

The Year of G.R.O.W.T.H.

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"When It's Time To GO" Transformation Through Transition

Introduction:

"Every church needs to grow warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, and larger through evangelism." -Rick Warren

"Look on every exit as being an entrance somewhere else."- Tom Stoppard

"Consider the confusion of a caterpillar in a cocoon."- Reginald Sharpe Jr.

"[Relocation and Transition] is the most drastic change a church can think about, but it is potentially the most exciting, renewing, invigorating thing a church can encounter." - W. Charles Arn

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

I. Proclamation

- a. You will not be alone
- b. You will arrive alive

II. Separation

- a. Be <u>comfortable</u> with being <u>counter-cultural</u>
- b. Be certain that you take Christ

III. Complication

- a. The **storm** was **serious**
- b. Notice the **source** of the **storm**
- c. Unaddressed small things can make you sink
- d. The **Savior** was **sleep**
- e. Their situation made them forget what Jesus said

IV. Restoration

- a. Beware of your **conversation** with Jesus when you're **agitated**
- b. Before you know it our calm will arrive
- c. Become comfortable with being astounded

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