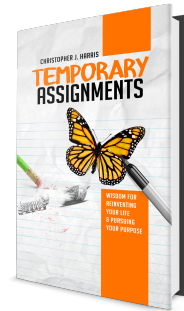


Thriving In Transition: Navigating The Puzzles and Pitfalls Of Major Ministry Changes

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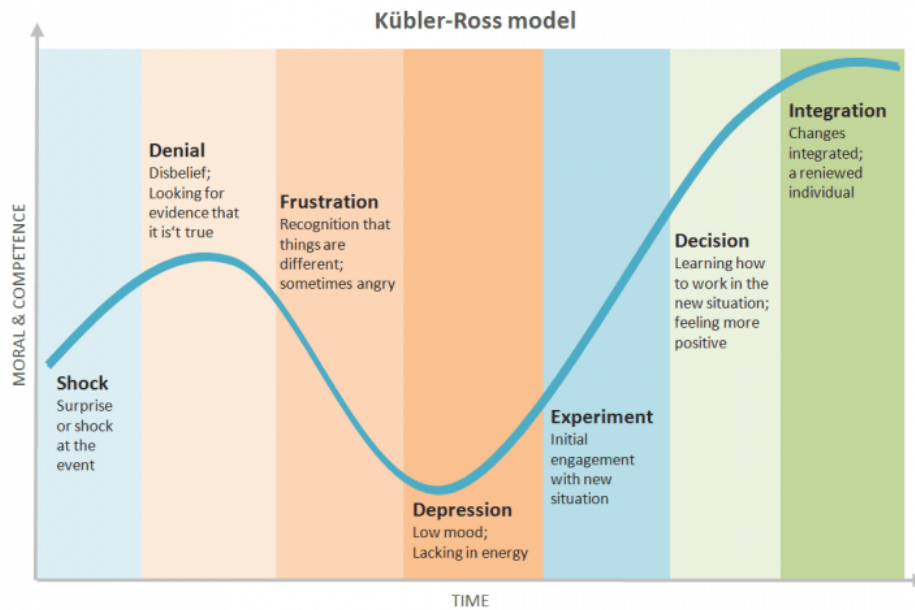
Wisdom For Reinventing Your Life & Pursuing Your Purpose

Session Description

Most people want to be able to get to a place in life where they get "settled" and don't have to worry about too much change. Unfortunately, change is a normal part of life and getting "settled" can seem scarce. If we want to THRIVE in our lives, families, ministry, and ministries, we have to be able to embrace a life of transition and reinvention and see God's movement in our lives. The spiritual, emotional, mental, and professional intensity of change – the process of reinvention and transition – requires skill, awareness, maturity, and wisdom. What you should change is closely connected to your life purpose and pursuing that purpose is a process that must be navigated with great understanding. This session will provide practical wisdom and tools for (re-)discovering your life purpose and what that means for the seasons of change, transition and reinvention that you've experienced and will experience.

Introduction

Life is about _____ and _____ and _____ and _____ can be _____
_____, and _____.



Ranking of Social Readjustment Rating Scale

Rank	Life event	Mean value
1	Death of spouse	100
2	Divorce	73
3	Marital separation	65
4	Jail term	63
5	Death of close family member	63
6	Personal injury or illness	53
7	Marriage	50
8	Fired at work	47
9	Marital reconciliation	45
10	Retirement	45
11	Change in health of family member	44
12	Pregnancy	40
13	Sex difficulties	39
14	Gain of new family member	39
15	Business readjustment	39
16	Change in financial state	38
17	Death of close friend	37
18	Change to different line of work	36
19	Change in number of arguments with spouse	35
20	Mortgage over \$10,000	31
21	Foreclosure of mortgage or loan	30
22	Change in responsibilities at work	29
23	Son or daughter leaving home	29
24	Trouble with in-laws	29
25	Outstanding personal achievement	28
26	Wife begin or stop work	26
27	Begin or end school	26
28	Change in living conditions	25
29	Revision of personal habits	24
30	Trouble with boss	23
31	Change in work hours or conditions	20
32	Change in residence	20
33	Change in schools	20
34	Change in recreation	19
35	Change in church activities	19
36	Change in social activities	18
37	Mortgage or loan less than \$10,000	17
38	Change in sleeping habits	16
39	Change in number of family get-togethers	15
40	Change in eating habits	15
41	Vacation	13
42	Christmas	12
43	Minor violations of the law	11

Your Purpose

8 Reasons Why Change, Transition, & ReInvention Is So Hard:

1. We _____ Change

Scriptures:

2. We are _____.

Scriptures:

We are a _____, that _____, that _____.

Confession: _____.

3. We haven't been taught about _____ and _____,
_____, AND _____.

Scriptures:

4. We have no context for the _____.

Scriptures:

5. We misread _____ and _____.

Scriptures:

6. Life is about _____ and _____.

Scriptures:

7. We don't like the _____.

Scriptures:

8. We don't fully embrace _____.

Scriptures:

Luke 22: 31-32 ESV

31. And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

32. but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Acts 2:14-15, 41 ESV

14. But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose,....41. So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

What does sifting do?

- 1) It brings out what's on the _____.
- 2) Reminds us we need _____.
- 3) Could/Can remove what's _____.
- 4) Forces us to pay _____.

NOTES / Prayers / Declarations:

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