



Mastering Change...

...when you have to say good-bye (part 2)

EXODUS 14:11-12

Week 3 of 4

Video: Evolution of Dance / Intro...

Mastering Change Core Principles:

1. Every change is a crisis, every crisis is an opportunity, and every opportunity is a gift.
2. Every change is a good-bye, but there is hope in God.

how hard it is to say good-bye / but earthly good-bye is a chance for heavenly hello
LEGO / what about when the good-bye comes from a decision we must make?

When should I say "Good-bye"?

ILL: counseling lady in Chicago to leave the city.

They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Exodus 14:11-12

Turn to Exodus 32:1-6; 19-29

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them...

Exodus 20:4-5a

explain the violence

To follow the Lord, the Levites had to say good-bye to their brothers.

"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

Luke 18:29-30

Say good-bye when you do so

to **follow** God and His **Word**.

~ BECAUSE A GOOD-BYE IS SO POWERFUL, GET WISE COUNSEL FIRST ~

Say good-bye when...

1. ... an attitude, action, or belief **in you**

violates the **clarity** of God's Word.

ILL: MY worship music journey & Mrs. Haskins raising her hands.

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matthew 5:30

2. ... an attitude, action, or belief in someone else violates the clarity of God's Word, and there is no hope for their **repentance**.

ILL: Aaron should have said good-bye to the people and good-bye to his own pride

And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.

Mark 6:11

3. ... a relationship with a person or a thing carries **greater value** to you than your relationship to God.

While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13:2-3

4. ... God is **present** in a particular **change**.

They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

Acts 15:39-40

How do I say "Good-bye"?

1. Draw a **clear line** centered on God's Word.
2. If another person must change too, make a clear **appeal**.
3. Verbalize a **specific** good-bye.
4. Find a new **hello** in God, His people, and His purposes.