

We are women who know the joy of the Spirit-filled life. We live and abide in the love of Jesus, trusting that He is enough to meet every need and satisfy every heart.

Transitions

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There seems to be little in our daily lives that is as constant as change. We are always reacting to circumstances that require us to adjust our routines, our habits, or our hearts. we look forward to the change of seasons, the start of new things, and the important events of life that bring change. We know there "is a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecc. 3:1) so change should not come as a surprise to us.

When we expect change we often can plan for it. My husband has been approaching retirement. While we worked hard to tick off every box on the "preparing for retirement" checklist, we know that "we can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps." (Proverbs 6:9) All through the anticipated transition, we needed to seek God's guidance to take the right steps. We need Him now to lead us through the rough spots as Dave goes from a lifetime of night shift to the rhythms of life in the daytime. We need His grace to flow so we can be gracious to one another as we determine new priorities, responsibilities, routines, and habits. This transition, like any you may be experiencing today, is, filled with unknowns and what-ifs. We need His wisdom in setting new priorities in this change so Jesus is glorified in our choices, our plans, and our witness. It brings so

much peace to know that we can trust God to direct our path through this new season of life. As welcome as the change may be, whether planning for a new baby, a new school year, downsizing, a new job, or new neighbors, His direction is what we need.

Not only will God direct our path in any time of transition, but He promises in Psalm 32 that He will lead us on the BEST pathways. He promises to advise us, watch over us, and surround us with His unfailing love as we trust in Him. What more could we ask for? The living God is working out His plan in each of

our lives. Trusting that He will do just what He says He will do, listening as the Holy Spirit says "This is the way, walk in it.," prepares us to face any transitions that come. Time and time again, throughout history, throughout the lives of those He calls His own, God has proven Himself completely and unfailingly trustworthy. We do not need to worry or be afraid of the what-ifs. We can live in Who God IS, trusting Him in every transition we face. We do not face it alone.

If you are facing a turning point of any kind today, seek His direction and trust Him to show you the best pathway for your life.