



# TRANSITION

**How to courageously trust God as you go from one state or condition to the next.**

“Perhaps life is best described  
as a steady stream of transitions  
and change.”

Letting  
Go

LIMBO

New  
Normal

*Confused Anxious Vulnerable*

Goal of this series:

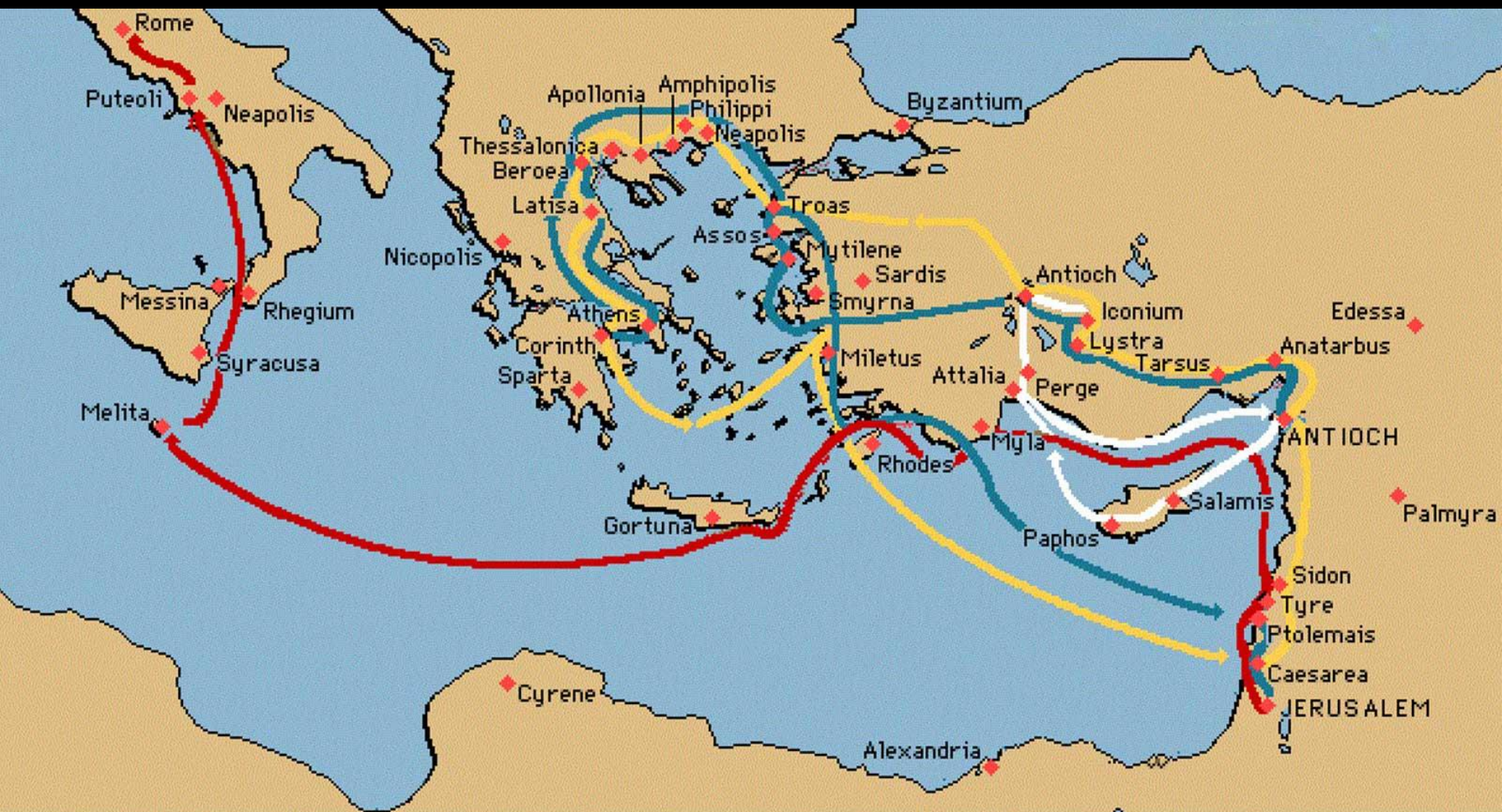
That we would begin to **see** and **believe** that every transition is a call to **proactive trust** in our God, and that He is always working in our lives for **his glory and our good**.

## Good News:

The Bible is filled with examples of people who courageously trust God in times of transition and change.



Apostle  
**Paul**



← Paul's First Journey    
 ← Paul's Second Journey    
 ← Paul's Third Journey    
 ← Paul's Journey To Rome



"It is now time for my departure...I have fought  
the good fight, I have finished the race, I have  
kept the faith."

2 Tim. 4:7

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for us!*

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To my fellow Christians in Transition...

*God is for you!*

Do you believe this?

The Big Idea:

Knowing and believing that God is 'for us' is the key to thriving in all of the difficult transitions in life.

## Romans 8:28-37

Paul wants us to see the 'God is for us' **proof** that he saw, **so we can know** that 'God is for us' the way that God was for him.

Proof # 1

God **uses difficulty** to  
transform my life to look  
like his Son-Jesus!

“The truth that God is ‘for us’ does not mean that God is always behind my impressive plans and personal projects. It is not saying that God is for us in that he is always taking our view of things or that he wants whatever we want for ourselves. No. Paul is saying that God sees us, knows us, and is working for our good and his Glory by using circumstances to change our lives to look like his Son Jesus.”

A. Fadling



"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me;  
**yet not my will, but yours be done.**"

Luke 22:42



*“Hi, Pastor Paul. Things are tough over here at the house. Hard to see our daughter like this. Unfortunately, her time is getting less. But fortunately, she knows she is going to be with God in heaven. That makes it easier. We thank him for that.”*

Proof # 2

God's **Unfathomable**  
Generosity!

“God gave up his son, in order to give us all things!”

Then I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... Those who are victorious **will inherit all this**, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Rev. 21

## Practical change...

1. This is a call to a **trust** and **obedience** **as a lesser** need or want goes unmet **knowing** that in Jesus the greatest gift has been given.
2. If God withholds or says 'No', it is because he is saying '**Yes**' to something later.

## Proof # 3

God has *taken away*  
our **guilt** and **shame**,  
for it is **God** who **justifies**,  
and **Jesus** is our **advocate!**

“Shame was the first emotion mentioned in the Bible. In a perfect creation, Adam and Eve ‘felt no shame’. But ever since sin has entered the story, Satan, our consistent accuser, has one powerful, emotional weapon that robs the joy from the lives of most Christians...His weapon: shame!”

C. Thomas

"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith." Rom. 3

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, **without blemish** and **free from accusation**—

Col 1



“For by one sacrifice, he has made  
perfect forever those who are being made  
holy.” Heb. 10:14

## Proof # 4

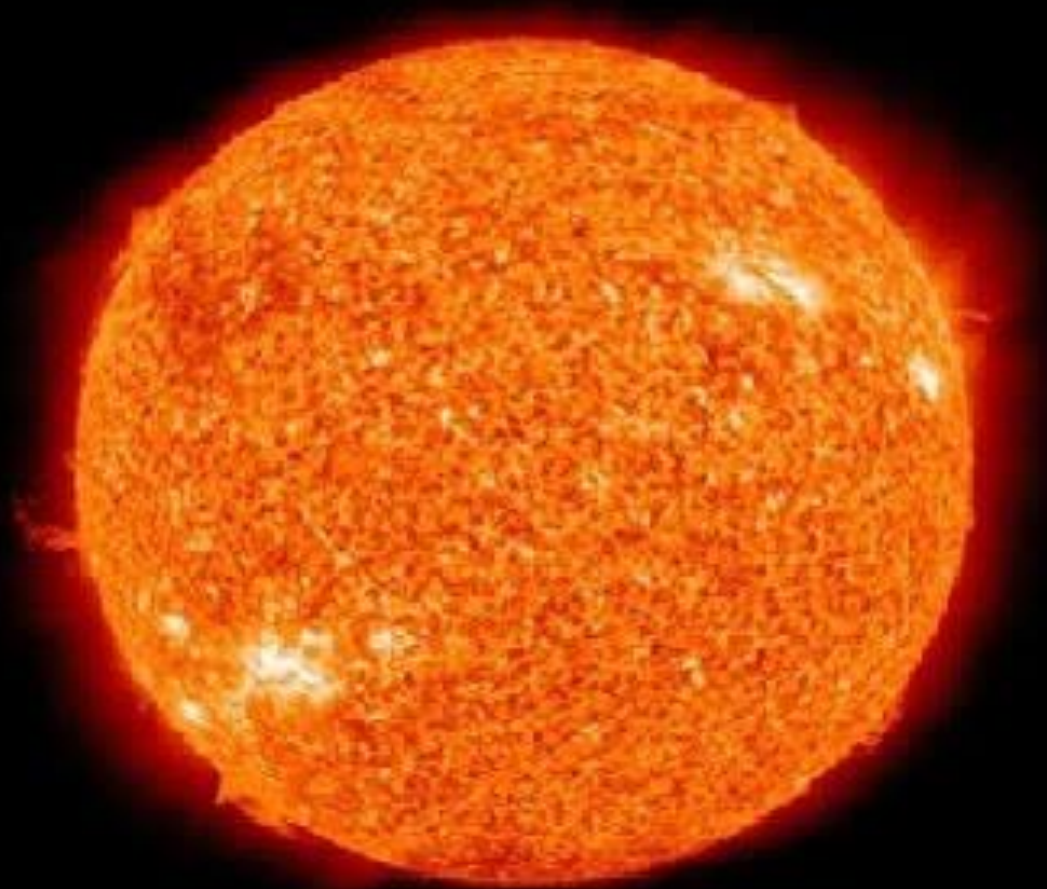
**Nothing** can separate us  
from the **love of God.**

“Knowing God’s love is a result of him  
‘being love’. It is the overflow of an  
attribute, not the result of our conduct.”





Earth











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To my fellow Christians in Transition...

*God is for you!*

Will you believe this?