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Part 1 ~ The Space Between Dumb Ways to Die

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Luke 14:28-30 (NLT)

Luke 14:31-32 (NLT)

In your transitions:

- * _____
- * Seek counsel
- * _____
- * Transition
- * Evaluate & _____

When transitions surprise us:

- * No time to plan
- * God is our _____ in the storm

Psalms 46:1-3 (NLT)

- * Start where you are

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Thought Provoking:

When it comes to life's transitions, what does the "space in between" mean to you? Is this an easy or difficult time in the process? Why or why not?

What are some transitions that are coming up in your life such as retirement, marriage, parenthood, empty nest? Share how a transition period in your life drew you closer to God. Have you had a difficult transition? What made it difficult?

Digging Deeper:

1. Joseph, Jacob's son, went from favorite son, to obedient slave, to compassionate nobleman. There were three important transitions in his life (Genesis 37:18-36, Genesis 39, Genesis 41:37-33). If you went through these transitions, how would you react to them? Joseph, as the nobleman, had to plan for the drought that he knew was coming. Joseph was transitioning from feast to famine in Egypt. In Genesis 41:46-57, how did Joseph prepare for this transition? What lessons can we learn from the transitions of Joseph?

2. Read 1 Kings 1 ~ Discuss how Adonijah started out to be King and how this transition turned out. In comparison to Tom's message, did he start well? Will he finish well? What lesson can we learn from the transition of Adonijah?

3. Read 1 Kings 3:3-14 ~ How did Solomon start well. Read 1 Kings 11:34-39 ~ Discuss how it ended. What happened in the in-between? What were some of the transitions? Why are these transitions important to the story of Israel? How could this transition have been different?

Prayer:

Thank You Father for providing me with the security of knowing that You are there with me through all my transitions. Help me to find Your wisdom, strength and peace in all that I am going through. I know You have a plan. Light my path and lamp my feet to see Your plan.

Application:

What is your transition?
Do you have a plan to help get through it?
What are you hoping and praying is the outcome?
Are you just "winging it"?
Is anyone helping you or hindering you?
Are you facing more than one transition at a time?



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