



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

What's your favorite Springtime activity?

How do you transition from spring into the summer season?



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This week Pastor Kevin talked about how a transition can be a defining moment in your life. He reminded us that you can't get to where God wants you to be without a transition.

Transition puts us in a place of vulnerability; from a place of "known" to "uncertainty."

1. What are some of the transitions you have had in your life? (Examples: moving to a new city, new job). Would you say those transitions were a defining moment in your life? How did those transitions impact you?

We can't fulfill what God has for us in our lives without transitions. He uses transitions to show us the ways we need Him in ways that we haven't seen before.

This week our Biblical mentor is Moses. We heard about the defining moments of his life.

Read Exodus 2:11-12 and 2:15.





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In this story, we learn that Moses was adopted. We also learn that Moses had a tender heart and that he paid attention to how people were treated. We see where Moses had compassion for the Hebrews as he saw they were mistreated.

In one of Moses defining moments of his life, his compassionate heart led him to kill an Egyptian after he saw the Egyptian mistreating the Hebrew.

2. Have you ever had a compassionate moment in your life that had positive or negative repercussions that led to a defining moment? Explain.

Moses looked left and right for direction but not up (to God). He was trying to fill a legitimate need in an illegitimate way.

3. Where are you looking left and right to help you find an answer in your life where you should be looking up to God? How can you change your course of direction to look up instead of to the right and left?

Moses fled to the wilderness in fear of his life after he killed the Egyptian. He spent 40 years in the wilderness which created another defining moment in his life. God did not waste time while Moses was in the wilderness. God spent those years working on Moses's pride and forming humility in him.

4. Where has God used circumstances, positions or situations in your life to form humility?

While Moses was in the wilderness, he had a lot of time to hear from God which led to another defining moment.





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In Exodus 3:7-8 and verse 10, we see where God spoke to Moses through a burning bush. Moses had been seeking God and was attentive to His voice. He knew he was called to something greater than himself and God revealed it to Moses.

5. Have you ever felt God called you to something greater than yourself? How did you handle that? What did you do with that information?

Moses wanted to follow what God had called him to do. But he didn't feel adequate. But God let Moses know, I am with you, I will help you, I am leading you through this transition out of Egypt. Moses, having been through his own 40-year transition, was now leading the Israelites through a transition out of Egypt to safety.

Read Exodus 13:13-14.

The transition in the wilderness was not easy. Moses had to lean on God to guide Him every step of the way. In this verse where the Israelites are scared because the Egyptians are catching up to take the Israelites back to Egypt, we see Moses lead the Israelites and say, "He [God] will fight for us we just need to be still."

6. When is the last time you were still and let God fight for you?

God doesn't call us to do things and then leave us in the middle of it. If He has called you to it, He will see you through it. You may wander through the wilderness in transition but He will see you through those times if you just look up and trust Him.





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In Numbers 13:2, two years into Moses leading the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land, we see where Moses has 12 spies go to scout some land for his people. Two spies came back with a good report and 10 came back fearful. The fear they brought back to the Israelites after scouting the land cost them 38 more years in the wilderness waiting for the promises of God.

Now, that doesn't mean God will always make you wait that long; it just means that fear costs you something. Fear can cost you what God has for your life.

7. Where is fear costing you what God has for your life?

When we are comfortable, we tend to forget God and depend on ourselves. But if we remember God and trust in Him in transitions, God will make good on His promises.

8. Where can you trust God in the transitions in your life right now?





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PRAYER

God, thank you for the transitions in my life. Help me to not get comfortable and forget where you have brought me in my life. Show me where I need to quit looking to the right and left and start looking up to you. Show me where I have let fear overtake me and not trust in you. In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week write down the transitions you have had in your life. Make a note where you saw God through those transitions. Remember what your relationship with God looked like at that time. Does your relationship with Him still resemble the closeness or do you need to work on that with Him? Journal some steps on how you can ensure the closeness to Him and looking up to Him. Share your findings with your group members.
