

**CHANGE  
AHEAD**

**ATTENTION!**

LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE  
AHEAD!

PLEASE FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT  
AND ENJOY THE RIDE!



Being  
married

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House



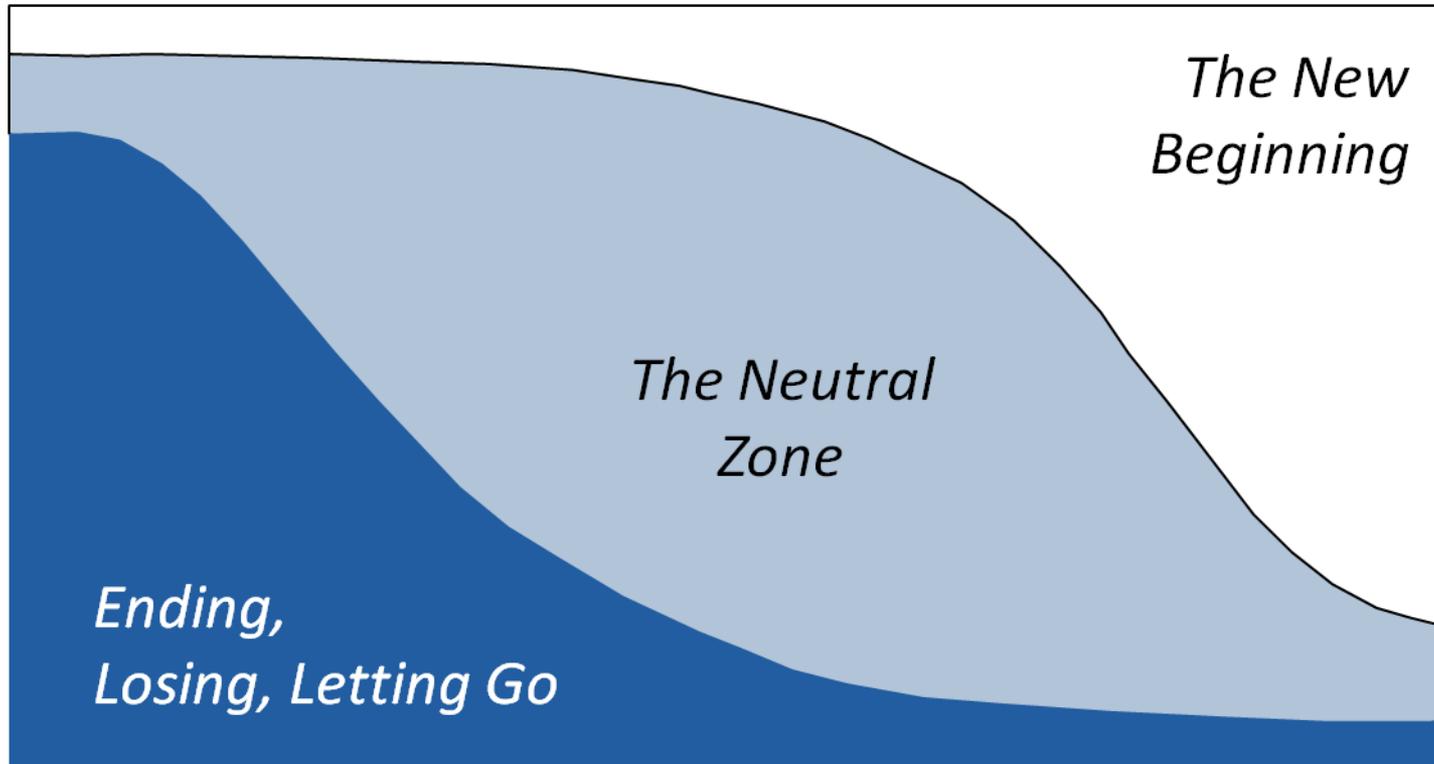
Looking for a new  
job

Major Company  
Restructuring &  
Layoffs

Promotion

# Transitional Model – based on William Bridges's work

## 3 Distinct Phases



# Common Signs during Transition

**G**uilt

**R**esentment

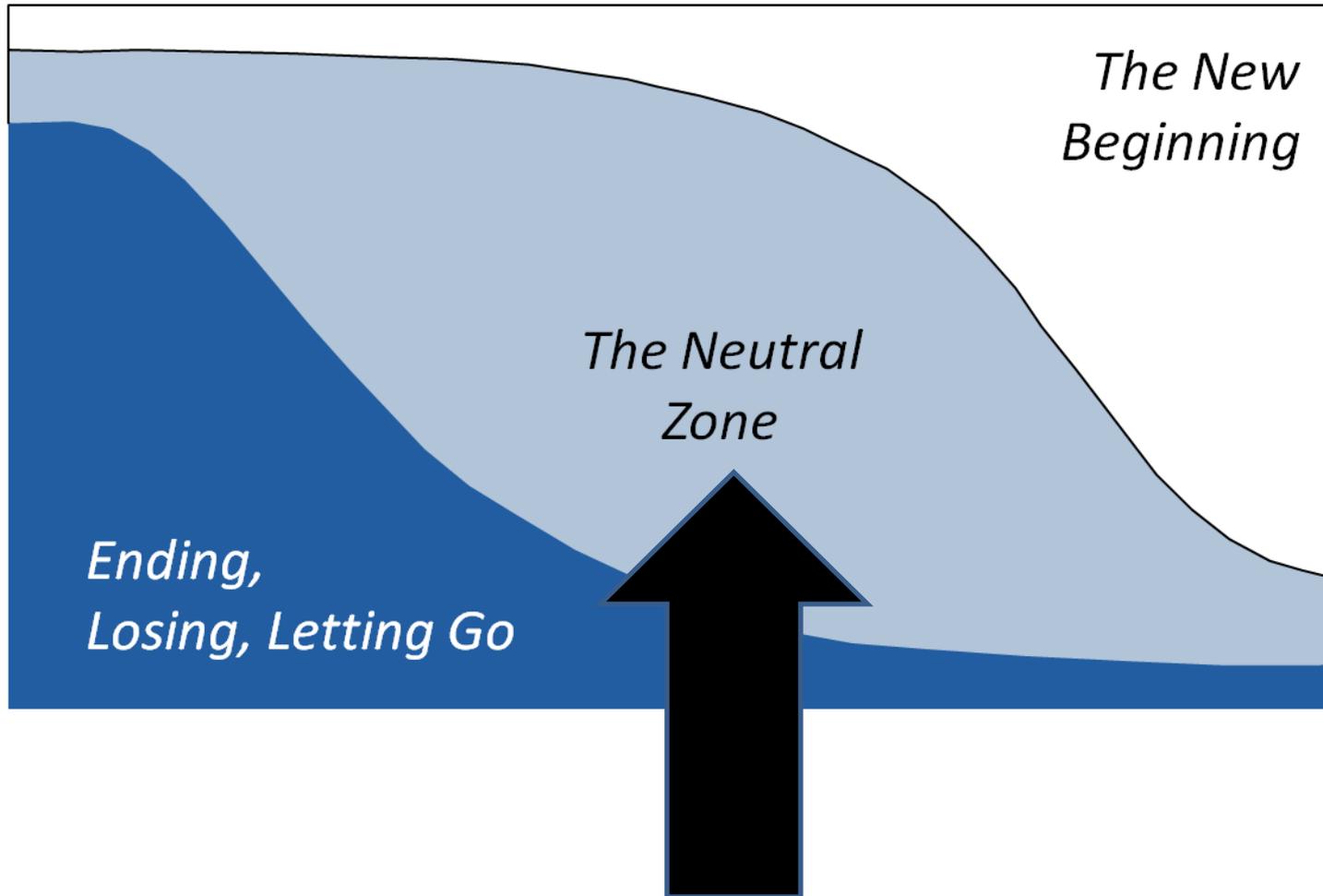
**A**nxiety

**S**elf-Absorption

**S**tress

*“The GRASS is always greener on the other side”*

# Transitional Model – a New Christian



# Most Critical Phase for a New Christian

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 3:13-18

13 Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

# It's in the Messaging

Scenario:

You see a new Christian come to worship service wearing clothing that is too revealing

## Options

1. Put the person on the spot and rebuke them in front of others in a stern tone
2. Pull them aside privately to talk with them in a **gentle voice**
3. Do nothing

## Results

1. Probably cause anger, resentment, embarrassment – not even want to hear what you have to say or even want to come back
2. Good chance of it being received – that person changes
3. Didn't resolve the issue and it will probably occur again

# Priscilla and Aquila Correcting Apollos

Acts 18:24-27

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; 26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he helped greatly those who had believed through grace;

# It's in the Messaging – Using Love

1 Corinthians 16:14

14 Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 4:21

21 What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

# Encouragement & Guidance Help to Overcome the World's Temptations

Ephesians 4:11-16, 32

11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.... 32 And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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Jude 1:17-23

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, 18 that they were saying to you, "In the last time there shall be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts." 19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith; praying in the Holy Spirit; 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; 23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

Regardless of the Situation

We should always be putting our  
Trust and Faith in the Lord!

# Job – had some major life Changes

## Job – Chapter 1

v. 14-15 – servants are killed and donkeys stolen

v. 16 – servants and sheep are killed

v. 17 – servants are killed and camels stolen

v. 18-19 – sons and daughters are killed

## Job – Chapter 2

v. 7 – Job is smote with boils

## Job – had some major life Changes

Job 1:22

“Through all of this Job did not sin nor did he blame God”

Job 2:10 – after rebuking his wife when she told him to curse God and die

“But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" **In all this Job did not sin with his lips.**”

When change happens to us, would someone be able to say “they didn’t blame God or sin”?

# Paul – Remain Steadfast

1 Corinthians 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

# Trust in the Lord

Psalms 34:1-7

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord;  
The humble shall hear it and rejoice.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,  
And let us exalt His name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and He answered me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked to Him and were radiant,  
And their faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor man cried and the Lord heard him,  
And saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,  
And rescues them.

# Trust in the Lord

Psalms 62:5-8

5 My soul, wait in silence for God only,  
For my hope is from Him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation,  
My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

7 On God my salvation and my glory rest;  
The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.

8 Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us.

# Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
***I am the master of my fate:  
I am the captain of my soul.***

Tonight you are going to make a choice on who you will serve

Joshua 24: 14-15

14 Now therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; *but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*