:7-NKJV

in all things showing yourself **to be a pattern of good works;** in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ...

Crisis (making critical decisions) is normal to life because **change is normal to life.**

One of God's patterns/plans for change is the process of **entering and leaving.**

Galatians 6:7-8-Passion

Make no mistake about it, God will never be mocked! **For what you plant will always be the very thing you harvest.**

8 The harvest you reap **reveals the seed that was planted.** If you plant the **corrupt seeds of self - life** into this natural realm, you can expect to experience a harvest of corruption. If you plant **the good seeds of Spirit-life** you will reap the beautiful fruits that grow from the everlasting life of the Spirit.

1Corinthians 10:13-Passion

...And each test is an opportunity to trust him more, for along with every trial, **God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously.**

God's escape pattern is never based on an **escape from** but an **escape to.**

Deuteronomy 6:23-NKJV

Then **He brought us out** from there, that **He might bring us in, to give us** the land of which He swore to our fathers.