



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C  
Bible Band

Lesson 12 November 18, 2025

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**Background Reading:**

- ❖ Genesis 46:1-7
- ❖ Nehemiah 6:16-18
- ❖ John 14:1-21

**Devotional Reading:**

- ❖ Acts 27:5-12

## **Background Reading**

### **Genesis 46:1-7**

- 1** And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.
- 2** And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.
- 3** And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:
- 4** I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

## Background Reading

### Genesis 46:1-7

**5** And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

**6** And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

**7** His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

## Background Reading

### Nehemiah 6:16-18

**16** And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

**17** Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them.

**18** For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

## **Background Reading**

### **John 14:1-21**

**1** Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

**2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

**3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

**4** And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

**5** Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

**6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**7** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

## Background Reading

### John 14:1-21

**8** Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

**9** Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

**10** Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

**11** Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

**12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

**13** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**14** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

## Background Reading

### John 14:1-21

**15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

**16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

**17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

**18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

**19** Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

**20** At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

**21** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.



## Devotional Reading

### Acts 27:5-12

- 5** And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.
- 6** And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.
- 7** And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;
- 8** And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.
- 9** Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

## Devotional Reading

### Acts 27:5-12

**10** And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

**11** Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

**12** And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

## **Central Verse**

### **Isaiah 43:19**

“Behold I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

## **INTRODUCTION**

All people go through transitions. Some are good and some are bad. These new seasons of life stretch our faith, move people out of their comfort zones, and create feelings of loss. Transitions can be challenging, but they can also bring new growth. God will help every believer who asks for His help, to navigate through every transition in life. Unexpected challenges can upend all the wonderful plans that a believer has made for their lives and offers them a challenge to respond in faith. One of the greatest tools that a believer can have and use during times of transition is the power of prayer as he allows God to be his anchor.

## **INTRODUCTION**

To transit means to move people or goods from one place to another. It means bringing about a change. Nehemiah saw a need to change some things in his precious Jerusalem, so with help, he got permission from the King and rallied the people. He rebuilt the Temple in 52 days. When the people saw what he had done, they knew that God had been at work. Some things cannot, nor will they ever change or transition without the help of God.

In the time of famine, the Israelites had to leave their home and go to Egypt to be able to survive. God told them not to be afraid to transition or to make a change. He assured them that He would be with them as they went.

## **DISCUSSION**

Jesus understood how hurtful transitions could be, so He took the time the night before His death to lead His disciples through the difficult transition of Him no longer being with them physically. He employed empathy, vision, and assurance to strengthen their faith. Believers must seek God's guidance as they seek to care for their friends and others in times of uncertainty or difficulty or during the many transitions in their circles.

## **DISCUSSION**

The believer must know that when he goes through painful transitions in life, God is constant and He will never change. Every believer needs to know that he has someone who is unchanging when he faces stress, fears, and concerns that arise when changes happen in his life. This is especially true in the uncertain times that we are living in.

## **DISCUSSION**

Transitions are not easy, and they may cause a person to want to throw up their hands and run and hide rather than face them, but believers need to learn to rely on God's love and wisdom and allow Him to turn them into blessings in their lives. All believers go through transitions in life; sometimes, it is a loss of a job, a friendship, or an unexpected detour in their lives. Transitions are unavoidable.



## DISCUSSION

Jesus had walked, talked, and slept in the same places with His disciples for three and a half years. He knew that His leaving would bring drastic changes in their daily lives, so He took the time to talk about it because He wanted them to stand strong in hope and carry on the mandate He had given them. He told them that in this world they would have troubles, but that things would be all right because He had prayed for them. In the midst of transitions that will occur, the believer must remain steadfast in his faith and his hope in Jesus Christ. The time will come when all that he will have is faith in Jesus Christ; for the Word of the Lord lets the believer know that "the just shall live by faith" ([Habakkuk 2:4](#)). And also that, "without faith, it's impossible to please God" ([Hebrews 11:6](#)).

## **DISCUSSION**

Jesus taught the disciples to navigate change, build resilience, and foster unity, guided by the godly principles that He had taught them. He taught them to trust in His works and His faith, which was an example to them. He allowed them to see the human part of Himself, yet He exposed them to the God inside of Himself. Just as the disciples became equipped with the ability to navigate through the many trials and tribulations that He shared with them, every believer must learn to operate in that same faith. Jesus told believers that if they wanted to become His disciples, they too must take up their cross and follow Him. By following Jesus, the disciples were able to learn how to reduce the stress of transition by adapting to the changes or resisting the changes. Whatever following Jesus may entail for the believer, its process and purpose are critical to his success as a servant leader. If he can't follow Jesus and be successful, then he will never be able to lead and represent the Kingdom successfully.

## **DISCUSSION**

Biblical wisdom can help the believer cope with any situation in his life. Many new variables and challenges arise during transitions that may seem overwhelming. But the believer must realize the magnitude of God's power and love, which can improve the believer's attitude and his perspective drastically. This can help the believer approach his life with confidence and an overflowing of love and well-being for God's presence.

## **CONCLUSION**

In the lives of believers, nothing just happens. The outcomes they experience are predicated on actions or inactions, either by themselves or someone else. Their outcomes are also driven by several factors, including spiritual principles, personal choices, or their mindset. The believers need the right mindset and appropriate actions to finish strong and stay empowered for whatever transitions come in their lives.

## **CONCLUSION**

Sometimes he has to come to a "nevertheless" moment to be able to move forward in victory and triumph. But know that if he applies all that Jesus and His Word has imparted into him, he will be a winner every time.

# **ESSENTIAL THOUGHT**

**Sometimes changes are needed to  
get the results that are needed.**

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# **NEXT LESSON**

**November 25, 2025**

**Lesson 13**

**Laziness is Destructive**