

The Vine

1 May 2022

Series: Transitions
Message: Living Proof
Scripture: Acts 1.1-3.
John 20.24-29. NIRV

Heaven begun, is the living proof that makes the heaven to come, credible.

- Christ in you is 'the hope of glory.'

It is the eagle eye of faith, which penetrates the grave, and sees far into the tranquil things of death.

He alone can believe in immortality, who feels the resurrection in him already. –

Author: Frederick William Robertson

Today we begin a new Series: *Transitions* (*Passover to Pentecost*).

There is a dip, a low space, between Christ's ascending and the Holy Spirit's descending. This is a space of *holy transition*, explicitly commanded by Christ in His last earthly words before His ascension.

Christ puts waiting before receiving.

He tells the disciples to wait, then says that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

**DON'T TALK,
JUST ACT.
DON'T SAY,
JUST SHOW.
DON'T PROMISE,
JUST PROVE.**

A divine shift of God

God leads us into times of challenge and change for specific reasons.

He wants time to minister to us in the process of change.

He wants to prepare us.

He wants to guide our plans and guard our unity.

He wants to deal with our fear and grow our faith.

When the Spirit moves, we need to be in position.

Change, challenge, and transition are all part of the formation and discipleship process, they are 'Divine Shifts of God', a supernatural move from one place to another.

Are you in position?

Are you ready?

transitions

"People Love Change, They Just Don't Like Transition"

Fantasy Number 1

We all have our fantasies. I have a least two. My number one fantasy is to work for 'Disney.' When I say 'Disney' I mean 'Walt', the man, not the Corporation.

This cherished fantasy will remain just that, a fantasy. It's not a goal or even a dream.

Goals and dreams, when accompanied by a plan and with action, become realities.

This is, and will always be, pure fantasy on my part, especially since Walt passed away on the 15th of December 1966, and I don't have, and could never develop, the creativity required to perform my fantasy job.

Fantasy Number 2

My second fantasy is as fanciful as the first. It's the fantasy of 'Smooth Transitions' through life's changes and challenges. I have heard of them, read about them, and frequently prayed for one, but never seen or experienced one personally.

Life Is One Big Transition. - Willie Stargell

Life is, in essence, a series of mandatory transitions, even from the moment of birth. First you were inside then you transitioned to the outside.

You changed from one state or condition to another.

Like it or not, transitions occur throughout all the life stages.

They are often bumpy and always contain some degree of loss and pain.

How many times does a crawling child fall down when trying to walk?

Yet, each of us kept getting up and trying again.

We all experienced the transition from being at home or in day-care to going to school, progressing through the grades, and graduating high school.

Going from high school to college, Uni or directly into the workforce is another challenging transition.

How about going from being single to being married?

Being childless to being a parent?

Even the transition from empty nest to grandparent can be difficult.

All I Have To Do Is To Work On Transition And Technique. - Usain Bolt

Some transitions occur because of our personal choice to make changes.

We might work on our character defects – such as endeavouring to be less negative and more positive in our approach to life – or decide to change jobs, move to a different city, or have a complete change of lifestyle.

Some transitions occur as acts of obedience, as we not only pray for God's Kingdom to come but actively participate in its establishment.

Grace and Peace,
Orrell.

*It's official! Agnus is now a Permanent Resident of Australia.
Congratulations Agnus ... that's marvelous news!*

JOIN US for MOTHER'S DAY ~ Next Sunday 8th May

John 21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast"

Gympie: McMother's Day breakfast before worship, serving from 8am

Imbil: McMother's Day morning tea after worship

We hope you can celebrate with us



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - MAY DONATIONS

During the month of May, we're collecting **Something to Love**. Soft toys, dolls, hand puppets etc. ... small enough to fit in a shoebox with lots of other things.

If you find some great shoebox filler deals on items which we collect during other months of the year, please bring them in at any time.

Thank you for your wonderful support - it brings so much delight to the lives of children around the globe and they have the opportunity to hear about Jesus.



GYMPIE WORKING BEE

A huge thank-you everyone who put so much elbow grease into the working bee last weekend—great job and it shows.

DRUM KIT APPEAL

So far you've donated \$2,430 towards new drums - a modern set which will work well with our current technology. If you would like to contribute, you can direct deposit into our church bank account - Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101 - with 'Drums' as the reference; or by cash in a marked envelope. Thank you for being a part of this.

GREAT COMPANY at D'CAFÉ

Come along to our café mornings for a great time together.

Tuesdays & Fridays → 9.30am D'Café (Southside)

**if my
people...**
2 CHRON. 7:14

WE CAN CHOOSE TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER!

"True prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency". We would love to see you at **8am** on **Thursday** mornings. This has become a great time of fellowship, conversing with the Father and sharing in Communion.



UNITING 4570
So we can be one

Our primary purpose is to fulfil our calling ... the calling of exhibiting the character of Jesus, spirit of humility, love, and unity, coupled with resurrection power, proving that the church is truly 'The Body of Christ' inhabited by God Himself!

GYMPIE REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

WORSHIP

Gympie: 15 Red Hill Road - Together at 9am + Kidz Church
Imbil: 3 Elizabeth Street - 9am

LIVE-STREAMING

Sunday messages livestreamed to facebook & YouTube; look up 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church'

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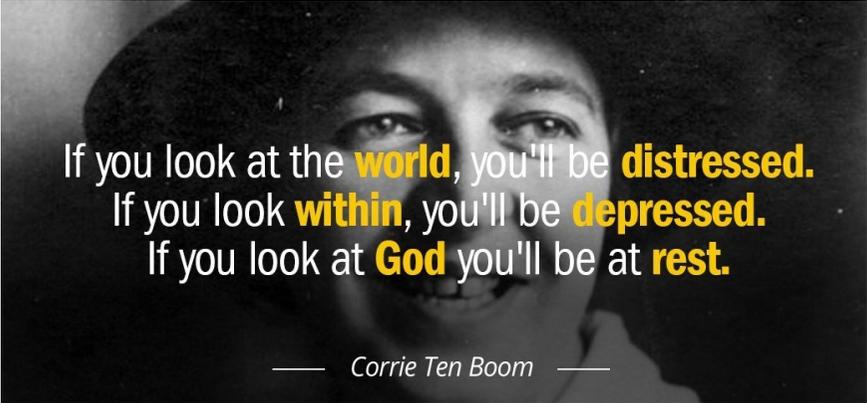
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KEEP IN MIND

26th August: Shine Women's Conference

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Adults 86 ♦ Children 10 Livestream audience: facebook 175 ♦ youtube 9
Total Week's Offering: \$3313.00 ... Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,792.00.
Tithes & Offerings by Bank Transfer: Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101
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If you look at the **world**, you'll be **distressed**.
If you look **within**, you'll be **depressed**.
If you look at **God** you'll be at **rest**.

— Corrie Ten Boom —