



Mastering Change...

...when you have to say good-bye.

EXODUS 14:10-12

Week 2 of 4

Video: Superman -- turn back time? The hardest changes are good-byes

Mastering Change Core Principle #1:

Every change is a crisis; every crisis is an opportunity,
and every opportunity is a gift.

Every C h a n g e is a G o o d - b y e ...

EVERYTHING IS A RELATIONSHIP // CHANGE IS GOOD-BYE // POOH BEAR
WE ARE BUILT FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WHO IS ETERNAL...

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Exodus 14:10-12

NOSTALGIA // LIVING IN PEORIA

Why is it so hard to say good-bye? // SILLY PUTTY

If we learn to handle g o o d - b y e s, we will be able
to handle a n y c h a n g e we face.

Good-bye Processing Question #1:

What have I l o s t?

ILL: FUNERALS // WHAT LOST IS LINKED TO SOMETHING GOD DESIGNED YOU TO HAVE!

Good-bye Processing Question #2:

What will I c a r r y with me?

Whatever you carry with you will affect your future relationships.

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."

Exodus 13:19

carrying bones // but that's not why he carried them.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will

surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

Genesis 50:24-25

EVERY CHANGE IS A GOOD-BYE...

... but there's h o p e with G o d.

THE BONES WERE REMINDERS OF THE HOPE.

And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.

Joshua 24:32

And now, brothers and sisters, I want you to know what will happen to the Christians who have died so you will not be full of sorrow like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus comes, God will bring back with Jesus all the Christians who have died.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 NLT

So What? (What difference does it make?)

What is your change? What is your good-bye? Where is your hope?
afraid of the change if you give yourself to God?
Still carrying the bones of a past relationship?
nostalgic about the past?

Every good-bye reveals a reason to hope in God.

NEXT WEEK: HOW TO SAY GOOD-BYE WHEN THAT'S THE CHANGE YOU NEED.