

# God Only Has Plan A

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# CHRIST IN US

Your Kingdom Come on Earth  
Your Will be Done as it is in Heaven

CHRIST REVEALED  
CHURCH REFORMED  
CITY REBUILT

*Colossians 1:27: Christ in us, the hope of glory.*

# What is Liminality?

“... It is when you have left the tried and true, but have not yet been able to replace it with anything else. It is when you are between your old comfort zone and any possible new answer. If you are not trained in how to hold anxiety, how to live with ambiguity, how to entrust and wait, you will run ... you will do anything to flee this terrible cloud of unknowing.”

- Richard Rohr

# Be Transformed

And **do not be conformed** to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

**We are ALL BEING transformed, from glory to glory, little by little**

# 7 Tools for Transition and Beyond

## 1. Being with the End in Mind

*The end of a matter is better than its beginning and patience is better than pride.*

Ecclesiastes 7:8

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11

*It's not enough to just know the destination but you need to have a plan to how to get there. It's about the journey not just the destination.*

## 2. Reconcile the Past

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.”

– Bill Keane

### *Don't look back to Egypt*

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

Exodus 16:2-3

*If we live in the past we are history*

### 3. You are not Alone

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Hebrews 4:15-16

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

## 4. What's the Purpose of Transition

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

**Transition isn't an excuse to stay where we are**

***Definition of Insanity:***

*Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.*

***- Albert Einstein***

# 5. Be Strong and Courageous

*Be strong and of good courage...*

*Joshua 1:6*

*Only be strong and very courageous...*

*Joshua 1:7*

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

*Joshua 1:9*

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

*Hebrews 10:23*

***Opposite of fear is faith***

## 6. Place Your Feet

*I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.*

**Joshua 1:3-5**

***It takes action***

# 7. Don't Deviate

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## Consider this...

If you're going somewhere and you're off course by just one degree, after one foot, you'll miss your target by 0.2 inches. After 100 yards (91.44 metres), you'll be off by 5.2 feet (1.6 metres). Not huge, but noticeable. After a mile, you'll be off by 92.2 feet. One degree is starting to make a difference.

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Hebrews 10:23

***There is no plan B – God only has plan A***