

Translation – Navigating a New Dimension of Growth

Translation is common to life.

- We translate from one language to another language.
- We translate from spoken language to visual language or physical language.
- We translate from one version to another.

Webster's dictionary defines translation not only as (a) a rendering from one language into another, but also (b) a change to a different substance, form, or appearance [as in conversion]; and (c) uniform motion of a body in a straight line.

- So, we also translate from one thing to another.
- And we translate from one place to another.

Translation is vital to life.

- Where there is no translation, there is no meaning.
- Where there is no translation, there is no effectiveness.
- Where there is no translation, there is no progress.

Translation happens in a moment, but the process leading up to translation will often take a long time.

Genesis 5:1-24 (NKJV)

Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God *took* him. (verse 24)

'Took' is translated from the Hebrew word 'nasah' which means "to lift up," "to take away," or "to carry away."

Hebrews 11:5 (KJV)

By faith Enoch was *translated* that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had *translated* him: for before his *translation* he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

The Greek word for 'translated' is 'metetethe', which means to transfer or change. *Specifically, it means to be removed from one place to another, or to change from one state to another.*

Change is not an option.

Core values don't change but approaches and methodologies should change.

The fundamental message of translation is that we can grow and go, or grow and stay but we must grow.

There are 3 principles that we should understand relative to God's translation process.

I. Pleasing God is a Prerequisite for Translation

You have to believe in God to please Him.

Without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that comes to God must first *believe* that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him. (**Hebrews 11:6**)

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Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness. **(Romans 4:3)**

- Believing God means acknowledgment of the Holiness of God. **(Matthew 6:9)**
 - o He is right and we are wrong.
- Believing God means doing what He says to do.
 - o Faith without works is dead. **(James 2:26)**

II. Translation Changes our Experience

When we are in the translation process, we will experience some things that other people aren't experiencing, and we will not experience things that others are experiencing.

- God knows how to perfect those things concerning us. **(Psalm 138:8)**

The experience during translation is often accelerated.

- This is when the weight of our experience combined with the 'rush' of the Holy Ghost, increases our force and momentum.
 - o This is our equipping to impact the city, the nation and the nations.
 - Make disciples of all nations. **(Matthew 28:19)**
 - Go into all the world. **(Mark 16:15)**

III. Godly Translation Moves Us Closer to His Presence

Growing closer with and to God requires us to become increasingly more honest with ourselves.

- Cast your cares on the Lord. **(1 Peter 5:7)**

We can't give something over to God that we haven't yet identified.

- As we mature our understanding becomes more refined and there is a need to allow the Holy Spirit to go deeper within ourselves to continue progress.
 - o God starts dealing with the manufacturing plants of our behaviors.
- We can't grab the next thing God has for us until we let go of the thing that He is finished with.
 - o When we give our fears, anxieties and worries over to God, He is able to provide us with solutions.
- The greater the elevation the greater the vantage point and exposure.
 - o The invitation to leadership is an invitation to increased scrutiny; so there is a need for character development. **(2 Corinthians 10:6)**

***God is preparing Rhema Christian Center's members, individually and collectively, for rapid acceleration and rapid growth.