



Series: "Transitions"
Message: "At The Intersection of Promise and Reality"
Text: Joshua 1:1-11
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How to Get From Here to There
(*Following God in Times of Transition*)

1. Know The Truth About God's Promises

- God's promises come with specific instructions

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3, ESV

- God's promises come with conditions

See 1 Samuel 2:22-36

2. Avoid The Coward's Detour

- Cowards get angry at God and quit

"But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end."

Psalms 73:16-17, ESV

- Cowards take the easy way out
- Cowards always think they know best

"There is a way that seems right to a man but its end is the way to death."

Proverbs 14:12, ESV

3. Walk The Path of Faith

- Faith takes Scripture seriously

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”
Acts 17:11, ESV

- Faith obeys even when it is scary

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide a way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”
1 Corinthians 10:13, ESV

- Faith trusts God more than self

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV