

Life is full of transitions.

For everything there is a **season**, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Most of us don't handle transitions well.

We feel like we are losing control.

We don't want to leave behind the good.

We will have to learn something new.

1. We must learn to embrace the transition.

But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go **at once** to take the land," he said. "We can **certainly** conquer it!" *Numbers 13:30*

Then they plotted among themselves, "Let's choose a new leader and **go back** to Egypt!" *Numbers 14:4*

2. We must prepare for the transition.

What transition do you need to embrace and prepare for?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

One Year New Testament Devotionals

Small group discussion questions related to the weekend message will resume in September 2018 during our next 10-week group semester. Small group registration is now open. Use these One Year New Testament questions to discuss with your small group or answer individually.

Devotionals

Grace can be hard to understand and accept because it shows us where we fail, where we are deficient, and ultimately where we can't do it on our own. It's also hard to accept because we don't want to be dependent on someone else. The Bible reveals two truths about grace. First, in Matthew 6:34, Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow because each day has its own troubles. Lamentations 3:22-23 informs us that God's steadfast love never ceases, His mercies never end, and they are new every morning. These verses combined show us that while there are new troubles each day, there are also new mercies for us as well. Understanding this is important because it frees us from any guilt and shame we may put on ourselves.

Sunday, August 12 — 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

What do you want your legacy to be? The Bible mentions how our lives are a vapor (James 4:14). How does this concept make you want to live? When you die, what do you want to leave behind? How do you want others to remember you?

Monday, August 13 — 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

How can we help those who are struggling? In 1 Peter 5:7, we learn to cast our cares on the Lord because He cares for us. How can we help others learn to cast their cares upon the Lord? We also read in Mark 12:31 to love your neighbor as yourself. How can you love your neighbor as yourself this week? What is God teaching you when you help others?

Tuesday, August 14 — 1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Everything has a price, even in ministry. What do you think Paul is talking about in today's scripture? Why did the apostle Paul refrain from insisting on his rights? What is Paul's personal principle with regard to Christian ministry?

Wednesday, August 15 — 1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13

What goal motivated Paul's conduct throughout these verses? What group of people concerned Paul, and how did he act toward them? What law were they "without"? Summarize Paul's point. Who would be considered to be among the "weak"?

Thursday, August 16 — 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

An idol is anything that is placed in higher importance or worshiped above God. What are some things that you put before God in your life? What steps do you need to take in order to make God number one in your life? Who in your life can keep you accountable for keeping God your top priority?

Friday, August 17 — 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

There is a strong sense of independence in our society, which tells us that we shouldn't be dependent on others at all. Do you need others? Have you found yourself trying to figure out life on your own? Why is it hard to ask for help?

Saturday, August 18 — 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

What does communion mean to you? Paul talks about how we should take communion seriously. The next time you partake in communion, reflect on the great sacrifice Jesus made, and how that sacrifice not only changes our future but also how we live in the present. (Isaiah 53:5 & John 6:33)