

**The Church In Transition
Joshua 1:1-3**

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1. How do you feel about change?
2. There are times when things need to change. How do you handle transition?

I. Relegate The Past. Joshua 1:1-2, “After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:”

- A. For Joshua it meant looking to the future.
- B. Israel had a history to deal with.
- C. How did the Apostle Paul deal with the past?

II. Respond to God’s Will. Joshua 1:2, “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them-to the Israelites.”

- A. “Moses my servant is dead.”
 1. **Deuteronomy 34:8-12**
- B. What kind of changes are taking place in your life?
- C. How are you going to respond to situations of change and loss?

III. Rely On God’s Power. Joshua 1:6, “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to the forefathers to give them.”

- A. Notice the number of times God brings this command before Joshua. (v. 6, 7, 9).
- B. Do you ever feel like you’re facing an uphill battle?
- C. There is an addition that will make it complete. **“So I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Joshua 1:5**