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Do Not Be Afraid of Change
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Theme: God often uses change as the pathway to growth, purpose, and greater blessings.

Key Scripture: Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
Everything around us changes, but God never does.

Introduction

Most people do not fear change, they fear loss.

We ask:

- Will I still matter?
- Will things get worse?
- Will I lose my place?
- Why can't things stay the way they have always been?

The Bible shows that almost every major move of God required someone to embrace change.

I. God Calls Us Out of Comfort

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4

God told Abram:

"Leave your country...to a land I will show you."

Notice:

God did not show him the destination before asking for obedience.

Sometimes God says:

"Trust Me first. I will reveal the details later."

- What comfort zones keep us from God's best?
- Why do we often want certainty before obedience?

II. Change Usually Comes Before Promise

Scripture: Exodus 14

Israel wanted freedom.

But freedom required leaving Egypt.

Then they complained because the familiar was more comfortable than the unknown.

Sometimes people would rather stay in bondage they understand than freedom they do not understand.



Principle

The wilderness was uncomfortable...
...but Egypt was never the destination.
Sometimes God changes your environment before He changes your life.

III. God Does not Bless Stagnation

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19

"Forget the former things...
See, I am doing a new thing."
God is not saying forget His faithfulness.
He is saying do not become so attached to yesterday that you miss today's miracle.

How can good traditions become barriers to future ministry?

New Wine Requires New Wineskins

Scripture: Luke 5:37-38

Jesus taught:
New wine belongs in new wineskins.
The wine was not the problem.
The container was.
Sometimes God wants to pour out something greater...
...but our attitudes are not flexible enough to hold it.

What attitudes must change before our ministry can grow?

IV. God Gives Courage for Every New Season

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua had huge shoes to fill after Moses.
God did not tell Joshua:
"You'll never be afraid."

He said: "Be strong and courageous. "Courage is not the absence of fear. It is choosing faith despite fear.

The Church Must Continue Growing

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

When problems arose...
The apostles did not cling to old systems. They reorganized. They appointed new leaders.
The result?
"The word of God spread."
Healthy churches change methods while protecting the message.
The message never changes.
Methods often should.