


HOPE HOUR

January – July 2025

Tuesdays @ 12:00 Noon

“Reaching Within”: Trusting God in Transition

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Overview

This series seeks to explore what it means to trust God in a season of transition. With special emphasis placed towards our present context, the course aims to both acknowledge the impact of transition for the Christian and community of faith, all the while changing the lens by which we view it. Through engagement of biblical texts, source material, dialogue and research, the overall end point is to view transition not as a destructive force, but an occasion for God to provide directives for our destiny.

Goals

The goal of this series is 3-fold:

- To define “transition” and acknowledge within our context why it carries a negative connotation
- Dialogue with the Word of God to distinguish between what God is showing us and what we “see”
- Engage strategies for transformative work

Encouragements

Exploring one’s faith relationship authentically requires some degree of vulnerability and personal exploration. As such, to gain a firm grasp of the material, one should be prepared to

- Read provided materials, note questions for discussion
- Draw honest comparisons and contrasts between the children of Israel, the early church and the present church
- Consider where God is during this period, and how God is at work

Materials

- Holy Bible
- Warnock, Raphael. *The Divided Mind of the Black Church*.
- Weems, Renita. *Listening For God: A Minister’s Journey Through Silence and Doubt*.

Milestones

1/7/2025

Introduction: Understanding Transition

3/18/25

No Class – March Gladness Revival

7/29/2025

Course Wrap Up

Course of Study

DATE	PART	TOPIC	SCRIPTURE / TEXT
1/7/25	Understanding Transition	Introduction to Transition	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
1/14/25		God's Sovereignty in Change	Isaiah 55:1-9
1/21/25		Purpose in Transition	Romans 8:18-28
1/28/25		Facing Fear in Transition	Isaiah 41:1-10
2/4/25	Trusting God's Character in Transition	God's Faithfulness	Lamentations 3:22-23
2/11/25		God's Guidance in Transition	Proverbs 3:1-6
2/18/25		Provision Amid Uncertainty	Philippians 4:10-19
2/25/25		Peace in the Storm	Mark 4:35-41
3/4/25		God's Timing vs. Our Timing	Isaiah 40:28-31
3/11/25		Avoiding Abandonment Insecurities	Deuteronomy 31:1-13
3/18/25		No Class: March Gladness Revival	
3/25/25		Footsteps in Faith	John 9:1-25
4/1/25		God's Promises in Transition	Joshua 1:1-9
4/8/25	Preparing the Heart	The Power of Surrender	Luke 9:18-27
4/15/25		Cultivating Gratitude	I Thessalonians 5:16-18
4/22/25		Overcoming Anxiety	Matthew 6:25-34
4/29/25		Spiritual Growth Through Transition	James 1:2-1-8
5/6/25		Getting Past the Past	Isaiah 43:14-21
5/13/25		Renewing the Mind	I Peter 2:1-9
5/20/25		Faith in Action	James 2:14-26
5/27/25		Listening to God's Voice	John 10:22-30
6/3/25	Living Through Transition	Building Community in Transition	Hebrews 10:19-25
6/10/25		Resilience Through Christ	I Corinthians 10:1-13
6/17/25		Living Out Hope	Jeremiah 29
6/24/25		Rejoicing in Every Season	Romans 15:1-13
7/1/25		Faithful Stewardship in Transition	Matthew 25:14-30
7/8/25		Rest in God's Peace	Matthew 11:25-30
7/15/25		Encouraging Others in Transition	II Corinthians 1:1-11
7/22/25		Celebrating God's Faithfulness	Psalm 126
7/29/25		Summary: Transitions	